

Harpenden Trust Annual Appeal Raises Over £55,000

The Harpenden Trust is delighted to announce that its annual Appeal has raised a total of over £55,000, the third highest amount ever raised by the Trust.

Donations to the Harpenden Trust have a huge impact on the local community and enable its Care Fund to provide financial and practical support to local families and residents, with over 660 visits annually to assist with aspects including food costs, school uniforms and essential appliances. The Harpenden Trust has also enabled befriending for over 90 local residents, 6 outings for 150 seniors annually and coffee mornings twice a week for those wishing to socialise. It has also provided utility grants for 80 local residents per year on low incomes, providing much needed support.

Richard Nichols, Chairman of the Harpenden Trust, said:

"We are deeply appreciative of the continued generosity displayed by the Harpenden community. We know the current economic challenges faced by many, so to achieve this level of support is truly incredible. We would like to thank all our volunteers involved in the Appeal for their time and effort, as well as all those who donated. Your generosity will make a real difference to the lives of people in need in Harpenden."

In addition, alongside MIND and local GP surgeries, the Trust has supported several initiatives to support local residents with their wellbeing, including the Frazzled Café, Arts on Prescription, the Memory Lane Dementia Café and Intergenerational Choir, Ribbon Cancer Support Group and the Compassionate Café.

Lynn Kennedy, Appeal Director at the Harpenden Trust, said:

"The success of the Appeal reflects a truly collaborative effort, and I am very grateful to our dedicated team of area organisers, collectors, counters and recorders who contributed to the Appeal's success, as well as all the local businesses who acted as donation drop off points and helped us promote the Appeal. I would also like to add my own thanks to everyone in Harpenden who donated to this year's Appeal."

The Harpenden Trust held a special event to thank the volunteers who were involved in the Appeal. The event was kindly sponsored by LiT Fibre and Savills, and was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success of the Appeal and to thank the volunteers for their invaluable contribution.