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Youth swimming club secures builder's donation

Calverton and Bingham Swimming Club has secured a £1,000 donation from housebuilder Persimmon Homes.

With more than 180 young members, the club will use the funding to help cover membership and sponsorship fees, which have been previously supported by local fundraising events.

The swimming club, which attracts swimmers from Calverton, Bingham, Cotgrave, Southwell as well as Nottingham, was selected for the donation from Persimmon's Building Futures scheme, which aims to support community groups working with under-18s across three categories – education & arts, health and sport.

Kath Needham, from Calverton and Bingham Swimming Club, said: "We are delighted to have received this generous donation. Due to the pandemic many of our usual fundraising activities were cancelled. Persimmon Homes' financial support will ensure that our members will be able to return to the sport, once the pandemic has eased."

Building Futures will see £1million given away across Britain to regional charities, groups, sports clubs and schools to improve local facilities and the delivery of vital community projects.

In addition to hundreds of local donations of £1,000, 96 initiatives will go on to compete for top prizes of £100,000 through a national online public vote. The overall winners will be named at a gala dinner for finalists in October.

Projects must make their applications to the Building Futures scheme at www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures/ before the closing deadline of 31st May.

Neil Follows, managing director of Persimmon Homes Nottingham, said: "Building Futures is all about supporting and helping to develop the younger generation. We are very pleased to support Calverton and Bingham Swimming Club and their possible sporting stars of the future."

In each of the Building Futures sectors – education & arts, health and sport – as well as a £100,000 first prize, there will be a £50,000 second prize and a £20,000 third prize, while a further 87 shortlisted projects will each receive £5,000.

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