

We've reached our Target!!

2020 has not been a good year, particularly for raising money for Charity, but Stoke AA set a hard target for its charity, The Macmillan Unit at Yeovil District Hospital, of £1000.00. Last Sunday's charity match on Stoke Pond raised £190.00 on the day bringing the Grand Total to £1,006.00.

This has been a wonderful effort for all concerned but I would like outline some key factors that made all this possible;

The bulk of the money came from all those members that fished our charity matches turning out on sometimes difficult days to fish. Under normal circumstances to fish a lake would require a considerable sum to pay by way of pegging fees. Not so the case for Stoke Pond however as through the kindness of Rob Hebditch and family we were given free access to the pond at any time we wished to hold a charity match. So first and foremost we must wholeheartedly thank the Hebditch Family for their kindness thankyou Rob and Harry.

Secondly a big thankyou also goes to the members of Stoke AA who fished the matches sometimes going beyond the call of duty to raise extra money. Our thanks also go out to the following contributors;

The Ilminster Boys Breakfast Club who raised the best part of £100 through our match season – well done Terry the Toast, Jamie (have I won again?) Rich, Steve (the pole) Parker and Baz (the silvers man) Morgan!!!

Steve Chant, PR Floats South West and friends for holding a charity match at Covey Fisheries.

Adam Chamberlain and HMS Heron AC for allowing a charity match on their private lake waiving a pegging fee in favour of the charity – thanks Adam.

Andy Downton who ran an Open Match on the Kings Sedgemoor Drain which raised a welcome sum for the charity – thanks mate.

Private members' (keep the change) donations – thankyou Chris Norton and Andrew Phillip to name but a couple (sorry if I've missed anyone out).

Private members' pledges in lieu of not being able to fish during covid 19 lockdown 2 – thanks Harry and Chris.

Private member's pledge who couldn't make the last match – thanks Andy Burns.

There may be others who I have failed to mention for which I apologise but you can all pat yourselves on the back knowing that you have contributed to a great cause. Harry Hebditch and I will be making the presentation to the YDH Charity in the New Year.

Thanks again, Tightlines and a Happy and safe New Year.