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Police Football Teams Set For Arresting Performance in TR Fastenings Kit

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TR Fastenings (TR) is pleased to announce its sponsorship of a group of Metropolitan Police (Met) football teams who are competing at the World Police Indoor Soccer Tournament in October 2017.

The five-a-side competition will be held at the Marveld Resort recreational park in Groenlo in the Netherlands, just 25 miles south of TR's office in Oldenzaal. The competition has evolved over the last 35 years to include firefighters, military personnel, and other individuals responsible for the safety of others, and now attracts more than 200 teams from 54 countries from all over the world.

TR is sponsoring the teams from the Met's Sutton branch by paying for their match kits. The Sutton teams, who are travelling to the event for the 8th consecutive year, are entering two categories this year: the Men's team and the Men's over 45s team. The tournament sees each team competing in 16 minute games, firstly in a group stage, and then in knockout rounds before the finals decide the winners of the coveted tournament trophies.

PC Mark Towler, who has been organising the Sutton teams' involvement for the last eight years and plays in the Men's over 45s team, says: *"We've had an overwhelming response this year from people wanting to join our squads, and 2017 will see us taking our biggest group yet to the Netherlands. The tournament is a fantastic celebration of sport, community and international spirit. The parade, which takes place on the first night is a real spectacle, with officers in full uniform and the chance to meet and get to know people from all over the world. It reinforces the idea of breaking down barriers and helping others, which is at the heart at what we do in these professions."*

PC Dean Reynolds, who will compete in the Men's team, worked at TR Fastenings in Uckfield from 2013-2014 and his mother, Kate Pocock, still works at the Uckfield office as a business development manager. Whilst at TR Fastenings, Dean played for the company's own five-a-side team and is currently looking to organise a friendly between his current and past teams as a warm up to the tournament, in order to try out the new kits.

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TR Fastenings employee planning daring wing walk for disability charity



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Tracey Wells, Administration Manager and Products Assistant at Uckfield firm TR Fastenings, is taking on a huge personal challenge later this year by embarking on a courageous Wing Walk for charity Phab.

The stunt, which will take place at Damyns Hill Aerodrome in Essex, will see Tracey strapped vertically to the upper wing of a vintage Stearman biplane. The pilot will then direct the plane through a spectacular series of climbs and dives at speeds of up to 130 mph, all with Tracey secured safely to the wing.

Tracey is undertaking the challenge to raise money for the Uckfield branch of the charity Phab, which focuses on promoting inclusion within communities, creating opportunities for children and adults of all abilities to come together. Tracey's ticket for the flight is kindly being paid for by CPC Interiors of Framfield, near Uckfield, but she is appealing for sponsorship to raise funds for Phab. All donations, no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

Phab is celebrating its diamond jubilee this year. Since 1957 the charity has transformed the lives of many thousands of disabled people and changed the attitudes of millions towards those with disabilities. The charity promotes and encourages people of all abilities to come together on equal terms and achieve complete inclusion within the wider community. Phab hosts clubs for all ages, interests and abilities, and offers exciting residential holidays based in specially chosen accessible units at a beachside holiday park in Weymouth.

Tracey, who has worked at TR Fastenings for 10 years, says: *"This is a huge challenge for me: I'm terrified and excited in equal parts but I'm doing it because I can! Phab members may or may not have a disability but we are all equal and can achieve anything if we want to, which I'm showing by doing this Wing Walk!"*

Tracey started volunteering at Phab three years ago because of a desire *"to do something positive with the local community"* and says her work with the charity *"really helps me put things into perspective and look at life in a completely different way."* Her role involves running activities as diverse as discos and arts and crafts workshops, focusing on the charity's goal of inclusion and integration. In recognition of her services, Tracey was invited by Phab to the House of Lords in 2016, where she received the Paul Hope Award, which recognises outstanding contributions to charity.

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Lancaster Fastener Co Ltd Provides Sponsorship For Junior Football Team

2017



Lancaster Fastener Co Ltd, a sister company of global fastenings business TR Fastenings and part of the Trifast Group, is pleased to announce its sponsorship of a junior football team close to its headquarters in Morecambe, Lancashire.

The company is providing team-branded clothing to all members of the Under 11 Blacks team at Thornton Cleveleys FC, an FA Community Standard Charter Club affiliated to the Lancashire Football Association. The team plays in the Poulton district primary youth league, near Blackpool.

Lee Procter, Lancaster Fastener's Marketing Manager, said: *"Like other companies in the Trifast group, we like to do our bit to help the local community. When we heard that Thornton Cleveleys FC would welcome support for its younger players, we were pleased to step in. We're looking forward to going to some of the matches to cheer the team on and see how they progress in the league!"*

The company is recognised throughout the international fastener distribution trade as a specialist importer and stockist of small diameter industrial threaded fasteners. Trading with the fastener industry for more than 30 years, the company has successfully developed a brand synonymous with exceptional standards of quality and service.

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“Having read through the challenge brief and the details on the great cause we are raising money for, I just had to put my name forward to support the fantastic work the Douglas Macmillan Hospice does.”

Sean Cushen

Huge sum raised for Staffordshire’s ‘Dougie Mac’ Hospice

The sum raised for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice by the Freedom Trail Challenge, whose participants included TR Fastenings Business Development Manager Sean Cushen, has now soared past the £40,000 target to reach the magnificent total of £64,680. This means the final amount donated to the hospice, which will include a Gift Aid claim for about £6,100, is likely to top £74,000.

Suzi Smith, the hospice’s Head of Corporate Fundraising and Events, said: *“This is fantastic news! The team have put a lot of hard work and dedication into this challenge and it’s great to see those efforts so well rewarded. The hospice depends on charitable donations to fund its work and a sum as significant as this one is a tremendous help.”*

The ‘Dougie Mac,’ as the hospice is affectionately known, offers specialised care for patients over the age of 16 who are suffering from a life-limiting illness when a cure is no longer possible. From its base in Stoke-on-Trent, North Staffordshire, the hospice provides support and services to around 3000 people and their families every year.

To help fund this good work, TR Fastenings’ Sean Cushen joined a team assembled by KMF Precision Sheet Metal last autumn to tackle the Freedom Trail Challenge across the Pyrenees Mountains from South West France to Spain. Climbing above the snowline to an altitude of 2,522m (8,274 ft.) before winding down the other side of the mountains, the 45-mile, five-day Trail can punish trekkers with extreme gradients, thin air, and challenging weather conditions including rain, snow, and strong winds.

Sean comments: *“This was an incredible experience to take part in and something I’ll always be proud of. It’s brilliant that we’ve been able to raise so much money for such a worthy cause and makes all the hardships of the challenge totally worthwhile.”*

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The Uckfield Grasshoppers Junior Football Club, whose main sponsor is local firm TR Fastenings, has introduced a mentor scheme to strengthen its training programme.

In the last few weeks the club's coaches have been helping two young players who travelled all the way across the world to join them.

The Grasshoppers are taking advantage of the Football Association (FA)'s Coach Mentoring Programme, a major grassroots investment by the FA which reflects the view that development of coaches is central to the development of the game. This programme provides on-the-ground support to FA Charter Standard clubs and coaches and offers 50 hours of mentoring by an FA Club Mentor, providing targeted support to challenge coaches to excel in their work and enhance their coaching standards. This has enabled the Grasshoppers to enrol an FA Mentor, as well as appointing Paul Fletcher, Simon Heffer and Nick Bignell as 'Legacy Mentors' – club coaches trained to create a legacy within the club.

Nick Bignell said: *"I can't remember a time when one team's training session was observed by five other coaches, all keen to ensure the best level of training is given across all of our age groups, from five to 16. These latest developments should really strengthen our methods and prove that we're working hard to make the Club and our players more successful on and off the field."*

The club enjoyed further excitement recently when it welcomed six year old Finlay Reid-Maxwell and his eight year old brother Sorley, all the way from Australia. Their dad, Sandy, brought the boys to Uckfield to re-visit the club he fondly remembered from the days before he emigrated down under. Sandy first played for the Grasshoppers in 1981, the year it was founded, when it operated out of an old green hut on Victoria Playing Ground. Both the Grasshoppers and its sponsor, TR Fastenings – which at that time was operating out of a small converted industrial unit in Uckfield - have come a long way in the intervening 36 years.

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Craig Davis raises over £500 for Chailey Heritage Foundation by completing 10k mud run

With support from TR Fastenings (TR), Uckfield postman Craig Davis has raised £584 for the Chailey Heritage Foundation, a charity which helps children and young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs. Craig raised the sum, which included a £150 donation from TR, by completing The Major's Mud Run over a 10 kilometre (6.2-mile) military-style obstacle course in Tunbridge Wells' Eridge Park on 25th March.

Craig, who delivers mail to TR and other businesses in the Uckfield based industrial estate, tackles a challenge for charity every year, often with TR's support, but he found this one the toughest yet. Organised on behalf of British Military Fitness, the course featured hills, deep muddy ditches, and distractions such as explosions and smoke. *"It was really hard going," said Craig, "especially the last five kilometres, struggling through the mud. There was a great sense of achievement in making it all the way to the end. I'd like to thank TR and everyone else who gave me the motivation to go and do it by pledging charitable donations."*

The Chailey Heritage Foundation is one of the UK's leading schools and residential facilities for children and young adults with neurological motor impairment such as cerebral palsy. The fund Craig raised will be put towards a new sensory room for the children.

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Elvis was in the building at charity night attended by TR staff in County Durham

2017



TR employees help to raise funds for Cancer Research and Macmillan Cancer Support

Staff from TR's Newton Aycliffe base enjoyed a performance by the one and only Elvis (maybe) last month, when they attended a charity evening at Birtley Buffs Club in Chester-le-Street, County Durham. The event was co-organised by Avril McNeil, from TR's Automotive Strategic Support team.

