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Rotary Awards Andrew Simpson Olympic Bursary to Outstanding Young Athletes

Each year the Rotary Club of Sherborne Castles awards two £500 bursaries to promising students from the Gryphon School who have achieved a high standard in their chosen sport. The Olympic Bursary was created following the success of the London 2012 Olympics and was named after Andrew Simpson who, after his success at the 2012 sailing events, subsequently lost his life during the America's Cup in 2013.



The winners of this year's bursaries were 16-year old golfer Chloe Northover and 12-year old boxer Ruby White.

Chloe has been playing golf for six years and received her first handicap of 30 two years ago. Since then it has dropped to an astonishing 9, which is testament to her ability and commitment to the sport. As well as success as an individual and team member in numerous club and county competitions, she played one of her best rounds in 2019 and won the Lyme Regis Junior Open. This was a qualifier for the Justin Rose Daily Telegraph competition and Chloe subsequently went to Portugal in November to meet Justin Rose. Chloe wants to continue to lower her handicap and would like to attend the Tournament Golf College at St Mellion after completing her A Levels.

Ruby, who is also known as the 'Pocket Rocket' or 'Mini Mike Tyson', has been boxing for nearly 3 years. She has 4 titles for her weight and age class and is a member of Sturminster Newton ABC. In her short career, Ruby has had 17 boxing matches, winning 13 and 2 by technical knock-out; some of these bouts having been in higher classes and against older girls. In May last year she became the National Champion and No. 1 in England for her class. This gave Ruby the opportunity to train with the GB boxing team in Sheffield. Her achievement to date shows Ruby's huge commitment to the sport. Ruby is looking forward to defending her titles and hopefully competing in the tri-nationals and European competitions.

The Rotary Club of Sherborne Castles would like to extend its thanks to Alan Cummings, Head of PE at the Gryphon School, for his support with this project over the last 8 years.

For Your Diary

Youth Makes Music 9 March, 2020

Held at the Gryphon School, this is one of the Club's favourite events. A concert for school choirs and music groups from the local area that gives young people the opportunity to perform in front of friends and families.

Hidden Gardens 13/14 June, 2020

This popular Rotary event is back this year. Come along and view some of Sherborne's most beautiful, quirky and interesting gardens.

Young Writer

This is another of Rotary's Youth in the Community projects. Aspiring young writers from local schools submit their work for this long running competition.

The judges are currently reading this year's entries.