

## LEGACY AWARD 2014

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, prior to the Parish Council meeting, Miss Abi Bedford, aged 16, gracefully received the 2014 Legacy Award. The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Pete Holden, presented Abi with an engraved glass trophy which she will keep to remind her of her achievements and the parish council will fund up to £1,000 to help Abi with the costs incurred in relation to her chosen sport of netball.

The purpose of The Legacy Award is to recognise the talents of a young sportsperson who needs extra help to reach their ambition, which encourages good competition and consequently bringing the excellence of our young people to the forefront.

Abi Bedford applied in 2012 but was not successful at that time. However, this did not deter Miss Bedford from continuing to improve and excel in her chosen sport. Abi currently represents Dorset in the South West Regional Netball League and regularly plays for the Regional League. Abi is also part of the Dorset County Academy and her goal is to trial for the Regional Academy next year. Abi will be spending the award money on new sportswear and costs incurred when competing and training.

The determination and dedication required to rise to the top of your sport is evident in Miss Bedford and the money the Parish Council is investing in this talented young athlete will, we believe, pay dividends.

The parish council is now inviting applications for the Legacy Award in 2015, so if you know of an aspiring young person please contact the parish office on 01202 861044 for an application form.

