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Uckfield based TR Fastenings is pleased to be sponsoring champion shooter and disabled sports person Mick Kirby, in clay pigeon shooting competitions across the UK and internationally during 2015/16. Despite a serious stroke 8 years ago, Mick now aged 56, never regained practical use of his left arm but this did not deter him from re-igniting his passion for shooting and achieving competitive success.

Naturally left-handed, Mick had to retrain to shoot with his right arm and with sheer determination he overcame his physical setback and now shoots competitively nationally, and has shot in Italy and hopes to compete in the USA next year. Mick has chosen not to have any allowances made for speed in competitions, despite being a fraction slower than other shots and has gone on to win first, second and third places against able-bodied shots in Class C competitions.

His new adventure began after he contacted Sportability in 2009, a charity that provides sport and challenging pursuits for people with paralysis. Mick said, *"I am so grateful to the charity for helping me to access different physical activities and giving me the confidence to return to participative sport. Thank you also to Disabled Clay Target Shooting GB for enabling me to pursue my love of skeet shooting."*

David Heard, Chief Executive of Sportability, commented; *"When Mick Kirby came to the first Sportability shooting event he was hesitant and perhaps even a bit reluctant to be involved. Having had a stroke and being left partially paralysed his apprehension was easy to understand. However, with some adjustments to his stance and some support he was able to not only shoot, but found he was actually quite good at it. This was the beginning of a whole new adventure. Mick now shoots in competitions throughout the UK and even Europe and has become a champion shooter. He has vividly demonstrated taking the 'dis' out of disability and become a formidable sports person. We are proud to be associated with Mick."*

Geoff Budd, TR's Managing Director also commented: *"Mick is a true inspiration and TR is delighted to be supporting such a talented and resilient individual. His positivity and achievements are a lesson to all of us that nothing is impossible if you put your mind to it. We wish him continued success."*

2015



Celebrating its 10th year anniversary, the Uckfield Art Trail returns to the Uckfield Festival with the promise of something for everybody from paintings and photography to jewellery and textiles, ensuring a big venture for the individual crafts people involved.

The exhibition will again be based in the Uckfield Civic Centre on the 17th and 18th July, during the main Uckfield Festival, so join the team for the Launch Party from 7pm on Friday 17th July and meet the artists, organisers and sponsors.

You can find more details about the exhibiting artists by visiting the Artists Gallery. During the Art Trail weekend the team will be hosting a number of activities for the visitors, look out for details coming soon to the Events pages on the Uckfield Art Trail website: www.bridge-arts.org

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Cyclists Saddle Up for Challenging Devon Bike Ride in Loving Memory



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WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT



TR Fastenings supports intrepid team in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

A team of seven adventurous cyclists are taking on the 150 mile Devon Coast to Coast challenge from 6th to 9th May 2015 to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, sponsored by Uckfield based TR Fastenings Ltd.

The fundraising idea was led by Martin Broom of TR Fastenings and supported by his brother Ian (pictured left), a seasoned fundraiser and cycling enthusiast, to raise around £10,000 in memory of their father who lost his life to Cancer.

The seven man team will be led by Ian Broom, Managing Director of BDC International accompanied by two friends and four senior executives from a London based insurance brokers. The event will also double up as a team building exercise with assistance from a four man support crew who will provide first aid, spare cycles, water and transportation of luggage. TR fastenings will be one of four sponsors and is proud to be supporting this worthwhile event.

Martin Broom of TR Fastenings comments: *"Following the loss of our father to Cancer, my brother Ian decided to put a dedicated team together to cycle the steep and undulating roads of Devon, starting at Woolacombe and finishing in Dartmouth. Although it's 150 miles, it will seem like 500 miles! We are so grateful for TR's generous sponsorship. We are aiming to raise £5000 but we are hopeful in reaching up to £10,000 with the level of interest we have already received."*

UPDATE: Team Smash Target in Cycling Challenge

TR Fastenings would like to offer its warmest congratulations to the cyclists who have raised a grand total of £11,500 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Team captain Ian Broom comments: *"I am very happy that we smashed our first and second targets of £5k and £10k! And we would like to thank TR Fastenings and our other main sponsors, Nationwide Building Society and Old Mutual Wealth, for all their support"*.

