

Press Release

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A SWIMMING SUCCESS –

PARALYMPIC ATHLETE STEPHANIE MILLWARD HELPS TO MAKE GREATWOOD'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY ONE TO REMEMBER

The sun shone and the crowds came to help Greatwood Charity celebrate its 20th anniversary last Sunday 2nd June. The day's events included the official opening of Greatwood Charity's Wooden Spoon Sensory Garden by former England rugby player Andy Deacon and London 2012 multiple medal winning swimmer Stephanie Millward.



There was plenty going on throughout the day to keep everybody occupied including a parade of Greatwood's Past and Present equine stars; a thrilling re-enactment of War Horse by Skinner's Horses; a fun family dog show organised by professional dog trainer, Denise Quayle and judged by Cairn Terrier breeder Amanda Davey; plus a celebrity football match with former Wales international footballer, Ady Williams taking the pitch once more.





The day raised in excess of £11,000 which will go a long way in securing the future of rescued ex-racehorses as well as delivering educational programmes to children and young people aged 5-24 with Special Educational Needs.



A special mention must go to 5 employees of William Hill who raised a staggering £6,000 by walking 86 miles along the ridgeway over three days. Finishing the gruelling hike on Sunday afternoon at Greatwood's Open Day, the Fairford Emergency Support Team were on hand at the finishing line to tend to blistered and sore feet.



The Greatwood Open Day was made possible thanks to numerous local supporters: Landscape gardener, Paul Ingram, gave up hours and hours of his time to design and plant the Sensory Garden; Wickes of Chippenham supplied the paint, creosote and brushes used to spruce up Greatwood's premise; employees from Lloyds TSB, Nationwide and Communis is volunteered their time to paint and plant; Hillary Fish for conducting the auction as well as donating numerous prizes; and Marlborough branch of Waitrose donated packed lunches for volunteers on the day.

Thanks also to local companies who supported Greatwood by sponsoring the dog show classes (David Dudley Jewellery; Basils Dog Food; Devizes Textiles; Divine Café, Cherhill; Macs Pets; WELpets; Comfy Critters; Calne Laundramagic) and those that donated prizes for the auction and raffle - Imagine Studios, Marlborough; Stormtech Jackets; Charlie's Parlour, pet crematorium; English Rose Beauty, Calne; Zoria Beauty, Marlborough; Hedgerose Florist, Marlborough; Marlborough Pets; and Dairy Saddlery, Tockenham.

EDITOR'S NOTES

- www.greatwoodcharity.org
- Greatwood is the longest standing racehorse welfare charity in the UK and the only organisation that uses ex-racehorses to educate disadvantaged children and young adults.
- For photographs from our extensive library, interviews or more information, contact Helen Yeadon or Sasha Hooper at Greatwood on 01672 514535. fundraiser@greatwoodcharity.org

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