

Film Challenge puts Steep on the silver screen

Steep got the Hollywood treatment at its first Film Challenge - and the star of the show was the village itself.

Steep Film Challenge invited local film-makers to submit their own works containing shots of well-known village locations.

East Hampshire District Councillor for Froxfield and Steep, Nick Drew, gave the event £339 to help get the show on the road.

The event organiser, Phyllida Barnes, said: "It was fantastic to receive that money. We would not have been able to run the festival without it, it just allowed us to get on and concentrate on running the competition.

"Everybody can make films these days, if you have a smart phone then you can do it. The films we received were of a very high quality. They are also a lovely record of the village and the surrounding area."

The festival came to a head with an Oscar-style ceremony on September 26 and the 13 films entered were shown again on October 15. Among the categories was a prize for Best Original Soundtrack, with no fewer than five films putting together their own accompanying music.

Cllr Nick Drew said: "I am delighted to have been able to step in and grant the festival some of the funds it needed to get off the ground.

"I was so impressed with the films, they were all brilliant. We obviously have a lot of very talented people in Steep."

All councillors have £4,500 a year to grant to local clubs and groups. Any community groups looking for a little financial assistance to support their work can contact their councillor and apply for a grant.



Photo Caption (L-R):

Matt Harris and Bill Robinson (joint winners with Lewis Watt of Best Film) and Tom Hartley

Jamie West (winner of Best Original Soundtrack)

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