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TR Red Nose Day 2015 - Bake Off

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The TR head office has taken part in a bake off to raise funds for Red Nose Day 2015.

A selection of cakes, sweet and savoury were baked and entered for a prize. With a total of £53.65 raised, TR had a great day!

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TR Fastenings Supports Ashdown Forest RDA Equine Therapy Centre for Children



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TR Fastenings' new sponsorship of Ashdown Forest RDA, will not only assist with the day-to-day running costs of this important East Sussex Equine Therapy Centre for children, but brings the dream of purchasing a much-needed larger pony a major step closer, according to its coach, Allison Remmen.

Founded in 2008, Ashdown Forest RDA offers a variety of horse-related activities for local disabled children from the age of 3 to 14 years old. Sessions involve riding, pony care and the all-important mucking out! As Allison Remmen explains, "Riding gives the children confidence, exercise, understanding, loads of fun plus a whole new level of confidence and self-belief. In short, it changes lives, so we are hugely grateful to TR Fastenings for their generous support of our work."

"We are delighted to sponsor this worthwhile charity," comments Malcolm Diamond MBE, Executive Chairman at TR Fastenings. "Humans have a natural affinity with horses and it is wonderful to see how happy the children are when they spend time with them."

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TR Fastenings' Support Contributes to Fund-Raising Success for Manor Primary School



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Children from Manor Primary School in Uckfield have successfully managed to raise enough money both to pay for the education of a 13-year-old Ugandan boy and also build his family a new home.

To date, over £7,000 has been raised, a remarkable achievement, and TR Fastenings is delighted to have contributed towards this total.

Business Manager at the school, Ruth Western, comments, *"TR has played a valuable part in changing the lives of not just our sponsored child but his whole family. They now stand a real chance of being able to support themselves, and build a healthy, meaningful life."*

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TR Fastenings' Hosts Electric Car Grand Prix in Uckfield Festival 2015



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The leading global manufacturer and distributor of industrial nuts, bolts and screws, TR Fastenings, will once again host the 13th Annual Uckfield Grand Prix in its Bellbrook Estate car park on Sunday 12th July 2015.

The vast car park will be transformed into a racing track featuring 20 local schools with teams of around 12 pupils, making a total of up to 250 local pupils participating in a fast paced competition with chequered flag, winning podiums, cups and prizes. The Grand Prix warm up starts at 11am with race start at 12 noon.

The 24 volt electric-powered Greenpower Goblin kit cars are built by the children and are designed specifically to offer Year 5 and Year 6 pupils a chance to be involved in a simple, practical engineering project that embraces many relevant aspects of science and technology in a fun and exciting way. It is also a great opportunity for the pupils to demonstrate their impressive creative talents, with car designs ranging from 'The Flintstones' to a Chinese dragonfly!

Each car races in two heats with each heat comprising a 12 lap relay race with six drivers. At the end of the 10 heats the cars are ranked on points and then go forward to one of five finals. The ultimate final consists of the top four cars and teams followed by the presentation of cups and prizes at 4.30pm.

TR Fastenings uses its expertise to manufacture and supply fastenings to a number of different industry sectors, employing over 1,000 people globally.

Malcolm Diamond, Executive Chairman at TR Fastenings, commented: *"The Uckfield Grand Prix is hugely anticipated each year and is a very popular event in The Uckfield Festival which TR is always delighted to support. It's great that our car park can be used to benefit the local children, providing a fantastic opportunity to combine teamwork and engineering into one. Best of luck to all the drivers!"*

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Success for TR Fastenings at US Golf Event



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TR Fastenings' USA Automotive team has had a wonderful showing at the United Way Annual Golf Event in Plymouth, Michigan.

