



The Ben Williams Trust was founded in 2006 following Ben's death at the age of 14 from a rare heart muscle disorder. The Trust provides funding to support children and young adults who are suffering from arrhythmias (abnormal heart rhythms), to help them and their families live as normal a life as possible. It has funded two ground-breaking new posts at the Royal Brompton Hospital, a paediatric electrophysiology nurse specialist and a clinical psychologist. The success of these roles has resulted in them attracting mainstream NHS funding, and further similar roles being introduced. The Trust also supports youth cricket with a particular emphasis on wicketkeeping. Three beneficiaries of its programmes are currently playing county cricket.

Chairman's message from Phil Williams

NHS England's review of the provision of Congenital Heart Disease services has dominated the Trust's agenda for 2017. It has been particularly frustrating that we have been unable to move forward our plans to support children affected by arrhythmia and their families pending the outcome of the review.

I am pleased to be able to report that at the time of writing, it has just been announced that the threat to the provision of children's services from the Royal Brompton has again been lifted, and the hospital has exciting and ambitious plans to develop its services to new standards of excellence.

We are therefore looking forward to working with the team at the Brompton to deliver our next project, for which we have earmarked £100,000, in the new year.

Meanwhile, the nurse specialist and clinical psychologist roles, created and initially funded by the Trust, continue to play a core role in the Royal Brompton's ever-growing service.

Thanks to all for your continuing support

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Fundraising

The collective efforts of Trust supporters have enable us to raise £385,000 towards our nominated causes. Here are a few of the highlights from the last twelve months...

Lloyd's community awards

Each year, Lloyd's of London awards grants to charities in recognition of work that members of the insurance community have done in support of their chosen good causes. In December 2016, out of nearly 300

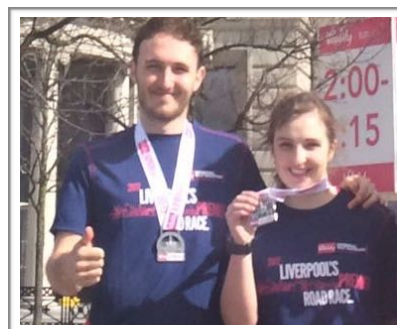


applications, one of the twenty awards was to recognise Dawn Herbert for the work that she has done in support of the Trust. And in addition to the award of £2,000 that Dawn collected at a reception on the underwriting floor, her employer Chaucer has awarded a further £1,000. A great Christmas bonus for the Trust, and our thanks to Dawn, Lloyd's of London and Chaucer.

Christmas sale

Clare Taylor's Christmas wreaths were as popular as ever with her and her team making and selling 54 in support of the 2016 Christmas sale on 10 December at Crofton. The event raised £3,000, and once again we are hugely grateful to Clare, her helpers and everyone who supported the event to help make it such a success.

Marathon month



April 2017 was a marathon month for the Trust. On 2 April, Ben's cousins Ellie and Owen ran the Liverpool half marathon in 2 hours 55 minutes and 2 hours 6 minutes respectively, raising over £800 for the Trust. And on 9 April, Ben's cousin Sarah completed the Paris marathon in 4 hours 36 minutes raising over £1,750 for the Trust.

