



HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

NEWS RELEASE

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School to be Charity Beneficiary for Rock at the Castle 2017

'Rock at the Castle' is in its 13th year and has become a well-established and very successful part of Hertford Town Council's annual events programme. The charity event has raised over £44,000 for local charities over the past 12 years.

At the Town Council's Development and Leisure Committee meeting earlier this week (27th February 2017), Councillors agreed that the charity beneficiary for the 2017 event would be Richard Hale School's appeal, in recognition of the school's 400th anniversary.

Richard Hale School is marking the milestone anniversary by fundraising to build and equip a state of the art sports hall. The new building will be an invaluable asset for the students and staff of the school.

Last year's charity beneficiary, Children's Integrated Playschemes (CHIPS), raised £6,000 on the day from fundraising.

Chairman of the Development and Leisure Committee, Cllr Jane Sartin, said: "Richard Hale School has been an integral part of Hertford for the past 400 years. Many of its former pupils became Hertford Town Councillors and Mayors of the town, and Councillors felt that it was fitting to recognise the school's important anniversary by selecting their appeal for a new sports hall as the charity beneficiary of Rock at the Castle 2017."

Note to Editors

For further comments, please contact Cllr Miss Jane Sartin on 07970 743304

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For further information on the Richard Hale School 400th Anniversary visit www.richardhale.herts.sch.uk/400th-anniversary/