TR also donated a Kindle Fire as a raffle prize for the event, which was held in aid of Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support. Through a combination of raffle ticket sales, auctions, a hot food stand, and donations for seeing Elvis (aka Eddy Popescu), a grand total of £3,457 was raised and split evenly between the two charities.

Avril said: *"It was a fun evening for two great causes and there were even a couple of raffle winners from TR Aycliffe! I'd like to thank everyone at TR who helped, and to remind anyone who'd still like to give support that donations can be made to the charities directly online."*

Macmillan, which strives to ensure no one faces cancer alone, relies on supporters for 97% of its income. Donations to Cancer Research have helped save millions of lives by discovering new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.

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TR Team Smashes Fundraising Target For Hastings Half-Marathon

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Runners raise more than £2,100 for local heart and lung hospital

A team of eight TR Fastenings (TR) employees, friends and family took on the challenge of the Hastings Half Marathon on Sunday 19th March, overcoming steep hills and strong headwinds in their determination to raise money for the Papworth Hospital Charity. The TR runners took between 1 hour 55 minutes and 3 hours to complete the punishing 13.1 mile course, and raised £2,155, more than double their original target of £1000.

The team was assembled by TR Fastenings' European Distribution Account Manager, Nathan Parmar, whose mother's life was saved by a double-lung and heart transplant at Papworth Hospital five years ago. Nathan was joined in the run by Purchasing Specialist Dan Reardon, Sales Team Leader Ross Delmon, UK Distribution Account Manager Nick Hardstone, Product Sales Manager Steve Wallis, and a number of friends and family members including Nathan's dad Mick Parmar, who helped to set up the team. Dan and Ross were the first members of the group to cross the finishing line on Hastings seafront, with their times of 1:55:33 and 1:55:37 placing them in the top third of the 2,700 strong field.

Nathan said: *"It was a challenging day for all of us but crossing the line was so rewarding and knowing that we've raised so much money for such a fantastic cause makes it all so worthwhile. I can't thank Papworth enough for what they did for my mum and my family but this donation is a great way for us to give something back."*

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Family-friendly event in aid of local primary school

TR Fastenings (TR) is pleased to announce it is sponsoring the Little Horsted Fun Run on Sunday 14th May. This family-friendly event, now in its eighth year, traditionally raises money for equipment at Little Horsted Primary School, a few miles south of TR's Uckfield base. This year the fundraising will help upgrade the school's computer equipment.

Organised by parents and friends of the school and open to runners of all abilities, the Fun Run offers participants a choice of 1k, 5k and 10k courses, all taking routes across the beautiful Sussex countryside. Entry costs £10 for adults, £5 for children, and £25 for a family ticket.

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TR Fastenings Lends Support to Women in Business Conference in East Sussex



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Fastenings Firm Sponsoring the Wayfinder Woman 'Inspiring Through Technology' Event on 12th May 2017

Global fastenings firm TR Fastenings, (TR) based in Uckfield, is proud to announce its executive sponsorship of the WayfinderWoman conference, entitled 'Inspiring Through Technology', at the East Sussex National Golf Club in Uckfield, on Friday 12th May. The conference is organised by WayfinderWoman, which was set up in 2013 to allow women to come together and discuss workplace issues and challenges. The event will celebrate and explore the progress being made by businesses to support, encourage and further the careers of women in business, with a specific focus on industries in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) sectors.

Through a series of inspiring talks and seminars, the event will focus on encouraging women to learn about and engage with STEM companies and make the most of the rapidly improving employment opportunities opening up in these industries. Open to both female and male business owners and decision makers at SMEs across Sussex and Kent, the conference will also aim to help businesses identify the challenges and opportunities involved in using different emerging technologies and how they impact on business operations and customer expectations.

This will be the second year the event has taken place, with the inaugural conference in 2016 attracting 130 attendees, 77% of whom were female and 95% of whom were business owners. Speakers at this year's event include world renowned philanthropist and tech entrepreneur Dame Stephanie 'Steve' Shirley, author of 'Let IT Go'. TR has invested in executive sponsorship of the conference and Helen Toole, HR Director, Abi Burnett, Head of Marketing and Sian Whitlock, Marketing Executive will all be attending on the day.

Helen Toole, HR Director, says: *"The huge advancements in technology and innovation, especially in STEM industries, present both challenges and opportunities for employers and employees and we are thrilled to be sponsoring the WayfinderWoman conference and be associated with this debate."*

"As members of a global STEM business, all of us at TR are enormously proud of the advancements we have made in terms of championing women: 50% of our global board is now female and six of our eight branches across the UK are managed by women. We are really looking forward to the conference and are delighted we can lend our support to such a vital and topical issue."

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TR's local team to contest one of the strongest championships in Europe

TR Hungary is proud to announce it has become a sponsor of the Dabas VSE handball club, home to one of the 12 teams which will play in the nation's premier league during the 2017/18 season. The team is based just a short drive from TR's distribution site in Leshegy on the southern outskirts of Budapest.

Handball is extremely popular in Eastern Europe, whose nations dominate the sport at the Olympics and World Championships. The game has a particularly passionate following in Hungary, where the national handball league is one of the strongest performing in the world.

Dabas VSE's promotion to the premier league after winning the second league last season, reflects the city council's active encouragement of sporting excellence. More than just one team, Dabas VSE is a dynamic club with more than 280 members, a women's team in the County League, and a junior boys' team in the third league. The club's base is a modern sports complex, in the centre of the city, which boasts a huge arena, handball courts, football courts, a swimming pool, and a specialist handball training centre.

Zoltán Csengeri, Location Head at TR Hungary, said: *"Handball is hugely popular in this part of the world and gaining promotion to the premier league is a massive achievement. The commitment and success of the team are testament to their dedication and excellence, two qualities we admire and value at TR. Sponsoring the team is an enormous privilege for us and we wish them all the best in the coming season!"*

Dabas VSE will contest 26 premier league matches during the 2017/18 season, which starts in September, plus a further 10 games in the local Liga Cup and up to 5 games in the Hungarian National Cup.

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Phil Edwards of Weald Electric Vehicle Technology

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TR Fastenings is proud to support award-winning innovators dedicated to inspiring the next generation of engineers and scientists.

Weald Technology is a Social Enterprise that splits its time between engineering and education. As engineers, we develop innovative sustainable transport, and as educators we deliver STEM activities focused on engineering and technology. 10-15% of available hours are given voluntarily to support STEM.

Innovative and collaborative technology developers with many years of experience in design, engineering, lean manufacturing and project management, we bring creativity to sustainable transport projects including lightweight design and low-carbon powertrains; from concept to working demonstrator. Wherever possible we use Motorsport to test new technology as it demands high quality and agility, and provides rapid feedback.

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TR Fastenings On Track For Success with Superbikes Sponsorship



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TR Fastenings (TR) has become an official sponsor for Ryan Strafford, a Superbikes racer who has enjoyed huge success on the track since beginning his racing career six years ago.

Ryan established his relationship with TR via his role at Press-Form Machinery Ltd, the UK's official agent and service partner for Haeger Insert Presses. TR, Press-Form and Haeger have a special three way relationship, giving sheet metal customers access to high quality parts, industry-leading machinery and consultancy.



Ryan started the eponymous RS Racing team with his father in 2011 and by 2014 he had won his first championship, 13 races back to back and holds 7 out of 9 records in his category. The RS team now consists of Ryan and two other racers who compete in the prestigious Golden Era Superbikes and 600 Supersport series at tracks across the UK including the iconic Brands Hatch and Donington Park. Since the partnership between Ryan and TR Fastenings began, he and the rest of the RS team have competed at Snetterton and Cadwell Park, achieving 2 wins, 5 second places and a 4th place across these meets.

TR's sponsorship of Ryan, who races a Honda RC-51 SP2 motorbike, ensures the company logo will feature prominently on both the bike and Ryan's racing leathers, alongside those of his other sponsors which include tyre manufacturer Continental Tires. Ryan and his bike will both play a starring role in TR's stand at this year's Automechanika Birmingham exhibition from 6th-8th June at the NEC. Ryan will be on hand to sign merchandise and answer questions about the bike, the sport and his relationship with TR.

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TR Fastenings On Track For Success with Superbikes Sponsorship



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The partnership also means TR can treat its customers to raceday hospitality, with trackside access and the chance to meet and chat with Ryan and his team. Sean Cushen, Branded Products Business Development Manager at TR Fastenings, comments *"Having worked closely with Ryan professionally, we've been following his success in the superbikes circuit with great interest. His performance on the track is inspirational, and we are thrilled to be his new official sponsor."*

Ryan Strafford adds: *"Racing has been a life-long passion for me and I'm consistently amazed by what I've been able to achieve. The success we enjoy simply wouldn't be possible without the support we receive*

from our sponsors and I'm both grateful and hugely excited to have TR on board. I look forward to the coming season and am confident I can make them proud with plenty of podium finishes!"

