

MAPS Project is this year's BCHS nominated charity



Bernie Rowe from VCS, with Jim Clements the Show Secretary, presents Brenda Richards with her cup at the Autumn Show 2011

Volunteer Centre Sutton are delighted that the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society have chosen the Centre's mentoring project to be their nominated charity for the year.

Each year the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society (BCHS) picks a local charity to support, so all proceeds from raffles at events throughout the year go towards it. This year having worked with Adam and Chris at The Loft project, Dan nominated *MAPS saying 'We all thought it was great to support something that is both very local to where we are, and has such a positive impact within the community. We know how much hard work goes into what they do, so we really hope that the money we raise will help.'

BCHS is hoping to get around £500 for the project and think there could also be some interest from people about volunteering - so hopefully it will end up being more than just cash that comes MAPS's way!

*Mentoring and Peer Support

Recent charities supported have been the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, and St Raphael's Hospice

BCHS web site - www.benhillcrescent.co.uk - and anyone is welcome to come up to the Trading Hut any Sunday morning to have a look around.

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More about the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society (BCHS)



Autumn Show 2011 – Range of Exhibits

The Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society (BCHS) is a not-for-profit organisation that is run solely for the benefits of its members. We have a Trading Hut, at the Benhill Allotment site on Benhill Road, which is open every Sunday morning (10-12.30). There, as part of their £1 per year membership, members can buy allotment and garden supplies (tools, soil, seeds, plants, accessories - all sorts!) usually at much cheaper prices than anywhere else. It's not just for allotment holders - anyone who has a garden (even a windowsill garden) can benefit - and we have an impressive range of birdfood too! We have members of all ages - about 300 of them - mainly from the Sutton area, but a handful from further afield.

As well as the Trading Hut, the society arranges shows and social events - four shows for exhibiting fruit, veg, plants, flowers and also non-gardening things like baking, preserves, art and craft and photography - and also other events such as a "Plant Swap", a "Benhill Banquet", Christmas BBQ, Quiz Night and outings.