

JERSEY Water is celebrating its 130th anniversary by making donations to 20 local charities.

The company has created a £130,000 anniversary fund which, earlier this year, it asked local organisations to apply for a share of.

A total of 20 charities were shortlisted, all of whom were invited to attend an anniversary ceremony recently to find out whether they had been successful. The results were kept closely under wraps until Heli-er Smith, the director of Jersey Water, announced the surprise news that all 20 charities would be receiving a share of the fund.

'It is great to be able to share the fund amongst so many worthwhile projects to support their valuable work in the community,' he said.

'We feel this is a very fitting way to mark our 130 years as a company.'

Mr Smith added that the organisation would now be inviting and encouraging Jersey Water staff to become 'champions' for the chosen charities in order to sustain their relationship with them into the future.

'What better way to celebrate our 130 years supplying water to the Island community than seeing the fund going to such a deserving and wide-ranging group of charities who play such an important part in Island life,' he said.

Jersey Water's birthday gifts help 20 charities grow and develop



Representatives of the 20 charities at the Jersey Water reception to celebrate its 130th anniversary

THE 20 CHARITIES AND THE PROJECTS THE JERSEY WATER FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR

- Brighter Futures – Preparing clients to go back into the workplace
- Brook in Jersey – Providing extra clinics and converting an office into another clinical room
- The Donna Annand Melanoma Charity – For an awareness campaign for early detection and mole health.
- Earsay – For investment in iPads and apps to help young children with hearing challenges

- Freedom Church Jersey – For establishment of a new street based youth programme
- Friends of the Bridge – To support sustainability of café part of community inclusion work
- The Grace Trust Jersey – For expansion of monthly food distribution programme in Jersey
- Jersey Alzheimer's Association – For funding of counselling programme

- Jersey Cancer Trust – For provision of upgraded equipment for new cancer unit
- Jersey Child Care Trust – Special Needs inclusion project for children with disabilities to access mainstream education
- Jersey Children's Charity – Funding towards specialised equipment and family room in SCBU
- Jersey Friends of Anthony Nolan – Investment in saliva spit kits for

- testing potential donors
- Jersey Youth Trust – Provision of extra counselling hours for YES project for 14 to 25 year olds
- La Motte Street Youth Project – Replacement of equipment
- Macmillan Cancer Support (Jersey) – Development of a 'survivorship' programme for patients living or recovering from cancer
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Jersey – Funding for an 'outreach'

- programme for MS sufferers
- Parkinson's UK Jersey Branch – For a patient support programme
- Project Linus UK, Channel Islands Branch – For expansion of scheme and to buy materials
- St John Ambulance Jersey – To provide CPR/lifesaving skills training for school children
- The Antoine Trust – Funding towards the provision of a dedicated paediatric oncology nurse