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BOXING CLEVER IN STARBECK

The first round of the 2004 Starbeck Community Fund grants saw a total of £800 allocated to community organisations and £200 to talented individuals.

Harrogate Boxing Club, based at Provincial Works in Starbeck, scooped £400 towards new sparring gloves and headguards.

David Fordham, Club Coach, welcomed this funding: “The club is looking to encourage new members both male and female and from all ages to come along to a series of introductory sessions. The equipment will allow new and existing members to increase their skills in a safe and controlled manner.”

Starbeck in Bloom, who requested a grant towards the purchase, fitting and planting of floral baskets, received £400 to brighten up the High Street. They are delighted with this grant, as it will boost the ‘In Bloom’ funds collected from residents and sponsors for this year’s competition entry.

Two talented young musicians were awarded £100 each:

- David Price (17) who plays trombone and drums in no less than three bands and four orchestras (including the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain).
- Rachel Atkins (21) who is currently studying music at the University of Birmingham. Rachel plays the lead flute in the university’s Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras and volunteers her services as an organist for the Starbeck Methodist Church when she is home from college.

A special presentation will be held at Harrogate Boxing Club at 7.00pm, on Monday 7 June.

FURTHER INFORMATION: is available from Helen Bowles, Project Development Officer on 01423 556702.

NOTE TO EDITORS: The development of the former Octavius Atkinson site by Taylor Woodrow, led to the provision of a £300,000 gift for the ‘purpose of creation or improvement of recreation and community facilities in Starbeck’. Part of the interest on the lump sum is paid into this grant scheme. The Starbeck Community Panel comprising three members of the Starbeck Residents’ Association and one Borough Councillor makes awards twice a year.