



Charit-Tee at Bishopswood

It's all for a good cause!

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BISHOPSWOOD GOLF COURSE
Raising thousands for charities each year



It is standard practise for a golf club captain to choose a charity (or charities) to support during their year in office; their choice of charity generally comes down to life's experiences and local interest.

Throughout the year, as well as having collection boxes on the bar, a number of events take place to raise funds. Generally around £1500.00 is raised by:

- A variety of charity branded merchandise, pin badges with golf tees and pencils and hats, being sold
- Raffles and auctions taking place at golf club events
- The Captain's Drive In – paying to place your tee in the ground and, when the captain drives the ball, if it lands nearest your tee, you win
- Quiz nights

In July we hold our annual one-day charity golf tournament which ends with an evening of food and live music. Teams participate in the golf



throughout the day competing for team and individual prizes and additional tickets are sold for the evening BBQ and live music entertainment.

Each team pays an entry fee, we ask local companies for sponsorship or a donation towards prizes and our long term suppliers get involved by donating products free of charge for catering and refreshment purposes. A great day for everyone involved, some fantastic golf is played, mouth-watering food for lunch and at the BBQ, and superb live music to finish off the day. Guests dance their way into the night, drink flows and the fund raising total grows.

Each charity generally receives in the region of £1,000 from this day alone.



Each year our Golf Pro organises a charity fund raiser that involves members and friends of Bishopswood.



To give you an example: one Saturday in July a group of 13 walkers set off from Hungerford to walk 20 miles back to the golf club in Tadley. The route took them along the Kennet and Avon Canal, through Newbury town centre (where they picked up 3 more walkers and lost 2), down to Thatcham Railway Station (picked up 5 more walkers and lost 2), stopping at The Rowbarge Pub to refill water bottles (picked up 6 more walkers and lost 1) before arriving at Bishopswood 6 hours later. How many people finished the walk? A number of blisters were reported along with aching muscles but, thanks to sponsorship and donations, over £2000 was raised for the Captain's charities.

The totals donated over the years by Bishopswood is growing, the Captain's 'club' is passed on in November when a new charity is identified and the fund raising continues.