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## Dance project's £3k award

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Youngsters in Evercreech are dancing for joy over news that their eagerly awaited workshop has received vital funding.

Back in August the village enjoyed a visit from TR14ers Community Dance Team, from Camborne, in Cornwall, whose dance skills inspired them to get their own dance workshop up and running.

Now £3,100 worth of funding has been awarded by the Grassroots Fund operated by the Somerset Community Foundation.

"This will provide funding for the hire of the village hall for Sunday afternoon workshops, a sound system, outfits for the dance leaders, safety gear and matting for the break dancers, and a return trip to the Camborne group who visited us in August," said Carole Preece, who helped organise the workshop visit and got the funding for Evercreech youngsters to launch their own dance project.

"The finishing touches will now be put to the operational and logistical requirements and I am hopeful that we should commence the sessions fairly quickly.

"Sonia Peters and Kylie James have been working with four young dance leaders for the past few weeks, training them to train those members that sign up to the project and we are very grateful to them for the time and effort they are putting into it and to the youngsters whose enthusiasm knows no bounds.

"I cannot tell you how delighted I am," said Mrs Preece. "This is the start of something great for our young people, something that they wholeheartedly deserve. And we now have six dance leaders who are looking forward to the challenges ahead."

The dance project is to formally start on Sunday, November 23, with priority being given to those youngsters that attended the workshop in August.