

Recycling scheme has potential to raise thousands



An environmentally-friendly initiative we have recently launched to recycle printer cartridges could raise thousands of pounds for Dove House Hospice's Love You 2 appeal and we are now working hard to urge people to take full advantage of our free used printer cartridge collection service

Money raised for Love You 2 will support the completion of major re-development works at Dove House Hospice on Chamberlain Road, Hull. Dove House needs to raise an extra £2.5m in the next two and half years – which equates to raising £2 every minute.

Debbie Page, our Marketing Manager, said: "We really want to increase involvement in the recycling scheme in order that as much money as possible can be raised for this vital cause. We could raise thousands providing people and businesses do their bit to help Dove House reach their target.

All money raised through recycling will go straight to the appeal. Even non-recyclable cartridges are welcomed as they can either be broken down into component parts for re-use or be disposed of using environmentally-friendly methods.

We currently deliver recycling bags to our customers in order to collect used toner cartridges, which are then recycled. The bags are collected once full. We now want to hear from other companies that would like to take part in the scheme.

Debbie added: "This is a real call to action. The more people that get involved, the more money we can raise. Local businesses can participate by saving their used printer and toner cartridges and arranging for us to collect them. With this effort we don't just raise money for charity but will also produce noticeable benefits for the environment by reducing waste."

The initiative has already been endorsed by the Hull and Humber Environment Forum, a charitable body founded to improve the living environment in the Humber sub-region.

To find out more about supporting the recycling scheme and to get your business involved call (01482) 323235.



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In The Community

Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of Cloughtons In The Community, a magazine we have created to share the news of all the great local community groups, sports clubs and charities that we support.

All too often the great work that goes on at such organisations goes unnoticed and uncelebrated so we wanted to do something to acknowledge what goes on behind the scenes. The hours that loyal volunteers put into supporting such good causes are so important and mean so much to so many people.

As a locally-based company we are passionate about the Hull and East Riding area. We are fortunate to have had success over the last few years and as a flourishing business we feel it is only right that we give back to the communities in which we have experienced this success.

With specific expertise in supplying furniture solutions for local authorities, schools, colleges and universities we have a particular affinity with charities and other good causes that benefit children and young people, something that we take one step further with our apprenticeship scheme. Today's pupils and students are tomorrow's businessmen and women, entrepreneurs and employers so it is crucial that wherever possible we support those that will eventually become the lifeblood of the local economy.

I hope you enjoy this first issue and if you have any feedback, or if you would like to get involved with any of the organisations featured, please do give us a call.

Best wishes
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Cloughtons and Hull KR- delivering great results



We have recently finalised an agreement to work together with Hull Kingston Rovers in a partnership that will see local youngsters benefit from a shared commitment to developing the communities in which we both operate in.

The arrangement will see Cloughtons work alongside the Super League club and the Archbishop Sentamu Academy in East Hull to reward students for their hard work with match tickets.

In addition, a sports-themed inflatable is also being produced which will be put to good use in the local community by the Robins' Education and Sport Trust.

The inflatable, which measures 4.5m high x 3.5m wide incorporates a set of rugby posts and will be used by the club as part of its extensive community development and engagement work.

Gerard Toplass, managing director at Cloughtons, said: "We are delighted to be able to work with Rovers to really engage with people and provide a lot of fun, whilst at the same time reinforcing some serious work that takes place. The club is passionate about its responsibilities to the community it serves and we are very happy to be able to support that essential work in this way."

Notice Board

Supporting children and young people

Andrea Driscoll, Sales Executive, dedicates a lot of her spare time to the Burden Road Youth Centre in Beverley where she works as a part-time Youth Worker. Here she tells us just what that entails:

"I help to promote the personal, educational and social development of young people aged between 13 and 19. Our main aim is to encourage young people to achieve the aims and outcomes of the Government guidelines contained in 'Every Child Matters', which states that all children and young people should:

- be healthy
- be safe
- enjoy and achieve
- make a positive contribution
- achieve economic well-being

"My role at the youth centre varies greatly but typical activities include:

- assessing the needs of young people in areas such as health, fitness, smoking, drugs, relationships and bullying
- mentoring and supporting individuals to encourage social inclusion
- offering counselling to individuals
- meeting and working in partnership with the police, schools, colleges, social services and a wide range of other agencies to address issues and promote opportunities for young people
- working alongside parents and community groups
- identifying and pursuing funding streams to improve services/resources for our users

"Being involved with such an organisation can be very challenging but it is also hugely rewarding. I am passionate about encouraging children and young people to reach their full potential and am fortunate to work for a company that shares my passion."



