

CHARITY YEAR 2019



**ESSEX & HERTS AIR
AMBULANCE TRUST**

HOW WE DID



For Sue's Charity Year, as you know the chosen charity has been the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust.

As Charity Officer, I have been encouraging members throughout the year to raise as much money as possible as well as selling one or two raffle tickets myself.

I am very proud to say that throughout the year there has been a great deal of fundraising. Marshals running rallies have raised money in various ways, for example, by selling bonus balls, tea & cakes and throwing a great deal of money at whisky bottles. I hope that everyone has had some fun along the way.

One member donated £500 to the fund which helped swell the coffers, thanks very much. This has already been sent direct to the Air Ambulance Trust.

Our holiday rallies, Dan's Meadow and Hunstanton, both raised substantial amounts and achieved some £700 between them.

Will & Penny held three of their famous nights out at the Indian and Chinese restaurants, and with the tickets sold plus raffle, over £1000 was raised.

Our biggest fundraising event was our Chairman's Charity Rally where some £3,000 was raised over the August Bank Holiday weekend. So many members and friends helped to raise this money by building and running the bar, offering to run stalls at the fete, book sales, a tea party, dog show, gunge tank, a grand raffle, bonus ball and food galore. A smaller, but most wonderful rally that had Great Spirit, and much fun, with everyone playing their part. Thanks to you all.

To ALL our Marshals & Ralliers, it is very important for you all to know how truly appreciative I am, of all your hard work throughout the year and that every single rally that raised money was absolutely essential to help us to achieve our fantastic total. Makes me proud to be a member of the South Essex Centre. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

At the AGM, Sue Maran presented a cheque to Derek Smith, a Volunteer for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust. After which, Derek gave us a short informative talk about the work that the Air Ambulance does and the costs involved, which are staggering.