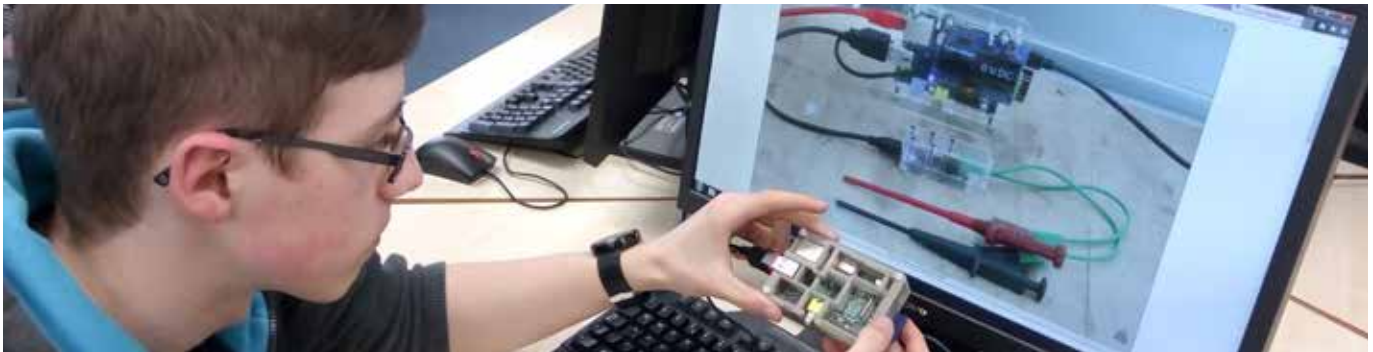
Mark Belton, CEO of Trifast Plc, TR Fastenings' parent company, adds: *"Ryan's tremendous achievements on the track are clearly testament not only to his individual skill, but also to the commitment and dedication of the entire RS Racing team. As a company, we strongly believe that teamwork and ambition are vital to success and optimum performance, and so sponsoring Ryan is an excellent fit for our business. We wish him all the best for the season ahead."*

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Sussex students powered by TR Fastenings to design, build and race electric cars



2017



Uckfield firm TR Fastenings is playing its part in supporting the next generation of engineers by supplying parts to a team of Sussex students taking part in the Greenpower race series.

The scheme gives young people the opportunity to design, build and race an electric-powered racing car. The single-seater vehicle is being constructed by a team of 16-19 year-olds at the Brighton Hove & Sussex Sixth Form College (BHASVIC) as part of the scheme organised by the Greenpower Education Trust, a registered charity which promotes sustainable engineering to young people.

The BHASVIC students are being mentored by Phil Edwards of Uckfield-based Weald Technology. Weald is an award-winning innovator in electric vehicle technology for commercial R&D projects, sustainable transport, and STEM education. The firm has a long-standing relationship with TR Fastenings, which provides components for its electric-powered motorcycles.

The first part of the project is a course, which introduces them to using computer-aided design (CAD) software. They will then hand-build the vehicle with materials and components donated by companies such as TR, which is supplying fastener parts for the car. The project - which runs out of school hours - also teaches students about sponsorship, marketing and teamwork as well as the engineering and design skills involved in building the car. The BHASVIC car will participate in the most senior of Greenpower's three competition categories, IET Formula 24+, for 16-25 year-olds. The key rule is that cars must be propelled by a 24-volt DC electric motor powered by two sealed 12-volt batteries provided by Greenpower.

For younger students, Greenpower also runs IET Formula 24 for 11-16 year-olds and IET Formula Goblin for 9-11 year-olds. For all three categories, regional events take place at racing circuits and proving grounds throughout the UK, with the series finals scheduled for Rockingham Motor Speedway, Northamptonshire, on October 7/8. The BHASVIC car will compete at Dunsfold Park in Cranleigh, Surrey, in September 2017. Teams put forward three drivers for each race, and the winner is determined by whoever covers the greatest distance in 1.5 hours.

Geoff Budd, TR Europe Managing Director, comments: *"Anything that encourages young people to learn about and participate in engineering and manufacturing is to be applauded. It's vital that we give these students every opportunity to soak up these skills and that's why we are thrilled to be a part of this scheme. I have been in this business for over 40 years now and I'm still learning every day, so it's great to be able to help people at the very beginning of their journey."*

Phil Edwards of Weald Technology adds: *"I've been a huge advocate of the Greenpower scheme for a number of years and it's fantastic to be working with the BHASVIC students as they prepare for this year's series. The support of companies such as TR is invaluable to the students - not only are the parts vital to enhancing the performance of the cars, but a firm like TR is also a great example of a business which has been built on hard work, quality and innovation, values which inspire the students as they embark on this challenge."*

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TR Swings into Action for Heathfield and Waldron Responders with Golf Day Sponsorship

2017



TR Fastenings (TR) is supporting a worthy local cause by sponsoring the 2nd annual Golf Day event run by the Heathfield and Waldron Responders, which will take place on 10th June at Horam Park Golf Club at 12 noon.

The Heathfield and Waldron responders are members of the community, trained by the Ambulance Service to respond to emergency calls through the 999 system.

Responders provide immediate care to patients in their area and are mobilised to 999 calls by Ambulance Control. Responders can attend the scene of a medical emergency in a very short time, often arriving within a few minutes of the call. They are trained to provide Emergency Life Support and to treat patients suffering from a range of conditions. The Responders' team leader, Theo Parfitt, is a friend of TR's Rob Southgate.

Following a highly successful first event last year, the Golf Day is returning in June and will feature a '4 ball Texas Scramble' 18 hole golf competition, a raffle and various prize giveaways on the course. Coffee, bacon rolls, ham egg and chips and a bar will all be available to those taking part and spectating. All money raised will be put towards funding the Responders team.

Theo Parfitt comments: *"The Golf day was a lot of fun last year and we are really excited about holding it again in June. We are thrilled that TR has come on board as a sponsor, as we really rely on the local community and businesses to provide support and help us raise much needed funds for the team and the work we do."*

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TR Sweden Helps Stockholm Students to Design, Build and Race Electric Car at Silverstone



2017



TR Fastenings (TR) is assisting a team of mechanical design and engineering students from Sweden to compete in Formula Student, Europe's most established educational motorsport contest.

The team, from Stockholm's highly regarded KTH Royal Institute of Technology, is designing and building an all-electric dual-engine single-seater racing car. The team is competing in driving and static races at the iconic Silverstone track in the UK, on 20th – 23rd July, against 89 cars from 21 nations. Formula Student aims to develop enterprising and innovative young engineers and to encourage more young people to take up a career in engineering. The teams have been challenged to design a car using Computer Aided Design (CAD) and making the vehicle, which involves complying with a 175-page rule book from the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The challenge tests students' abilities to deliver a complex and integrated product in the deadline-driven environment of motorsport and the project counts towards their degree course. Participation in the competition is viewed by the motorsport industry as a standard-mark for real-world engineering experience, helping students transition from university to a workplace environment.

TR Sweden agreed to support the KTH entry with a free supply of components and technical consultancy after receiving an enquiry from vehicle engineering student Jeremi Grosz. Jeremi said: *"Taking part in Formula Student is a dream come true. As well as designing and making the car, we were also tasked with securing technical and financial support for our project. I contacted TR knowing that the company is a world-leader in fasteners with a strong presence here in Sweden, and I was delighted when they agreed to help."*

In a truly global competition, the KTH team will face rivals from Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Iceland, Ireland, Jordan, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and the UK. Formula Student was last won by a Swedish team in 2012. The most successful nations since the competition's inception in 1981, with five wins each, are the USA and Germany.

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TR employee to tackle daring charity skydive with fellow rugby 'scrummies'

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Lyndsey Case, Corporate Accountant and Company Secretary for Trifast Plc, parent company of TR Fastenings based at headquarters in Uckfield, is one of four Newick RFC 'scrummies' (the nickname for wives and girlfriends of rugby players) planning to undertake a daring skydive at the end of the current season.

On 30th June, Lyndsey, along with fellow scrummies Kerry, Sarah and Cecilia will be jumping from a plane in Headcorn to raise money for Sussex charity St Peter & St James' Hospice, a cause close to all of their hearts.

The hospice, located in North Chailey, Mid Sussex, provides care for patients from Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lewes, Uckfield and the surrounding villages. It aims to *"make a positive difference to the experience of everybody in the community who faces death or bereavement, by offering choice and support through expert care, knowledge and understanding."*

Lyndsey, who has worked at Trifast for 17 years, says: *"I can't quite believe how quickly the skydive is coming around, but I'm determined to face my fears and literally jump out of my comfort zone because the hospice does truly wonderful work and is such a worthwhile cause. We are hoping to raise £1600 and we will be so proud if we can achieve our target."*

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TR gets into the Caribbean spirit with donation to charity night at The Anchor Inn & Boating



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TR Support will go towards funds raised for local Sussex primary schools

TR Fastenings (TR) is donating a special raffle prize to a special Caribbean themed charity night being held at the beautiful Anchor Inn & Boating pub in Barcombe on the river Ouse in Sussex. The pub, which sits in one of the most unspoilt and rural areas of the county, is hosting the fun-filled evening to raise money for local primary schools.

The event, which will take place on Friday 30th June from 6pm – late, will raise money for three local schools: Barcombe primary, Little Horsted primary and Hamsey primary. The festivities are expected to attract over 1000 visitors from surrounding villages. There will be a steel band, a DJ, and a contest for the best dressed, in line with the Caribbean theme. One of the highlights of the night will be the charity auction, and a raffle featuring a number of prizes including a mystery gift from TR.

Geoff Budd, TR Europe Managing Director, comments: *“Supporting primary schools is so important and this event is a fun way of getting local communities together for a drink, a dance and lots of fun. We are proud to be involved and wish all the team at The Anchor the best of luck for the event.”*

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TR's Ian Carlton achieves three times his fundraising target after cycling 382 miles in 2 days

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Ian Carlton, director of quality for Trifast Plc and his friend David have raised over £1500 after cycling 382 miles in just two days, from South Shields to Eastbourne.

Ian and David decided to take on the challenge in memory of David's father Sid, who passed away in June 2016, to raise awareness of and funds for St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne, where Sid spent his final days. Sid was born and grew up in South Shields and spent his later years in Eastbourne.

On Saturday June 10th, Ian and David left Sid's old local pub, the Old Ship in South Shields, at 6am and cycled 198 miles, spending over 17 hours in the saddle. Battling fierce headwinds, relentless rain and punishing unsheltered Roman roads, the pair finally arrived at their overnight stop in Sleaford, Lincolnshire on Saturday night at 11pm. After a well-deserved mini lie-in, the duo then travelled a further 184 miles for 16 hours on Sunday, before arriving at the Rodmill pub in Eastbourne, Sid's other local, at 11.30pm.

