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BCM Charity Auctions Success

The partners at BCM (Bays Curry McCowen) have been very busy over the past few weeks helping to raise money for charity. Though they are known for presiding over many very successful farm and farm machinery auctions, this time they gave their time and expertise freely in aid of good local causes.

Henry McCowen was the first to get one under way, raising over £10,000 at the Centenary Ball for the Treloar's Trust. Prizes included Sailing round the Isle of Wight on a BT Challenge boat for twelve people, and villa holidays in Spain and Italy.

Alastair Wilson followed with a magnificent auction in aid of Canine Partners. With major prizes including a week's holiday in the Bahamas and three nights for six in Marrakech, it is not surprising it was well supported, with the final total raised being also around the £10,000 mark.

The Partridge Trust held a Ball to fund raise for a range of local charities and another partner at BCM, Iain Curry, held an auction for them that evening raising over £6,000 for Treloar's College in Alton. Prizes included a trip out sea fishing, a children's John Deere tractor and a days fishing on the Test.

Last but not least Alastair Wilson again presided over an auction for the Countryside Alliance at the Hampshire and Country Sports Day, raising over £600.

All in all many people went away with great prizes, lots of money was raised for charity and everyone enjoyed themselves in the process – one could not ask for more!

Further information

Canine Partners aims to transform the lives of people with disabilities by partnering them with highly trained assistance dogs, enabling them to live more independently and enjoy an enhanced lifestyle

Treloar's College is a national specialist college of further education for young people aged over 16 who have physical disabilities. In this instance the money raised was to send a party of children skiing, to give them an amazing experience they would not normally be able to think of doing.

Kate Hoey is the Chairman of the Countryside Alliance

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