

## Carnival cash to be put into 2014 event

Money raised from this year's Sheringham Carnival will be ploughed back into next year's spectacular as organisers make a start on plans for 2014.

The week-long event raised around £6,000 and carnival committee members have agreed to have a "charity break" and invest the money in 2014's activities, rather than donate it.

Stuart McClean, carnival chairman, said organisers made the decision to get their "own house in order" so the event could continue to run smoothly.

"We need to get people through some training courses for medical services, fire and road management. We need to get quite a few certificates under our belts to enable us to carry on legally," he added.

"Last year we gave away initially £2,000 and other bits and pieces but every now and again you have got to replenish whatever you have got."

This year's event was hailed a great success and organisers are now keen to repeat some of the activities that were introduced in 2013, such as the children's sleepy time train rides on the North Norfolk Railway.

## Success for pub scheme

A Pubwatch scheme in North Walsham which started out as a small group in 2010 has been hailed a success.

Insp Kersty Brooks, from North Walsham Safer Neighbourhood Team, said assaults in the town and the surrounding area had dropped by 23pc this year from 52 to 40.

Alison Starling, co-owner of the town's Orchard Gardens Bar, said the Pubwatch scheme was going from strength to strength.



**FLYING HIGH:** Tom Youngs, who was named as Active Norfolk's Sports Personality of the Year and Winner of Winners.

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# Youngs roars to top county awards title

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An Aylsham rugby star who this summer helped the British and Irish Lions roar to victory has been recognised for his heroics by his home county.

Tom Youngs has been named as Sports Personality of the Year at this year's Active Norfolk Sports Awards.

The awards, now in their seventh year and sponsored by the Eastern Daily Press and BBC Radio Norfolk, aimed to showcase the legacy of the

Olympic Games a year on from the successful summer of London 2012.

Last Wednesday's award ceremony came just days after the former Gresham's pupil helped England impressively beat Australia and shortly before his wife gave birth to their first child.

During the event, held at the Forum in Norwich, he was also named as Active Norfolk's Winner of Winners.

The Leicester Tigers hooker, who was unable to attend the awards ceremony but recorded a video message, said: "It's fantastic. Growing up in Norfolk, I love the

place and like to be back there all the time.

"To be named as Active Norfolk's Sports Personality of the Year is a great honour. My brother won it a few years ago and now I've won it which is good and nice to see.

"It's been a fairly hectic year and one that will stay in my memory for a long, long time. The Lions tour was a highlight. It's been a fantastic year and it's a great honour to receive this award."

Active Norfolk received more than 400 nominations for this year's awards which saw Belton swimming

sensation Jessica-Jane Applegate win Young Sports Personality of the Year and Wells-next-the-Sea's Alderman Peel High School named as Sporting College of the Year for the second year running.

The organisation's director Laurie Hull, who is retiring in January, was presented with a lifetime achievement award.

Vicki Hall, Active Norfolk's marketing and communications officer, said: "The level of the winners and all the nominations this year really shows what a sporting county Norfolk is. We should all be proud."