Ian and David encountered a number of memorable incidents on the trip, ranging from a number of punctures to Ian's wife Jo, who was following close behind with David's wife in a support car, getting trapped in a public toilet en route after the lock snapped. In true Top Gear style, Ian and David left Jo behind to be rescued while they continued their trip! They were also joined for the final 100 miles by fellow rider Grant, who had also taken part in Ian's cycle ride from London to Barcelona with seven friends in 2014.

The South Shields to Eastbourne ride was a huge challenge for both men, who are experienced cyclists, with Ian losing half a stone and burning 10,000 calories during the trip. Originally aiming to raise £500 for St Wilfrids, their total is now at £1500 and set to rise with further donations still being made.

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TR North East employees take on 50 mile bike ride to make local boy's dream come true

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TR North East employees

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*mile bike ride to make local
boy's dream come true*



Regan Golightly and Troy Race from TR's Newton Aycliffe site are taking part in a 50 mile bike ride around the North East to raise funds for a local youngster battling a devastating disease.

Kyran Richmond, who is 13, lives in Chilton, four miles away from TR's North East base. He has Juvenile Batten Disease, a rare genetic metabolic neurodegenerative condition with no cure available. Kyran suffers from epilepsy and night terrors and will lose the ability to walk, talk eat and see as well as developing dementia and symptoms similar to Parkinsons. His life expectancy is late teens or early twenties.

As a keen football fan, one of Kyran's dreams is to visit the Real Madrid's famous Bernabeu stadium in Spain. To help him achieve this, a group of fundraisers in the local Ferryhill area, including Regan and Troy, are taking on the challenge of cycling 50 miles around the region.

The challenge will take place on 8th July, starting and finishing at a pub in Ferryhill.

2017



Donation Given to Hadlow Down Playing Field Association's 'Cricket Roller' Project

TR Fastenings is making a donation towards new equipment which will support club level cricket at Hadlow Down, an East Sussex village just six miles away from the company's headquarters in Uckfield.

With its Cricket Roller Project, the Hadlow Down Playing Field Association is raising funds to replace the pedestrianised roller it has relied on to keep pitches smooth since first registering as a charity in 1975. A newer, bigger, mechanised roller will work more quickly and efficiently, allowing fuller use of the five wickets currently in action and returning two further wickets to service.

Located within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Hadlow Down cricket field hosts nearly 50 cricket matches each season, seeing action on Saturdays and Sundays. The venue is home to Hadlow Down & Moulsecoomb Wanderers Cricket Club as well as Buxted Park Cricket Club. In July this year, as part of a week-long sports and recreation festival organised by the Hadlow Down Playing Field trustees, the venue will also stage a 'Chance to Shine' cricket tournament involving several local primary schools.

Mark Belton, CEO of TR's parent company Trifast plc, commented: *"TR has always been proud to support local communities, and what could be more appropriate in Sussex than helping grass roots cricket? This is the county where the sport first really took hold all those years ago, before growing to have a global presence – a story which parallels our own!"*

The Cricket Roller Project is very close to reaching its target of nearly £1600. The majority of funds raised so far have come from community events organised by the Playing Field Association such as pop up meals, village quizzes, and an annual bonfire and fireworks evening. Grants have also been donated by the Gatwick Airport Community Trust, Tesco Bags of Help scheme, Waitrose Community Matters scheme and Sport England. But, as importantly, the Playing Field Association has received financial support from other village organisations such as the Village Fayre, the Variety Club, the Tap Club and Hadlow Down & Moulsecoomb Wanderers CC.

2017



Over 2000 spectators gathered at the King George V playing field in Newick on Sunday 2nd July for the annual Piers Morgan family day at Newick Cricket Club, where Piers is a member.

The former newspaper editor and TV presenter and his team of family, friends and celebrities played two matches against the Club, which is sponsored by TR Fastenings. This year, Piers' special guests included cricketers Kevin Pietersen, Andrew 'Freddie' Flintoff and Chris Gayle and footballer Robbie Savage.

The first match, against the Newick 'Legends' side, was played to 'Barrington Rules', with 15 overs a side, and the Piers Morgan XI enjoyed a comfortable win with a score of 102-41. The second match was played as a 20/20 against the Newick first XI and saw Freddie Flintoff make an impressive 50 from 18 balls. The Piers Morgan XI finished with a score of 192 for 4 wickets, before Newick retaliated with a valiant 184 for 4, losing out narrowly to the celebrity team. A highlight for the home side was Sam Carter's 72 runs, which he made before being caught out by Freddie Flintoff.

The crowds were treated to glorious weather and Piers and his guests spent a lot of time talking to and signing autograph bats for the spectators and fans, which included Newick's keen junior cricketers.

Geoff Budd, TR's Europe managing director, who has family connections with Newick cricket club, said:

"Piers' family day is a fabulous event which always attracts big crowds to Newick and the club in particular. It's great for the young players and fans to meet their cricketing idols and to witness a fun and entertaining afternoon of cricket. The huge crowds and beautiful weather added to the occasion this year and ensured a fantastic time was had by all."

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings to host annual Uckfield Grand Prix at Bellbrook Park



2017



TR Fastenings (TR) is hosting the 15th Uckfield Grand Prix featuring over 150 local schoolchildren in its car park on Sunday 16th July 2017. Organised jointly by the Uckfield Rotary Club and Uckfield Community Technical College, it is a major highlight of the Uckfield Festival which is running from the 7th-16th July.

The race, which was first held at TR in 2003, will take participants around a brand new course this year, due to the expansion of TR's already vast car park in the Bellbrook Park industrial estate. The modified route adds 25 metres to the race, increasing its length by 15%. Year 5 and 6 pupils from 18 local primary schools are taking part, with the first race starting at 1pm and prizes being awarded at 4pm.

The 24 volt electric-powered Greenpower Goblin kit cars, which have a top speed of 15 mph, must be built from scratch by the pupils themselves, with help from family, friends and teachers. The event aims to teach the children a range of skills, from mechanical engineering knowledge to team building and design. It's important for the cars to look good as well as performing brilliantly, so the pupils also get the chance to showcase their artistic skills and decorate the cars any way they please. Each team chooses a theme for their design, with many drivers choosing to dress up to complete the look. The cars are paraded to spectators before the race and there is an additional prize for the best theme, with the winners taking home a signed photograph from the driver of the famous Bloodhound supersonic car.

Each team races in two heats and a final each and every team receives a certificate for taking part. Races consist of 12 laps with six drivers who swap over after 2 laps each in the style of Le Mans. This pit stop change is a big highlight of the race and can prove the difference between the winning team and the runners up. With over 1000 spectators expected, it's a fun occasion including a food area on site serving hot food, drinks and ice cream.

Mark Belton, CEO of TR's parent company Trifast Plc, comments: *"The Uckfield Grand Prix is a fabulous tradition and one which we are so thrilled to support each year. As well as providing great excitement for the children involved, the whole experience teaches them valuable skills in design, engineering and working together, qualities which we value highly at TR. Now that our car park is even bigger, the drivers have a great new course to get to grips with and we look forward to cheering them all on when the chequered flag is waved on Sunday."*

2017



TR Fastenings (TR) has renewed its sponsorship of Uckfield Rugby Football Club (URFC) , which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The sponsorship deal means that the TR logo will appear on pitchside signage at the club's Hempstead Fields grounds, less than a mile away from TR's Uckfield headquarters.

URFC played its first match in 1966 as Uckfield Youth Club, seven years before TR's own humble beginnings. The club grew in strength and popularity and moved to Hempstead Fields 25 years ago in 1992. Today, URFC is fully accredited by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and is an affiliated partner of English Premiership team Harlequins RFC. The club's two senior men's teams play in Sussex 1, an English level 9 league and in the level 10 Sussex Canterbury Jack Division 2. The club also regularly fields youth, junior, ladies and veteran teams.

Geoff Budd, TR Fastenings' European Managing Director, commented: *"Supporting the local community has always been an important part of TR's values. While we've had a presence in Uckfield for 44 years, URFC has been around for even longer and we wish them a very happy 50th birthday! We're delighted to be renewing our relationship with the club and look forward to cheering the teams on this season."*

2017



TR North East employees

50

mile bike ride to make local
boy's dream come true

Regan Golightly and Troy Race from TR's Newton Aycliffe site have successfully completed a gruelling 50 mile bike ride around the North East and have raised £2000 towards a trip of a lifetime for a local boy suffering from a terminal illness.

Kyran Richmond, who is 13 and lives in Chilton, a few miles from Newton Aycliffe, has Juvenile Batten Disease, a rare genetic metabolic neurodegenerative condition with no cure available. Kyran would love to visit the Real Madrid's famous Bernabeu stadium in Spain and Troy and Regan took on the 50 mile challenge to raise money for the trip.

The challenge saw Troy, Regan and a number of other local fundraisers cycle around the region, starting and finishing in Ferryhill, on Saturday the 8th July. The ride took 3 hours and Regan burnt off an impressive 3985 calories during the challenge.

The money raised was handed over to Kyran and his family at a special ceremony on Wednesday 12th July in Ferryhill.

Regan commented *"It was a privilege to complete this challenge to raise money for such a brave and inspiring local lad, and the thought of helping Kyran reach the Bernebeu really kept us going throughout the ride. Our thanks go to all the sponsors who helped us to reach such a fantastic amount."*

TR Press Release

TR's Avril McNeil taking on epic zipwire challenge across Welsh valley for charity

2017



Avril McNeil, automotive strategic support at TR Fastenings (TR)'s North East division, is taking on the challenge of a lifetime on the 29th July, when she will travel over 8,000m through a valley on a zipwire, reaching speeds of up to 100 miles per hour.

