

Golfers club together to raise a lofty wedge for the local Food Bank

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In its second year, The Paddock Wood Open Charity Golf Day went ahead in September with social distancing rules obeyed, sunny skies, great humour and 20 local dads dusting off their golf clubs to raise over £1,550 for The Community Storehouse Food Bank in Paddock Wood.

In addition to £1300 raised on the day, a further £150 was received in donations plus Tesco agreed to donate food to the value of £100 for the charity. All the money will be used to feed families in the local area who are struggling to put food on their tables during these extremely challenging times.

Many of the golfers have their own businesses of which nine sponsored a hole, each donating £50 and a prize to win a "nearest the pin" or "longest drive" competition. Local businesses included: Victorious Admin Support & Consultancy, The Production Hub, Allaboutpethealth.com, Bromby & Evans and MC Electricals.

In addition to the golf, there was a fantastic raffle with over 40 prizes to be won; generously donated by the golfers and local businesses including: Waitrose, Tesco, The John Brunt, Poulton Wood Golf Club, Paddock Wood Cards, PV Pharmacy, Oliver's,



Wine Mill, Jay's Barbers, Paddock Wood Motorist Centre, Dino Golf, Ye Olde Cobblers, PJ Electricals, Tonbridge Golf Centre and Firefly. A special thank you to all these companies for your support.

The organiser, Matt Hazledine, (pictured) was delighted with how the day went and the incredible amount of money raised. We couldn't take a group photo of all the golfers who participated due to social distancing rules. However, you know who you are, and your support is always appreciated.

Gill Lloyd from The Community Storehouse (pictured left) said "The Community Storehouse is overwhelmed by the fundraising efforts of Matt's enthusiastic group of golfers. The significant amount of money they have raised will help to stock our shelves with items which we regularly run short of, as well as providing some Christmas parcels for some of our clients. The 'Dads of Paddock Wood' are yet another example of how supportive our local community has been this year to the work of the Foodbank."

Julie White, Store Manager of Tesco Paddock Wood (pictured right) said "I have lived and worked in Paddock Wood for the past 4 years and I enjoy working with the local community. As this is really important to me, we were delighted to be able to help with this great charity."

The golf day was won by Nick Hames of The Production Hub (pictured), who will be wearing a Smokey & The Bandit T-Shirt at next year's golf day!!



Nick, Adam and Matt