

# Sporty Jennifer nets an award

A TEENAGER whose passion for the outdoors helped her overcome bullying has received a Jack Petchey award.

Jennifer Stanhope (*pictured right*), 14, from White Court in Braintree, was recognised for her enthusiasm in sport and the Explorer Scouts. Despite finding school difficult due to bullying issues, the student from Notley High School represents Braintree Youth Netball team and is always willing to help out at training.

She also plays cricket for the Essex Under-15 girls' development squad.

With a love for the outdoors, Jennifer went to Kandestag International Scout camp in Switzerland over the summer, when she did a ten-mile hike up a mountain. She said: "It was a great surprise getting the award. It has definitely boosted my



confidence in achieving things, it was very rewarding.

"Sport has helped me a lot as I like the competitive side but I also like the opportunity to socialise and work as a team with friends."

Jennifer volunteered at Braintree library last summer, listening to young children tell her about the books they had been reading. She received an award, certificate and a £200 cheque for the school to buy a reader pen, which helps people struggling to read.