The challenge, named the 'Titan zipwire', will take place near the mining town of Blaenau Ffestiniog in Wales. Avril will also tackle a series of zip lines, rope bridges and tunnels as she travels through the Zip World Caverns underneath the Snowdonian countryside.

Avril is raising money for the Sir Bobby Robson RVI Hospital Newcastle and her colleague Sid Nicholson, 66, who is also taking part in the challenge, is fundraising for Help for Heroes as he was formerly a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force. Avril is hoping to raise £500 before she embarks on the trip.

TR Press Release

Grasshoppers footballer joins ranks of Harry Styles & Jessie J in charity hair donation



2017



A member of Uckfield Grasshoppers Junior Football Club, sponsored by TR Fastenings, is raising money for a charity which makes real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

In addition to donating a foot of her own locks, 11-year-old Emmie Stapley is running a sponsorship campaign for the Little Princess Trust and is halfway to her £1,000 target. She is following in the footsteps of celebrities from Harry Styles to Jessie J who have donated their hair to the charity. With two weeks to go before the chop Emmie has dyed her hair blue to encourage extra donations. Writing on her JustGiving page she said: *"I want to help children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment. Even though I'm donating my hair, the Little Princess Trust still has to buy the wigs that it supplies to sick children, so I want to raise as much as I can."*

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge, to boys and girls who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other illnesses. The charity has supplied more than 5,000 free wigs and has received the Queen's award for Voluntary Service. It was set up in 2006 by the parents of Hannah Tarplee, who sadly lost her life to a Wilms tumour. At the time it was extremely difficult to source high quality wigs for children, so Hannah's parents launched a dedicated cancer charity to help children who find losing their hair traumatic. The Trust works with specialist suppliers and experienced hairdressers who offer wigs tailored to the individual child's needs to create a realistic look and feel as close as possible to their natural hair.

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings helps Uckfield student shoot for the stars with NASA trip sponsorship



2017



TR Fastenings (TR), the global fasteners firm in Uckfield, is contributing to a Sussex student's life-changing trip to NASA's International Space University in Houston, Texas.

Jake Fisher-Dunford, 15, from Uckfield Community Technology College (UCTC) will travel to the famous space centre in December to attend a week long educational experience. While he is there, he will learn about space travel and rocket science, meet NASA scientists and engineers, go on a tour of the centre's facilities and have brunch with an astronaut.

Jake, who is in Year 10 at UCTC, was invited to go to Houston after achieving excellent results in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects at the college. Needing to raise £2,500 for the trip, Jake decided to approach local businesses including TR for financial support as well as taking part in the Dunwich Dynamo cycling event to raise sponsorship money. The ride saw Jake travel 200 kilometres (125 miles) at night from London Fields in Hackney to Dunwich on the Suffolk coast.

He said: *"This is such an amazing opportunity and I was determined to raise the money to make it happen. I approached TR because they are well known for their success in the manufacturing and engineering industry in Uckfield and around the world. I have offered to work at TR during the summer as a thank you for their donation and I'm looking forward to seeing how the business operates, before heading off to America. I can't wait to visit NASA, and I'm very excited about what I'll see and learn when I'm there."*

Geoff Budd, European Managing Director of TR Fastenings, commented: *"Supporting the next generation of engineers and scientists is a cause very close to our hearts and we think it's fantastic that Jake has been offered the chance to travel to Houston, where we are sure he will have a hugely rewarding and inspiring experience. It's vital that businesses encourage and nurture young people to excel in STEM subjects and we are very pleased to be helping Jake on his way to NASA."*

TR has pledged this support just months after it was announced the company will supply essential rivets and tools for the new NASA Mars Exploration Rover, scheduled to leave for space in 2020.

TR Press Release

Holy Cross wins Uckfield Grand Prix as race features on TV for the first time



2017



Bellbrook Park industrial estate resembled a scene from Whacky Races on Sunday 16th July as more than 200 children from 18 schools took part in the 15th Uckfield Grand Prix in the TR Fastenings (TR) car park.

The grand final of the annual eco-car championship was won by a team from Holy Cross CE Primary School after three hours of thrilling races. Organized by the Uckfield Rotary Club and Uckfield Community Technology College (UCTC), it is the only kit car race in the UK for children to drive side by side in a grand prix style. In a first for the event, the races were filmed for a segment on ITV Meridian news, which was aired on Sunday evening.

Hundreds of spectators cheered the young drivers round a brand new course this year after TR expanded its already vast car park. With a top speed of 15mph, the 24-volt electric-powered Greenpower Goblin kit cars were built from scratch by teams of Year 5 and 6 pupils, along with help from friends, family and teachers. Each car was uniquely decorated, with designs ranging from stars and Silverstone to cows and cartoon characters.

The event, which has been running since 2003, aims to teach children a broad range of skills from mechanical engineering to teamwork and creativity. It is the culmination of the week-long Uckfield Festival.

There were 12 heats and 6 finals, with drivers swapping over after two laps in the style of Le Mans. Holy Cross were the overall winners, and other prizes were awarded for design, presentation and sportsmanship. The team from Cuckmere House School in Seaford was awarded a framed 'Bloodhound SSC' poster signed by the world land speed record holder Andy Green for the quality of its build portfolio.

Harlands primary in Uckfield was awarded with a prize for the best presented team and car for using solar charging and recycled drinks bottles. The Buxted team was awarded best design work for its amazing mechanical hare design, and Manor were rewarded for suffering terribly bad luck with stoicism and good humour.

Geoff Budd, TR's European MD, comments: *"The Uckfield Grand Prix is always a brilliant occasion and this year was no exception. It was a pleasure to welcome so many committed schoolchildren and their supporters to the new track last Sunday, and the presence of the TV crew added extra excitement. With weeks of building and designing the kit cars leading up to the big race, the whole project is a unique learning experience, and one that champions engineering as well as the environment. Congratulations to all the talented pupils who made it such a success."*

TR Press Release

Uckfield Grasshoppers scores prestigious FA 'Development Club' standard



2017



The club has been upgraded to Charter Standard Development Club, the second of three chartered standards available to UK FA Affiliated grass roots football clubs. The next goal is to progress to the final tier of the Charter Standard tree by achieving 'Community Club' status.

Part of this upgrade has also seen the club win Sussex FA's 'Development Club of the Year'. The recognition has been achieved as a result of the club's commitment to 'enhancing the quality and scope of its football offering', according to the Sussex FA. This reflects Grasshoppers' commitment to coaching and nurturing its 350 members, who range in age from 4 to 16. The management team and coaches have engaged regularly with Sussex FA to strengthen and develop its processes and offering, creating a clear pathway to further success.

Now adorned with 'development' status, the club is looking to continue to grow, and is hoping to introduce under 17, under 18 and under 20 teams in the future. The club have successfully introduced Futsal as an additional football development tool and are looking at building on their flourishing girls' football scheme. It remains committed to high standards in coaching, with all coaching staff receiving regular and consistent FA training to allow them to progress up the ranks as well as benefitting from in-house support from their mentoring scheme. Other developments for the club include the introduction of a youth forum, whereby the young members can submit ideas and become involved in coaching, developing and shaping the direction of the club, as well as disability football. Grasshoppers have committed themselves to the Sussex FA's Disability Pledge to introduce and raise awareness of Disability Football in the local community.

Paul Fletcher, football development officer at the Uckfield Grasshoppers, says: *"This is a fantastic achievement for the club, our staff and our members, who have all worked incredibly hard to reach and maintain the high standards needed to gain this accreditation. We are so proud to be part of the grass roots football movement in this country, and with the support of our members, TR, and Sussex FA we know we can only get better and stronger in the future."*

Paul Standing, commercial products manager at TR Fastenings, adds: *"As the largest employer and the biggest youth sports club in Uckfield respectively, the relationship between TR and the Grasshoppers is an ideal match. The club is incredibly passionate about providing its members with a valuable and high quality experience, and this FA standard is testament to that hard work and dedication. We congratulate everyone at the Grasshoppers on their phenomenal achievement and we are proud to stand alongside them as they strive for further success."*

2017



Newton Aycliffe employee raises over £600 for charity after completing white-knuckle zipwire challenge

Avril McNeil, automotive strategic support at TR Fastenings (TR)'s North East division, has completed a gruelling series of zipwire challenges across sheer mountain faces and deep caverns in the Welsh countryside. The challenge has seen Avril raise over £600 for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation, smashing her £500 target.

Avril and her colleague, former RAF Sergeant Sid Nicholson, completed the challenge at Titan Zipworld near Blaenau Ffestiniog in Wales on 29th July. The pair tackled three different zipwires named Alpha, Bravo and Charlie. Alpha spans 890 metres, takes over 100 seconds and reaches speeds of 65 miles per hour, Bravo is 630 m, 90 seconds and 75 mph and Charlie is 450m, 55 seconds and 57 mph.

After a short break and some intensive training, Avril completed a second set of challenges in the Zip World Caverns underneath the Snowdonian countryside. This included climbing up sheer rock faces and crossing a series of rope bridges and zip wires over deep, dark caverns accompanied by amazing lighting effects.

Avril comments: *"The zipwires were fun and exhilarating, especially Bravo which was the fastest. Travelling through the caverns was the most terrifying thing I've ever done, but the relief and pride I felt afterwards were well worth the fear, and it was such an incredible experience. I was in a group of 12 with 11 guys on a stag do, and we all helped each other out and encouraged each other to keep going. I'm thrilled to have raised so much money for a very worthy cause and it's fantastic to say I've completed such a physical and unusual challenge. And I've got away with fewer bruises than I thought!"*

TR Press Release

TR-sponsored Police teams set sights on success at global indoor football competition



September 2017



TR Fastenings (TR) is getting ready to cheer on two Metropolitan Police (Met) football teams who are competing at the World Police Indoor Soccer Tournament in October 2017. The teams, who are sponsored by TR and will wear the company logo on their kit throughout the competition, leave the UK on the 9th October.

