

TAS EASTBOURNE – Linking With Local Activities Projects 2019

During 2019 TAS Eastbourne were able to establish links with two local activities and support them.

Primary School Art Therapy Group

The Society sponsored an exhibition of art produced by the Art Therapy Group of Parklands School, Eastbourne which is run by Claire Elphick, under our Young Arts Scheme. The Headteacher, Sally Simpson, is convinced of the benefits of art in school and was full of enthusiasm for this project. David Cooper, the Visitor Centre Manager at Birling Gap National Trust Property hosted the event and the Society gave £250 for materials to support the group with materials over the year and £50 for gifts and Certificates for the children.

The work that the children had done over the last term was exhibited along with written comments made by the children about what art and the Art Therapy Group meant to them. Some of these comments were very moving and demonstrated what art can do for a child who has difficulties.

Sally, Claire and the 12 children currently in the group attended and the whole event was well supported by parents and members of the Arts Society. Prizes and certificates were presented by Jenny Lush.

FARLEY ARTS TRUST

Farley Arts Trust held their biennial Awards recently and we sponsored Gildredge House school with their entry.

The Awards ceremony was held on the 18th of October and the gallery was packed with students, parents and teachers from the 14 schools that had entered and Sir Peter Blake, illustrator famous for his Sgt Pepper Beatles LP cover, was there to give out the awards. Amelia Hinkinson from the school was awarded a highly commended for her mixed media work 'The Traveller' and we had previously selected Esther Pulford-Shoosmith's untitled sketchbook for our Arts Society Award. We were also very impressed with Iryna Askirka's mixed media work "Conflict" and decided to award her a highly commended Art Society Award.

