

# The Gazette

[www.berkhamstedtoday.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedtoday.co.uk) [www.tringtoday.co.uk](http://www.tringtoday.co.uk) 45p

Berkhamsted & Tring



# m of crop rewarded for their sport,

by Jonathan Saunders

jonathan.saunders@jpress.co.uk

THE cream of the county were recognised for their achievements in business, sport and the community at this year's Dacorum Excellence Awards.

The event, at Shendish Manor, was hosted on Friday by The Gazette and Dacorum Borough Council and recognised the winners' and runner-ups' hard work throughout the past year.

More than £2,000 was raised for the mayor's charity, the Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS), which helps the homeless, and the Poppy Appeal.

Awards were presented by event sponsors The Gazette, global energy company BP, Hertfordshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kodak, NGK Spark Plugs, Sportspace gym in Hemel Hempstead, The Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead and Dacorum Borough Council.

The Gazette's Jill Manning, who organised the awards with Tara Clark from Dacorum Borough Council, said: "It was a good night. There was a lot of money raised for DENS charity and I think a good time was had by all."

The Mayor of Berkhamsted, David Collins, said he was delighted businesses in the town came up trumps in this year's awards.

"It was very pleasing that three out of the five nominees in the most promising new business category were from Berkhamsted with the ultimate winner being Walk the Dog that is based in the town. It shows that new businesses are using their initiative and it is encouraging to see that they did so well."

Entertainment on the night was provided by two Dacorum talents - 14-year-old Chloe Smith sang a collection of modern songs and 17-year-old Charlie Smith performed a medley of jazz and soul classics.





# business and community excellence



Walk The Dog



Three night Christmas package