The five-a-side competition will be held at the Marveld Resort recreational park in Groenlo in the Netherlands, just 25 miles south of TR's office in Oldenzaal. The competition has evolved over the last 35 years to include firefighters, military personnel, and other individuals responsible for the safety of others, and now attracts more than 200 teams from 54 countries from all over the world.

TR is sponsoring members of the Met's Sutton branch, who are travelling to the event for the 8th consecutive year and entering two categories: Men's and Men's over 45s. The tournament sees each team competing in 16 minute games, firstly in a group stage, and then in knockout rounds before the finals decide the winners of the coveted tournament trophies. Before the competition, there is a parade of all competing countries, where teams display police memorabilia and equipment such as cars and uniforms.

The Men's team includes PC Dean Reynolds, who used to work at TR and whose mother Kate Pocock still works at the Uckfield office as a business development manager. As well as sponsoring the kit, TR will also provide branded gifts including caps and back scratchers to be included in the traditional gift bags exchanged by teams before every match. In addition to the TR gifts, the Met teams will also be giving their opponents traditional British police whistles, in a nod to the far-reaching history of their profession.

Dean commented: *"We are really excited to be setting off to the tournament again; this is my third year and it's always fantastic to meet, play football and socialise with fellow Police officers from around the world. The chance to see other forces, witness their traditions and get together on the pitch is unique and one that we see as a real privilege. It's thanks to the support and funding we receive from TR and others that we are able to attend this great event and we hope we can do them proud this year!"*

Mark Belton, CEO of TR Fastenings' parent company Trifast PLC, comments: *"As a company we are fiercely passionate about supporting any initiative which champions teamwork and community spirit and this tournament is a fantastic example of both of those things. The success of our own business is largely down to the global network of teams we have across the world and it's brilliant to be able to be associated with this event which also brings people together from all over the world. We wish the teams the best of luck and will be following their progress every step of the way!"*

TR Press Release

Coffee and cake for charity at BBP

September 2017



TR Fastenings is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at its Bellbrook Park (BBP) site in Uckfield to raise funds for the UK's leading support charity for people with cancer on Friday 29th September.

A team of volunteers will be serving up homemade cakes and brews for the TR teams to come along to and enjoy a hot drink and a slice of something delicious for a great cause.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's largest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Community groups, businesses and friends are invited to host their own event and guests donate the cost of their drinks and cakes to Macmillan. Last year alone £29.5 million was raised and the charity hopes for even more in 2017. In total more than £165.5 million has been generated through this inclusive community initiative since it began in 1990. TR has been taking part in the initiative for several years and raised more than £200 last year.



Update 03.10.17

The Macmillan Coffee Morning at Bellbrook Park, Uckfield, raised a grand total of £109.93.

Thank you to everyone who baked or donated a delicious cake for our sale and all those who bought a slice too!

TR Press Release

TR lends support to Drive DeVilbiss Sidhil's annual charity golf event



October 2017



A team of TR employees took part in the 3rd annual Drive DeVilbiss Sidhil charity golf day at Forest Pines Golf Club near Scunthorpe on 29th June, which raised an incredible £6000 for the local Forget-Me-Not children's hospice.

As well as putting forward a team of golfers consisting of Kevin de Stadler, Sean Cushen, Ian Shaw and Scott Graham, TR was also one of the event's corporate sponsors, and donated an Amazon Echo as a raffle prize.

The event is held each year by hospital bed manufacturer Drive DeVilbiss Sidhil to raise funds for the Huddersfield hospice, which supports children with life-shortening conditions and their families. From providing respite care, medical and clinical support to special events, activities and experiences, the hospice creates magical moments and memories for the families in their care.

Kevin de Stadler, UK & Ireland Sales Director at TR Fastenings, comments: *"Taking part in the golf day is always a fun experience, if not always a winning one (!) and it's great to be able to play a role in raising money for such a worthy cause. TR is proud to support the local community in as many ways as possible and we were thrilled to be a sponsor for this event."*

Jeremy Taylor, Sales Director from Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare *"We were thrilled that TR Fastenings were able to take part in the Golf day and their generosity with donating a fantastic prize for the raffle. We couldn't run these events without the help of our wonderful sponsors and are so pleased with the incredible total raised on the day for a very special charity. Thanks for all your help!"*

TR Press Release

TR Kuhlmann team runs up a great total for charity

October 2017



Employees raise €300 for Ugandan causes with sponsored run

Employees from TR's German enterprise, TR Kuhlmann, raised €300 for humanitarian projects in Uganda by taking part in a charity run this summer.

The entire team of 5 employees from TR Kuhlmann ran through Verl, with each runner donating €0.60 per kilometre to Humanitäre Hilfe für Uganda. The charity funds a range of vital services including five hospitals, one orphanage and 18 first aid centres in Uganda. It also operates a rescue service with German doctors and medical assistants posted to Ugandan hospitals, as well as essential equipment including medicines, beds and consumables.

Peter Henning said: *"It was fantastic to get the whole team working together to help this amazing grassroots charity improve medical services in Uganda. The run was a challenge but the thought of the children and people who will benefit from the money we raised kept us going."*

TR Press Release

TR's Scottish team pulls together to support local food bank



November 2017

Staff at TR's Scotland site have grouped together to provide generous donations to a food bank, in an effort to offer support to the local community.



The team had undertaken a food drive earlier in the year as one of the local food banks was struggling to keep up with the demand for support in the area. The drive provoked a fantastic response from the TR Scotland team members, who all donated generously.

Following the success of this initiative, another charity in the area made a plea for local residents and businesses to donate household items, toiletries and food products to those in need of assistance. Since the generosity of the Scotland employees had surpassed organisers' expectations with the last food drive, they decided to try and help the second charity and initiated another appeal. Again the team received a superb response so they boxed up the items and dropped them off at a local Church, where the donation was gratefully received.

Susan McMichael at TR Scotland, who helped to organise the food drives, comments: "We have regular social team meetings to discuss what we can do for our local community; as a company and a team, we are very passionate about supporting others and it's important to give back where and when we can."

"These food drives were hugely popular with the staff here and everyone really stepped up to give generously. We were thrilled to be able to give all the goods to the charities and it's great to know that our contributions will go some way to helping others, especially as the winter begins."

TR Press Release

TR lends support to Uckfield sportsman gunning for Paralympic glory



November 2017



50-year-old disabled air rifle competitor Pete Moffat, who is from Uckfield, is hoping to qualify for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris and TR Fastenings is among the sponsors helping him to realise this dream. TR Fastenings has helped Pete with a contribution towards the equipment he needs to take part in Disability Shooting Great Britain's Training & Development Programme for Paralympic hopefuls.

Pete, who has spina bifida and paraplegia, learned to shoot when he was 11 at a local rifle club in Buxted, and won his first inter-club competition at 12. *"I love all kinds of sport" he says, "but that shooting competition was the first time I competed on an even keel with able-bodied people and I just loved it."*

Pete has taken part in a long list of sporting activities on a personal quest to push himself. He took up disability skiing but had to give it up after a nasty accident, then tried wheelchair basketball, but after suffering a concussion doctors told Pete to avoid contact sports, so he put all his efforts into air rifle shooting.

Pete was inspired to progress to international level after watching the 2016 Rio Paralympics. *"Every time I see the Paralympics on TV I get this urge to be part of it"* he says. He contacted UK Sport last autumn and enrolled on the 'Discover Your Gold' initiative. A few days later he was invited to an air rifle talent day and out of 3500 applicants, Pete was one of just 12 to make it onto the training and development programme. He's now part of an elite group of athletes training at Disability Shooting's headquarters in Stoke Mandeville with 10m range 177 rifles.

Last April UK Sport cut the funding for disabled shooting by 40% after the Rio 2016 Paralympic shooting team failed to win any medals. Pete has to fund himself and buy his own equipment, but as an Uckfield resident, he was aware of TR Fastenings' support for community causes and approached the company for help. TR provided Pete with the funds to buy his rifle and he has raised money for the rest of his equipment through a GoFundMe campaign.

"I wish I'd done this 30 years ago, but I didn't know this kind of shooting existed then. It's a bit of a cliché but I feel like life is for living and everyone should grab what opportunities come their way. If I can get to the Paralympics, even if I don't win anything, that would really be something. I'm really grateful to TR for its sponsorship; it's an expensive sport and without this assistance I simply wouldn't be able to pursue it."

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TR Press Release

TR lends support to Uckfield sportsman gunning for Paralympic glory



November 2017

Geoff Budd, European MD at TR Fastenings, adds: *"At TR we take great pride in assisting the local community and helping individuals to strive for and achieve their goals, and it's a pleasure to support Pete in his quest for Paralympic glory. His tenacity, commitment and determination to find a sport which will take him to Paris is inspirational, and we wish him every success on his journey."*

TR Press Release

Aycliffe business raises over £400 for Macmillan in memory of colleague



November 2017



Employees at TR Aycliffe, the North East division of global manufacturer TR Fastenings, raised more than £400 for Macmillan last month in honour of their late colleague Linda Woodward.

£354 was generated through selling cakes and hot drinks as part of Macmillan's annual national coffee morning, while another £60 came from donations to the online tribute page dedicated to Linda. Linda, who worked as an Account Co-ordinator for TR and sadly lost her battle with cancer in May 2015. Since then her friends and colleagues at TR Fastenings have held an annual fundraiser and collected more than £1,600 for Macmillan, the national charity which supports people through the far-reaching effects of a cancer diagnosis.

Last month's event was Halloween-themed, and the team dressed up for the occasion. Keen bakers created a mix of sweet and savoury goodies including chocolate apples, cupcakes, pasties and scones.

