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Dear Ben

I just wanted to share a success story with you, relating to one of our successful Somerset Bursary Awards, which was awarded to the lovely Amie.

Amie has had a difficult start to life, and her parents were told she was unlikely to walk. However, she has overcome countless operations and challenges in her life and become an inspiration to many.

She was recently awarded a Highly Commended certificate at the Pride of Somerset Youth Awards for overcoming adversity, the DofE has enabled her to grow as a person and triumph at life. A link to the College article can be found here (20+) Richard Huish College – Posts I Facebook



Amie's mum has shared some pictures of her expedition section with me, that she has also given permission to share with you

Pride of Somerset Youth Certificate Setting out for her expedition Cheerful Amie, an inspiration

Although the article states that Amie has completed her award, this is not the case, she is still finishing her Gold and I am sure will find a way to continue helping others following the award completion.

The Freemasons bursary money, goes a long way in terms of helping disadvantaged young people across the county, and I am so grateful for the latest funding opportunity that you are currently promoting, and know that this will enable more Amie's to access the award in the future.

Please feel free to share amongst your members as appropriate and thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Carol Authers – DofE Operations Manager.