A helping hand for families in Hull

The Hull Families Project is a charity that supports children, young people and families that are experiencing difficulties and trauma in their lives. Claughtons' Managing Director Gerard Toplass is a member of the charity's board of directors:

"The Hull Families Project is a volunteer-led organisation that relies on the support of local people and businesses. It takes referrals from schools, health professionals, young people's services and a wide range of other agencies and aims to provide families with the support and tools they need to deal with the issues they are facing."

www.thehullfamiliesproject.co.uk

"I don't feel like I'm going to get hurt any more. There is a lot less arguing."

Encouraging entrepreneurial spirit...

As well as supporting the Hull Families Project Gerard also spends a lot of time giving advice to would-be entrepreneurs in the Hull and East Riding area.

As a key member of 'For Entrepreneurs Only' Gerard provides mentoring for people who are looking for help and advice in starting their own business. With extensive knowledge and experience within a wide range of sectors and a successful track record in helping businesses to grow and reach their true potential he is ideally placed to help others succeed.

Gerard said: "It is essential that there is some sort of support mechanism for people who have an idea but are not sure how to translate that through to actually starting a business. There are a lot of things to consider when you start out so for us to be able to share our experience with the next generation of entrepreneurs is a really valuable resource."

www.forentrepreneuronly.co.uk



Tracey's a treasure!

Our Finance Manager Tracey Irwin obviously has a good head for figures, but when the working day is done, rather than forgetting about spreadsheets, invoices and bank balances, she puts her expertise to good use by acting as Treasurer to the Beverley & District Chamber of Trade.

Since 2006 Tracey has helped to support local businesses at an organisation which provides a voice for key issues that affect the members of the Chamber as well as supporting local groups in raising funds for Beverley's Christmas lights appeal and other local charities. In addition they are also currently coordinating an appeal to raise the profile of disabled friendly businesses that will be rolled out nationwide next year.

But Tracey's dedication to local good causes doesn't stop there; she also acts as the Treasurer for her local Scout Group which relies on the support of volunteers to ensure it remains in existence.



Creating cash for charity with classics concert



In addition to her day job, Marketing Manager Debbie Page also puts in countless hours helping to organise the hugely successful Classics in the Park, an annual charity concert that has become a mainstay of the Hull and East Riding area's social calendar.

As the chairman of the organising committee Debbie is the driving force behind the event which this year is raising money for the Daisy Appeal and the Dove House Love You 2 Appeal. If all goes well the concert could result in £25,000 split between these two hugely deserving local charities.

Debbie is rightly very proud of the positive effect Classics in the Park has had since it was established: "It just seemed the right thing to do. It's a fantastic event because not only does it give people a great day to come together with friends and family to experience some wonderful music but it also raises much needed funds in the process. It is extremely hard work but it is worth every minute of stress!

"The team at Claughtons are great and give me the time and support I need to make sure the event is a success year after year. I think it is so important that we do our bit for local charities. Dove House and the Daisy Appeal are two causes that are really close to my heart so it's a pleasure to be able to help them out. As long as there is a demand for Classics in the Park we'll keep putting it on...here's to our continued success!"

For more information please visit www.classicsinthepark.co.uk or email debbie.page@claughtons.com

Sports Section

Here at Claughtons we love our sport, this is a quick round-up of what we have been up to lately:



Ice Skating

As someone who has experienced high level competition in the sport Pip Pickard now officiates at skating competitions all over the country. She said: "In order for skaters to be able to compete it is important that people give up their time to officiate. I have to regularly complete seminars and exams to make sure I am qualified but it is something I really enjoy. As a youngster I loved competing so it's brilliant to be able to give something back to the sport that I love so much.

In addition to officiating Pip also volunteered to take part in a pantomime on ice last Christmas.

Cycling

David Claughton, Director, has undertaken a charity bike ride from London to Paris every year for the last three years. Cycling 320 miles over a four day period he has personally raised over £4,000 for The U Foundation, a charity which raises money to build schools in Zambia.

For more information visit www.theufoundation.org



Cricket

As an all round sportsman David Claughton also gives up his time to coach the junior team at Welton/Brough Cricket Club, something he is particularly passionate about: "I love cricket, I have completed all the necessary courses to become a fully qualified coach and to be able to watch youngsters learn all about the game and express themselves is a real pleasure."

Baslow Sports Field

Ram De Netto is a treasurer of Baslow Sports Field, a local charitable organisation. It manages a pavilion, cricket pitch, bowling green, tennis courts and multi-use court (5-a-side, tennis etc).

The land is owned by The Chatsworth Estate and the organisation has a long-term lease with them for the land.

Several clubs use the facilities throughout the year and the membership spans all ages i.e. juniors (5+) and seniors involved in cricket, football, bowls, tennis, rugby etc.

The clubs run regular training sessions for all levels of ability, based on the time of the year and in line with the seasons and there are numerous opportunities to join local teams and compete in local leagues.