Katie Boddy from the sales team at TR Aycliffe said: *"This is such a lovely way to remember Linda while raising money for the charity which supports so many people whose lives are affected by cancer. The office is full of keen bakers and they outdid themselves. We were so pleased to beat our £300 target by more than £100 this year. Thank you to everyone who came along and donated so generously."*

November 2017



Staff at TR Uckfield getting their ducks in a row for BBC's annual charity initiative

In order to raise money for the BBC's annual 'Children in Need' fundraiser, staff at Uckfield's BBP site will be participating in the charity's national 'duck race' which will take place on social media at 1pm on 17th November. Employees will also hold a raffle in order to raise further funds.

The duck race will be aired live on the Children in Need Facebook page, and will see 20 toy duck characters, including 'Tim Beake', 'Count Quackula' and 'Ducky McDuckface' go head to head. Employees from across the country have been encouraged to pick a duck for £2 in a sweepstake style competition, before tuning in to see how their chosen racer fares on the big day.

The BBC's fundraising pack comes complete with top trump style scores out of ten for each duck, for Agility, Speed and Experience. After watching the race at 1pm, the person who has picked the winning duck will receive a prize. All the money collected will go to Children in Need.

Staff can also buy raffle tickets at 50p each, to be in with a chance of winning one of the following fantastic prizes:

- A round of golf for two at the East Sussex National Hotel
- Champagne afternoon tea for four at Buxted Park Hotel

TR staff at BBP and Waterside Park raise hundreds for Children in Need

TR's Bellbrook Park (BBP) in Uckfield and Waterside Park in the West Midlands have raised over £300 between them after taking part in a range of activities on Friday 17th November for the BBC's Children in Need charity initiative.

Uckfield's BBP employees took part in a raffle and the Children in Need duck race, which was broadcast live on the charity's Facebook page on Friday. The winners of the raffle were Shirley Creasey, winning the round of golf for two people at the East Sussex National Hotel and Sian Whitlock, winning the champagne afternoon tea for four people at the Buxted Park Hotel.

The winner of the duck race was Justin Bennett, who backed the 'Golden Duck'. Overall, the BBP team raised £159.65.

Staff at Waterside Park held a cake sale and had their faces painted, and raised £154.50 in total. Added to the BBP figure, this makes a total of £314.15 across the two sites.

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TR Fastenings renews sponsorship of Sussex triathlete Jamie Bedwell



November 2017



Company to continue supporting young star as he returns to the sport following 2016 accident

Uckfield based global fastenings manufacturer and distributor, TR fastenings (TR), is once again sponsoring aspiring Sussex triathlete Jamie Bedwell, as he returns to competitive racing after a serious accident. Despite his setbacks, Jamie has made a staggering recovery and is working his very hardest in order to be eligible for selection for Team GB at the 2024 and 2028 Olympics.



Jamie, who was hit by a car whilst out running in October 2016, suffered severe injuries to his kidneys, back and head and was admitted to hospital in Brighton. To the amazement of the medical team and his family, Jamie was released after 5 days and was back in the training pool just 4 weeks after the accident. He completed his first run last Christmas and started the 2017 triathlon season in March. Jamie has also just returned back from surgery on his stomach where he underwent removal of scar tissue that had built up in his bowel from last year's accident as well as the removal of his appendix.

Last year's season finished very successfully for Jamie, where he finished in the top 15 British athletes at the World Championship qualifiers. However, bone pain and stress fractures caused by the accident meant that he narrowly missed out on his place to compete in the European Cup series last summer and was forced to take time out. Jamie re-located to the

Alps to undertake altitude training and focus on getting his strength and endurance back to his previous high standards.

His triathlon training, which amounts to over 20 hours a week, is progressing well and Jamie will be stepping up to the Olympic distance in the sport next April as an U23. His ultimate aim is still to reach the Olympics and use his popularity in the sport to help create a platform to promote positive change in the world. Jamie has his sights set on the Paris games in 2024 and LA in 2028.

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TR's sponsorship will go towards equipment for all aspects of his training, which includes travel expenses, competition expenses, kit expenses, training camps as well as studying at University. As well as TR's support, he is also signed to triathlon specialists 'The Tri Store' in Eastbourne, where he also works part time, and is a member of triathlon club 'Bodyworks' which is a UK centre of excellence for the sport.

Jamie says: *"It's been a challenging year but I'm actually grateful that the accident happened. It's made me live every day to the maximum and I'm more determined than ever to work hard and achieve my dream of reaching the Olympics. It could have been much worse for me and I'm just happy to be here and able to keep competing in a sport that I love. I'm hugely thankful for TR's continued support which allows me to continue on this incredible journey."*

Geoff Budd, Commercial Director & European Managing Director at TR, adds: *"Jamie's extraordinary story is an inspiration to us all. To have suffered such a huge setback at his young age and bounce back the way he has, more driven than ever to succeed, is truly admirable. We love to support local individuals and businesses who share our passionate determination to continuously improve and strive for excellence, and Jamie is a fantastic example of this. We wish him all the best in the 2018 season and we are sure he will achieve great things in the years to come."*

TR Press Release

Strafford finishes strong with TR support



November 2017



Superbikes star Ryan Strafford, sponsored by TR Fastenings, delighted to finish season in second place

Ryan Strafford, a Superbikes racer who counts Uckfield firm TR Fastenings as one of his sponsors, has had an incredible 2017 season on the track, finishing in an impressive second place overall in the Golden Era superbikes category. Over 34 races Ryan racked up an impressive 12 wins, 17 second places, 4 third places and only had one race where he didn't finish on the podium. Ryan's RS Racing team suffered no 'did not finish' (DNF)s or mechanical breakdowns, a testament to the commitment and determination of RS Racing. *"Racing is often described as a solo sport but without the backing of a great team, the bike becomes unreliable and inevitably the rider will fail to finish."* said Ryan.

Ryan started the RS Racing team with his father in 2011 and by 2014 he had won his first championship. Along with two other team members, Ryan races at tracks across the country including Brands Hatch and Donington Park on his Honda RC-51 SP2 motorbike, on which the TR logo proudly sits. Ryan established his relationship with TR via his role at Press-Form Machinery Ltd, the UK's official agent and service partner for Haeger Insert Presses. TR, Press-Form and Haeger have a special three way relationship, giving sheet metal customers access to high quality parts, industry-leading machinery and consultancy.

Ryan Strafford comments: *"It's been a fantastic season for me and the rest of the RS Racing team and we are getting stronger and stronger all the time, which is a great feeling. Finishing second is a brilliant achievement, and I'm so grateful to the team, everyone who supports us, and to TR and my other sponsors. Having sponsors who care as passionately as I do about this incredible sport really does spur me on, and I'll definitely be looking for a first place finish next season!"*

Mark Belton, CEO at TR Fastening's parent company Trifast Plc, adds: *"Having had the pleasure of meeting Ryan, seeing him in action and even having a sit on the bike myself, I'm absolutely blown away by the talent, passion and dedication that he and his team pour in to their racing."*

"As a global manufacturing business, it's wonderful for TR to be associated with a sport which champions the excellence in design and engineering which is showcased by these incredible bikes. Ryan tells us that when he develops his bike for next season, a major focus will be on lightweighting, which is an area we are heavily involved in for our Tier 1 automotive customers. We want to congratulate Ryan for a fantastic season and thank him for introducing us to the thrilling world of superbike racing!"

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings scores with new sponsorship of Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club



November 2017



Sussex-based TR Fastenings (TR) announces its sponsorship of Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club (BHAFC), based at the American Express Community Stadium in Falmer, near Brighton.

It's an exciting time for the soaring Seagulls as they debuted in the Premier League for the first time this summer and are enjoying growing commercial support from organisations passionate about sport and the community.

Local sports sponsorship is hugely beneficial for all involved, not just for brand awareness but to show commitment to the Sussex community. Commercially, this sponsorship deal also means that TR will feature on the stadium's mid-tier LEDs and become part of the club's prestigious monthly 'Network Albion' business events, which are attended by senior decision makers from across the south.

Mark Belton, CEO of TR Fastenings commented: *"It's always been important to our core values to support our local community and this sponsorship agreement represents a fantastic opportunity to be affiliated with a local football club which is experiencing phenomenal growth and achievement. We wish the team the best of luck for the remainder of the Premier League and look forward to cheering them on!"*

Russell Wood, Commercial Development Manager at BHAFC, adds: *"We are delighted to welcome TR Fastenings as a local sponsor of the club. Like all our sponsors, we aim to help them grow by showcasing their brand on a local, national and global stage. TR Fastenings are a very progressive business and we hope to work with them for many years to come."*

TR Press Release

TR kicks off more fundraising for Papworth with charity football match



November 2017



**Papworth
Hospital Charity**

Living & breathing Papworth

TR Fastenings (TR)'s European Distribution Account Manager, Nathan Parmar, is working with colleague Tom Ballan to hold a charity football match on 3rd December in order to raise funds for Papworth Hospital Charity. The cause is very dear to Nathan, as it was a specialist medical team at Papworth – a world-leading heart and lung hospital – who saved his mother's life with a double-lung and heart transplant in 2012.

The TR team's opposition will be The Brickmakers Arms 'Blaggers' from Ridgewood, who have themselves been raising money for Papworth all year with music events and football matches.

Back in March of this year, Nathan Parmar organised a team of TR colleagues and family to run the Hastings Half Marathon, in which they smashed their target by raising over £2,100. TR employees who wish to join in with the fundraiser and play at the match can contact Nathan Parmar or a member of the TR marketing team.

Nathan comments: *"Exactly five years ago we were given the devastating news by one hospital that there was nothing they could do to save her, but the amazing team at Papworth stepped in and gave her another chance at life, which we are all so grateful for. We will continue holding events to raise money for this wonderful charity and are really looking forward to seeing how much support we can get for the match in December."*

TR Press Release

Local sports clubs set to benefit from TR Holland sponsorship

December 2017



As part of an initiative to support the community surrounding its Oldenzaal site, TR Holland is embarking on sponsorship deals with two local sports clubs, Hockey Bully and Oldenzaal Water Polo club.