TR was honoured to be a part of the event as an Eagle sponsor, one of only a select few companies associated with the tournament.

Birdies were quite elusive for the day but the pars were plentiful in the beautiful 70 degree weather. Our team of Brad Allen, Bret Pastryk, Jose Vera, and Joe Haymes look to build from this event as it was hosted by one of TR's major Tier 1 automotive accounts, Yanfeng Automotive Interiors LTD.

2015



'Thank you to all those whom kindly donated to the Chestnut Tree Hospice G4S charity football match, we managed to raise £160. Plus a kind donation of £100 from the company.'

TR Fastenings is delighted to support Steve Marner, a member of TR's staff who will be playing in the G4S Celebrity Charity Football Match in aid of Chestnut Tree House children's hospice on Sunday 27th September.

Steve will be amongst a team that will be up against such celebrities from the world of sport and entertainment as Spurs legend Ramon Vega, Olympic diving medallist Peter Waterfield and actors Ray Quinn and Kevin Leslie as well as ex-Brighton & Hove Albion players Kerry Mayo, Guy Butters, Gary Hart and Shaun Wilkinson. The match will be held at Worthing Football Club and kick off is at 1.00pm. Spectators are welcome and the afternoon will also include children's activities and a raffle. Refreshments will also be available.

Chestnut Tree House is the only children's hospice in East and West Sussex and cares for 300 children and young adults from 0-19 years of age with progressive life-limiting conditions from Sussex and South East Hampshire.

Donations are much appreciated and more information about the match can be found [here](#).

Terrina Barnes – Corporate Fundraiser for Chestnut Tree house said "Events like this are so important to us". "It costs well over £3.5 million every year to offer all of our care services, both at the hospice and out in the community – a figure that will only increase as we reach out to more children. We receive 7% of our funding from central government so rely heavily on the generosity of the local community to continue offering and expanding our care services. We would like to thank everyone involved in making the Celebrity Charity football Match a great success."

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TR Fastenings Hosts Macmillan Cancer Research Cake Sale

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Employees located at TR's Head Office in Uckfield, East Sussex have hosted a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A large selection of cakes were baked by members of staff and sold throughout the day. The event was organised by Louise Hall who is based at BBP.

The total raised was an impressive £220! Thank you to all who took part and baked a delicious cake for the event!

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Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud - TR Staff Get Mucky for a Good Cause

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TR Fastenings was delighted to support nine feisty mums who recently took up the challenge of the Mud Monsters 5km Run Challenge to raise much-needed funds for Nutley Pre-School playgroup.

The team which included Shane Bills, the Goods-In Team Leader at TR in Uckfield, have so far raised £700 for new soft play equipment and indoor furniture.

"We are hugely grateful to TR for providing us with some great T-shirts that we could get muddy in," commented Shane, "and for all our sponsors for their support. We would love to reach our goal of £1500 so we would really welcome more donations from the public too. This equipment is vital and will not only benefit our current intake of young children but also future generations to come."

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Remembering a TR Fastenings Colleague with Coffee & Affection

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TR Aycliffe, TR's division in the North East of England, recently held a Halloween-themed coffee morning with the proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support, in memory of Linda Woodward, a former colleague and Accounts Co-ordinator at TR Fastenings.

The event, which was also supported by TR's teams in Scotland and Manchester, raised a total of £320 for Macmillan and was a very poignant way to celebrate Linda's life.

"We all had a 'spook-tastic' day filled with fun, games and of course plenty of cake in memory of our much loved friend and colleague, Linda Woodward," commented Donna Fearon, Contract Sales Co-ordinator at TR Aycliffe. "Thank you to everyone who took part."

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TR Scotland Wear Christmas Jumpers for Charity

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On Friday 17th December the TR Office in Scotland wore Christmas Jumpers to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, Save the Children and Make a Wish.

The team held a cake sale and a festive quiz with everyone donating money towards the selected Charities.

The team in Scotland raised a grand total of £136 - Thank you to all who took part and donated to this worthy cause!



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