Charities unite to keep Bassetlaw warm

The Rotary Club of Retford has presented Bassetlaw Action Centre with a cheque for £3,500 to support local residents with their Keeping Warm and Well service. The project provides free energy surveys that identify cost cutting opportunities and check eligibility for further help. It works to identify the people most at risk of harm due to an inability to keep warm and give them the tools they need to stay healthy and comfortable.

Rotary Club of Retford President Geraldine Matthews said "Rotary supports local initiatives in our communities to promote health and wellbeing. The Keeping Warm and Well project sits alongside our support for the homeless, the food bank and memory clubs. We are delighted to use cash raised at our charity golf day alongside funds from the Rotary Foundation to make this project work over the cold winter months."

Bassetlaw Action Centre CEO Lynn Tupling added "Last year an estimated 11.4% of households in Bassetlaw were considered to be in fuel poverty and with rising costs that number will only increase. It is important that we respond to that and identify where savings can be made and help provided. This generous donation will allow us to reach those most in need and provide the assistance required."

This is not the first time that The Rotary Club of Retford has worked with Bassetlaw Action Centre. They have previously provided funding for an electric charging point that enables the local charity's Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle to be fully electric, helping the environment and, by reducing costs, keeping prices affordable for Bassetlaw residents.

Rotary Club of Retford Foundation Officer Andrew Avery, who presented the cheque to Lynn Tupling at their weekly meeting, said "We are very pleased to work with Bassetlaw Action Centre who have the skills and expertise to intervene to help those in need."

The Keeping Warm and Well service is available to Bassetlaw residents who would like to know how to be energy efficient and reduce fuel bills. To complete a needs assessment and energy efficiency survey or to find out more please call 01777 709650 or email enquiries@actioncentre.org.uk.

About Bassetlaw Action Centre

Bassetlaw Action Centre is a community resource agency offering help and support to individuals and organisations throughout Bassetlaw; promoting the independence of older and vulnerable people and supporting individuals with long term conditions. It provides a number of different services, including community transport, minibus trips, benefits assistance, Housing Choices and a Home Support service. It recently expanded to offer the Supported Hospital Discharge Service throughout Nottinghamshire. **For more information about Bassetlaw Action centre please contact Harriet Ennis at** hennis@actioncentre.org.uk

About The Rotary Club of Retford

The Rotary Club of Retford is part of a network of over 35,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide which provide charitable support and service to a variety of good causes in their local area and worldwide, as well as providing friendship and fellowship to members. The club engages in a number of philanthropic activities throughout the year and seeks to benefit local, national and international charities, community organisations, families and individuals. They raise and disperse in the region of £100,000 every year.

For more information about The Rotary Club of Retford please contact Andrew Avery at avery100@btinternet.com

Below – the cheque handing-over



[Above] Left-right: Margerie Crooks, Andrew Avery, Lynn Tupling (BAC CEO). Mike David and Neil Grayton.