



**DERRYHIRK RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
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AWARDED BT COMPUTER**

Local community group, Derryhirk Rural Development Association, Tullyroan has been awarded an NEC internet ready PC and a contribution towards one year's BT Total broadband access as part of the BT Community Connections award scheme. In addition Microsoft® Office 2007 software is included as part of the winning package.

The scheme, now in its fourth year, has awarded more than 5,000 IT packages to thousands of community groups across the UK, benefiting over five million people, opening up a world of marketing, training, recruitment, fundraising, communications and networking possibilities to recipients.

Derryhirk Rural Development Association was among thousands that entered the award scheme across the UK and impressed judges with their ideas on how a PC would benefit their group immediately and the wider local community long term.

The group plans to use the PC during educational training classes, to research and access funding and to produce a community newsletter.

Barry McQueen, Chairman of Derryhirk Rural Development Association said "We are absolutely delighted with our BT Community Connections award. ""

Beth Courtier, head of BT's charity programme said: "This award scheme aims to give as many people as possible access to ICT and allows groups to

develop their projects using easier and more effective methods. Following the overwhelming success of BT Community Connections in previous years, BT is delighted to continue making a difference to many more community groups throughout the area who wouldn't normally have access to the world wide web."

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