For Hockey Bully, a girls' hockey team, the company has joined forces with other local firms to purchase jackets for the team, in exchange for the TR Fastenings logo appearing alongside the pitch and on the club website.

For the Water Polo club, the TR sponsorship is being used to attract new younger players to the sport and the club. Sport bags featuring the TR logo will be given as a gift to any new joiners and will be sold to existing members of the club at a reduced price. TR Holland will also be providing the club with Polo caps and Hair caps.

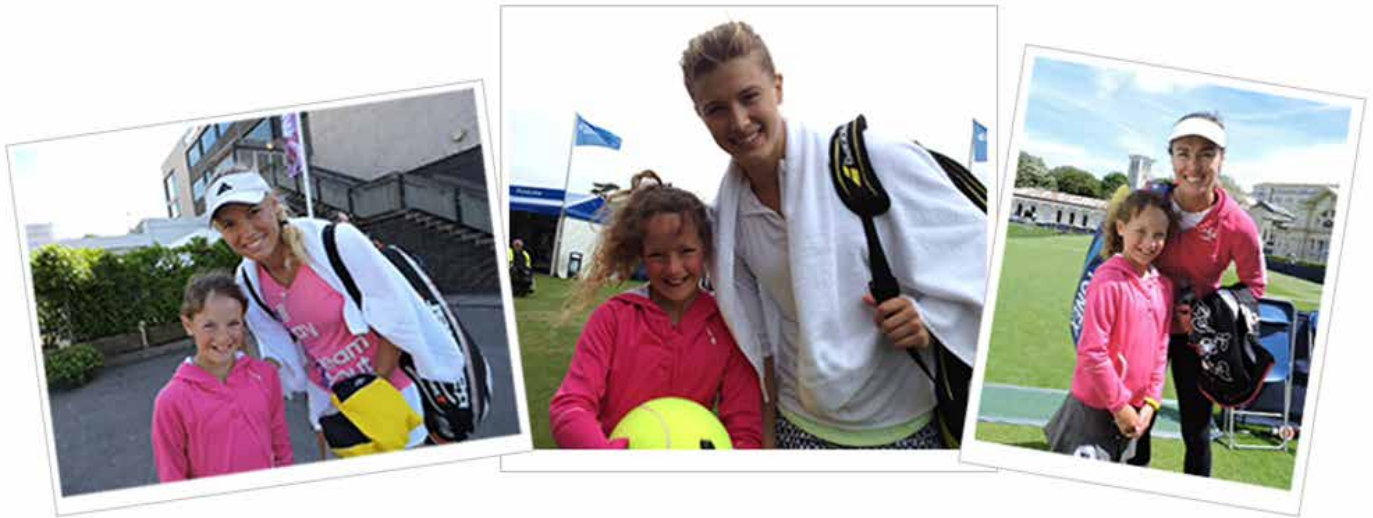
Ron Vlutters, Managing Director of TR Holland, comments: *"It is part of the ethos here at TR to support and encourage the local community, and sponsorship is a fantastic way for us to provide that assistance whilst also raising awareness of the business. Both Hockey Bully and the Water Polo club give young people and all members the chance to meet new people, work as a team and strive for greatness, all values we share at TR. We wish both teams the best of luck this season!"*

TR Press Release

TR-backed tennis prodigy continues to shine



December 2017



Amelia Devlin, 12, is currently no.2 in Sussex for her age-group

TR Fastenings is proudly continuing its sponsorships of Amelia Devlin, one of Sussex's standout young tennis stars. Amelia, who is 12, is now ranked no.2 in the county for her age group. She started playing tennis when she was four and still has the same coach, training five times a week after school and competing regularly at a regional level. Amelia has now been placed onto a new coaching plan under the team at Brighton Virgin Active, led by Rhys Hanger, one of the most respected tennis coaches in the country.



Having won a tennis scholarship to Moira House School in Eastbourne, Amelia works hard to combine her sport with her studies and currently has a place on the county squad.. As part of her mentoring, she has been invited to the national tennis centre in Roehampton, near to the sport's spiritual home at Wimbledon, where she has been assessed by tennis experts. She has also been given pointers by top coach Nigel Sears, father-in-law to British champion Andy Murray.

This summer, Amelia took part in the "Road to Wimbledon" tournament, in which talented young players from clubs across the country compete for the chance to play at Wimbledon. Amelia won her club tournament and went through to the county finals where she got to the final. She finished as runner up in the final against a powerful 14 year old opponent, but was praised for her progression to the finals and was invited to a Tim Henman tennis clinic at Wimbledon as part of her prize. Amelia is now starting

to look to the future and is attending a talk later this month to learn about scholarships to American universities, which she can apply for when she is older.

Geoff Budd, European Managing Director at TR Fastenings, commented, *"We are passionate about supporting local talent and it's been an absolute pleasure to watch Amelia's progress over the years; she's achieved so much for someone so young and will no doubt continue to climb the ranks of the sport in the future."*

Amelia added *"I feel very lucky to be able to spend so much time playing a sport I love, and I take every chance I can to get out on the court. I'm determined to get as far as I can in tennis and I really appreciate the support I get from my coaches, my family and my sponsors."*

December 2017



Six students from Ballyclare Secondary School represented Northern Ireland in the Greenpower Educational Trust's F24 Kit Car International Final. TR Fastenings supplied parts and components for the electric vehicle used by the team, who secured their place in the international grand final by winning the Northern Ireland heats in the summer and being crowned F24 All Ireland Champions.

Named 'Team Forget Fossil' to mark the ambition to overcome the world's dependence on fossil fuels, the Design and Technology Resistant Materials GCSE students from Ballyclare placed 7th in the unmodified class and modified class respectively. They faced the highest level of international competitors at the final, racing against the 65 fastest teams from a total of 600 competing in heats around the world.

The team's performance is particularly impressive as it is only the third year that Ballyclare students have competed in the F24 Kitcar project. Team Forget Fossil's triumph follows the success of the 2016 team which won the Spirit of Greenpower international award.

Des Beckington, Head of Technology at Ballyclare Secondary School, said: *"It's hard to explain how rewarding the F24 Kitcar experience can be for our students. With an emphasis on good design, the 2017 team used their course knowledge to set about improving the 2016 car without diving too deep into the electronics. For example they redesigned the chassis to significantly reduce its weight and improve the aerodynamics, resulting in faster times and a much longer battery life. This paid off on the day and every member of the team should be incredibly proud of themselves to have competed so brilliantly against some of the best kitcar teams in the world."*

Arlene Martin, Operations Manager at TR Fastenings in Northern Ireland, commented: *"Supporting young people interested in engineering is a real passion of ours and we are proud to be involved with the Ballyclare team, who did incredibly well to progress to the final this year. The Greenpower kitcar programme gives students vital skills, not only in technical areas such as design and vehicle assembly but also in teamwork and problem-solving. As a business we pride ourselves in championing these values and it's wonderful to see the next generation of engineering talent emerging."*

TR Press Release

Local lighting star Scott O'Hara named Uckfield's 'Young Person of the Year'

December 2017

TR Fastenings sponsored the category at the Uckfield Community Awards held on 11th November



TR Fastenings (TR) offers its congratulations to 15-year-old Scott O'Hara, who won the TR-sponsored 'Young Person of the year' title at the Uckfield Community awards, held last month.

The ceremony, hosted by Uckfield FM radio station at the East Sussex National on 11th November, celebrates local individuals who have contributed positively to the community or enjoyed significant personal achievements.

The title is awarded to a young person, under the age of 18, who has shown bravery in overcoming adversity or who has excelled in a certain field, demonstrating a huge personal achievement.

Scott, 15, from Uckfield, was nominated for his incredible community work, delivered via his passion for stage lighting and sound. Over the past two years, Scott has provided stage lighting and sound for his school events and shows, the Uckfield Festival and the 'Blues & Roots Festival', also in Uckfield.

Scott has applied himself not only to his lighting and sound work, but also to establishing a future career for himself as an electrician. Scott has participated in a 'training for work' placement at

Sussex Electrical Systems in Crowborough and the bosses at the firm were so impressed by his work and attitude that they offered him an apprenticeship when he leaves school next year.

This is the first time that TR has sponsored a category at the Uckfield Community Awards.

Geoff Budd, Managing Director for Europe at TR Fastenings, adds: *"It was a real honour to sponsor the Young Person of the Year category this year and it was very humbling to read all the inspiring stories about the nominees."*

"We congratulate Scott for being a worthy winner: his dedication to his craft, his passion and the help he lends to his local community are admirable, and we wish him the very best of luck for the future."

TR Press Release

TR teams get into festive fundraising spirit with Christmas charity initiatives

December 2017



TR teams from Scotland and BBP in Uckfield have been raising money for charity this year by holding festive activities and wearing Christmas jumpers to work.



In Scotland, staff took part in the national Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December, raising £171. As well as wearing their festive knits, the team held a cake sale, sweepstakes, a Christmas quiz and a 'Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar' competition.

BBP, Uckfield staff raised over £40 for the local St Wilfrid's hospice by wearing their Christmas jumpers. The team also donated advent calendars to a county-wide scheme benefitting children at Brighton's Royal Alexandra Children's hospital, organised by Reed Accountancy Brighton in partnership with Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals charity. Over 500 calendars were collected from businesses across Sussex and distributed to long-term patients at the hospital and their siblings.

Each year the Uckfield team donates money to a selection of charities instead of sending Christmas cards to their colleagues, this year the location donated to the Trevor Man Baby Unit, St Wilfred's Hospice and the Born Free Foundation.



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