

Grants boost for families, churches

CASH from a Government grant being shared out in Matson has been snapped up by community groups.

The Matson Churches Youth and Community Project has been awarded £500 to help with the redecoration and renovation of its centre in Redwell Road.

The Robinswood Family Centre has been given £170 to pay for crèche workers involved in a "Help your child with reading" course.

St Katherine's Parish Church was successful in its application for cash to fit a new amplification system inside the church, and the Befrienders of Matson service has received £500 towards help with transport, publicity and security.

The total grant of £5,000 was made available after a successful joint application by Matson Forum and the Gloucestershire Community Foundation to the Government's Community Resource Fund.

Becky Hirst, community involvement worker, who is co-ordinating the grants, said: "I think it's brilliant that money is being made available to the smaller groups in Matson.

"It's great that their hard work and importance in the community is being recognised by the Government."

There is still a proportion of the fund available. Any Matson community groups interested in applying can contact Becky on 01452 505 544.