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Barns Green Half Marathon and 10k races raise £18,000 for St Catherine's Hospice

The enormous success of the 2017 Barns Green Half Marathon and 10k events combined with the great generosity of the runners has meant that this year a staggering £18,000 has been raised for St Catherine's Hospice, the event's official charity. This year was the 35th running of the Half Marathon and the 2nd year that a 10k race also took place.

St Catherine's Hospice is a charity dedicated to providing expert end of life care and support to local people, their families, friends and carers. For over 30 years it has been providing high quality hospice care, free of charge, to people living in Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex and East Surrey. St Catherine's responds to the needs of each individual, helping people achieve the best possible quality of life.

Last year, several members of the Barns Green Half Marathon and 10k Committee were invited to visit St Catherine's in Crawley to see how the hospice operates. It was a visit which provided real insight and showed the passion and total dedication of the staff and volunteers that provide this essential local service.

Commenting on this year's fund raising, Barns Green Half Marathon Race Director, Vernon Jennings said, "The visit we made to the Hospice last October showed us just what an important job St Catherine's does and we are delighted that this year we have been able to more than double our contribution to this wonderful local charity. I would like to thank all the helpers on the day and the generosity of the runners which has enabled us to make this significant donation".

Michaela Clements, Events Fundraiser at St Catherine's Hospice said, "We are so grateful to the Barns Green Half Marathon and 10k committee and all the other volunteers who work so hard to make this great event happen. We rely very heavily on support and donations from the local community and each year the charity needs to raise £6 million in voluntary income. Without this type of support, we couldn't deliver the services and care that we are able to offer to those people that desperately need help".

This year over 2,200 runners registered for the Half Marathon and 10k races and almost 600 runners completed the 10k event which was only being staged for the second time. The two race courses follow routes, on closed roads, through the lanes of Barns Green, Itchingfield, Christ's Hospital and close to Southwater through some of the most scenic countryside in West Sussex. Entries are already open for next year's races which will take place on Sunday 30th September, and hopefully the event will once again raise a lot of money for charity and other local groups and clubs.

For further details on how to take part in the race just visit the Barns Green Half Marathon website; barnsgreen-half.org.uk

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