



ROTARY SWIMATHON 2009

Organised by the Rotary Club of Woking
Pool in the Park, Kingfield Road, Woking. Saturday 10th October 2009

PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES



The Mayor's Charity Appeal

The Mayor of Woking, Councillor Tina Liddington, is supporting three charities through her Charity Appeal:

Link Leisure, a local charity established twenty years ago, which provides sports, social and recreational activities for children and adults with learning disabilities, The Woking Branch of the Alzheimer's Society which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and The Community Action Fund, which was set up by Cllr Bryan Cross when he was Mayor two years ago.



Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Woking Hospice and Sam Beare Hospice in Weybridge are registered charities providing specialist palliative care and support for people with life limiting and terminal illness in Surrey.

Woking Hospice has been established for 11 years and is based in Hill View Road in Woking. Sam Beare Hospice based with Weybridge Hospital has been under the management of Woking Hospice since August 2006. The medical teams and support staff provide specialised, multi-disciplinary care for each patient on an individual basis both within the Hospices and out in the community. All services are provided free of charge and both charities need financial support from the communities that they serve.

Park School



The Park School

The Park is a Special School catering for 100 secondary- aged students who have learning difficulties and associated needs. We are maintained by the Local Authority, but we have no funds from them this year for resources or "extras".

Making music is very important for the development of our students. Last year we installed our Music Studio with support from the Local Authority and generous donations from local businesses and fund raising events. This year, all our fund raising efforts will focus on completing the project and equipping the studio.

Freemantles School



Freemantles is a Local Authority school for children with autism. We provide education for young people aged 4-19 years who experience a range of social, communication and learning difficulties resulting from their autism.

The school moved to Mayford Green, Woking in September 2006. We are developing a range of outdoor facilities there to enhance our pupils' learning. We have already installed a trim trail (fitness area) and a horticulture training area and are now developing a sensory garden, which will provide a stimulating environment for our pupils, but for which we need funds.

Let's Read

If a young person can't read they can't access learning and are deprived of opportunities which will affect the rest of their lives. Let's Read fervently believe that the lack of basic literacy skills is perpetuating the cycle of disadvantage and deprivation in our community.

We are now the only charity in Surrey offering practical help by providing books and trained tutors to help young people with their reading. Although our resources are limited we make a difference to 100+ young people with our reading programme and 1000+ school children through our book programme.



SERV (Surrey)

SERV ("Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers"), formed in 1981, delivers urgently needed blood products, samples and other items during the night, every night, free of charge to Hospitals. SERV is on call for your Hospital from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am, seven nights a week. Our all-night control room can immediately dispatch a rider or driver to hospitals who need vital blood, or other urgent supplies, often delivering within two hours of the call.

Benny the Bus



Benny the Bus is a minibus provided free to any group in the local community. Many groups find the cost of hiring a minibus for excursions and trips too expensive.

To use Benny all they have to do is provide a suitable driver and refill the petrol tank. The first Benny the Bus was bought in 1989, the second in 1996 and the present bus in September 2005. Over the years thousands of people have travelled in the bus from approximately 80 local groups and with the support of local community groups we will provide an ongoing free service to thousands more.



Other Local Good Causes

Some of the funds raised by the Swimathon may be used for other local charitable needs identified by the Rotary Club of Woking.

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