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THE CHARITABLE SIDE OF BRAMSHOTT PLACE VILLAGE

In a community of like-minded people, who enjoy helping each other, keeping active and involved in all aspects of village life, it is inevitable that there will be some healthy fund-raising going on! And as Liphook's Bramshott Place Village grows, 2011 was a great year for charitable donations.

Not only have the residents raised a good deal of money in 2011 for the local charity, Hounds for Heroes, but they have also donated to the Midhurst branch of Macmillan Cancer Support, the charity which provides practical, medical and financial support to those with cancer, and their families.

The residents' committee has a coffee morning in the Clubhouse every Tuesday, but they decided to run one of them in September as a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support, organised by Bramshott Place Village's first resident, Freddie Spink. The event raised £570 for the charity, and, as Freddie says; "will benefit all of us. The money raised was added to the proceeds from the tombola we organised at the Country Fayre held earlier in September.



The Resident's Committee with a cheque for Macmillan Cancer Support in 2011.

"Unfortunately," she continues, "the weather was not good that day, and our tomobola did not raise as much as we had hoped. So, warm and dry in the Clubhouse, residents got together with another tombola, coffee and home made cakes and we managed to top up the funds to a very respectable amount," she said.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the village, funds raised from donations made for food and wine, and at the various fun stalls at the Country Fayre, a total of £375, were donated

by the developer, Urban Renaissance Villages, to The Friends of High Hurlands Children, based in Passfield, near Liphook.

The main aim of this charity is to provide 'the extras' for the residents who live at High Hurlands Homes. High Hurlands Homes was set-up in 1971 and provides nursing, residential and day care for adults with severe learning and physical disabilities.

Bill Gair visited High Hurlands to hand over the donation cheque on behalf of Urban Renaissance Villages, and was delighted to meet Collette, the longest staying resident, aged 39 – she has been living there since she was a baby.

"This is a happy, well run and stimulating environment for young disabled people, run by a dedicated family, and we are delighted to be able to help provide extra facilities to make life more fulfilling for the residents. It is a case of one community helping another," he said.

2011 saw the retirement of one Village resident, from his very active fund-raising services to The Royal British Legion. Mike Borrow OBE has been supporting it for the last 40 years, commenting that, "the Poppy Appeal draws people together more so than ever before." He has been selling poppies to his neighbours and also volunteering as a poppy collector outside Sainsbury's in Liphook.

Earlier in his life Mike was a Merchant Navy seaman, joining at the age of 14 in 1944 and serving until 1950. He was awarded the OBE for services to deep-water exploration.

Finally, Bill Gair, who is also a Bramshott Place Village resident, grew an impressive moustache and raised over £2500! It was part of the Movember world-wide fund-raising event which takes place in November each year, aiming to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men.

Homes at Bramshott Place Village are reserving fast – in the cottages, only two Yorks, two Connaughts, two Dudleys and one Wakeley house type are left, and 11 apartments. Further information is available from the marketing suite on 01428 722800, or by visiting www.bramshottplace.co.uk

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Bill Gair at High Hurlands presenting longest staying resident Collette with a cheque.