

IPSWICH HORSE SOCIETY DONATES £100,000

The Ipswich Horse Society recently reached the magnificent total of £100,000 which they have donated to many local charities, appeals and organisations. It has taken a number of years, lots of energy, time and hard work (and all voluntary) but well worth it! The committee members, headed by Mike Bloomfield, have not changed for many years and were not sure if they would reach their target in this year, particularly as the Easter Monday show had to be cancelled due to Storm Katie but, thankfully, the two sponsored rides proved extremely popular so the target was reached – and a little more.

There are not many equestrian groups now that solely run events to give horse riders enjoyment and at the same time raising money for charity. The IHS was formed back in the 1970's but didn't start fund-raising until a few years later. Mike said "We hope to continue for a little longer and are already planning the Easter Monday show which falls later in April 2017".

The committee would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped over the years at their events, many who do so year after year and all voluntarily, which makes everything run so smoothly and well-organised. Thanks also go to their most generous sponsors, as without their financial support the Society would not be able to achieve their charitable aims, and also to the landowners for their hospitality in allowing their farms, tracks and fields to be included in the sponsored ride routes.

Some of the 35 recipients of the money raised over the years are:

Animal Health Trust

Bumblebee Children's Charity (formerly The Dame Vera Lynn Trust for children with cerebral palsy)

East Anglia Children's Hospice and EACH Treehouse

East Anglian Air Ambulance

Ipswich Hospital – various, including scanner, renal unit, paediatric resuscitation and children's diabetes

Riding for the Disabled

St Elizabeth Hospice

Suffolk Accident Rescue Service

Woolverstone Wish

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Age Concern

Animal Health Trust

Bobby Robson Jubilee Appeal

British Red Cross

Bumble Children's Charity - (formerly The Dame Vera Lynn Trust for children with cerebral palsy)

CLIC into Action

EADT Anglian Lifeline Appeal

East Anglia Children's Hospice and EACH Treehouse

East Anglian Air Ambulance

East Suffolk Health Authority

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

Holiday Playscheme

Icanho Centre

ILPH Fighting Fund/Welfare Awareness

Ipswich Hospital – various, including scanner, renal unit, paediatric resuscitation, children's diabetes, outreach programme, postgraduate centre and special amenity fund

Ipswich League of Hospital Friends

11th Ipswich Scout Group

Macmillan Cancer Care

Make-a Wish Foundation

Rebecca's Wishes

Rhythm of Life Appeal

Riding for the Disabled

St Elizabeth Hospice

Suffolk Punch Trust

Winston Church

Wolverstone Wish