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Wayne's Work Wins Lions Award

Sackville pupil Wayne Heasman's community spirit has been 'making a difference' over the past year among pensioners and three local charities. His efforts have been recognised in the form of an award by the East Grinstead & District Lions Club.

In his spare time, he has been helping the elderly, for which he has received praise from the Chairman of the local Pensioners Association and he has assisted two town mayors with their charity work – current mayor Councillor Edward Matthews' charity ADVANCE, which helps children suffering with cerebral palsy and previous mayor Councillor Alan Lord's fund raising efforts to provide a respite centre for the carers of people with Alzheimer's disease.

Wayne, along with many other youngsters in the town has, for several years taken part in the Lions sponsored swim night at Kings Centre. This year he swam for the Mayor's team and the funds raised went to the Chase Children's Hospice.

Wayne is a Year 11 student and is working hard in preparation for his GCSE exams which start in June, so finding the time to help others is quite an achievement. With an interest in sport he is very much an all-rounder who has a variety of interests outside his school life. He plans to stay at Sackville to complete A levels during the next two years.

In presenting the award, Lions Club President Denis Avery said "I do hope that Wayne's example in devoting time to helping those less fortunate than himself will encourage other young people in our community to do the same – it really is a 'cool' and very satisfying thing to do!"