

Chicken Runners!



YOU can run for us – check our website to find an event!

There have been some *marathon* efforts from our supporters this Spring. First, Mark Eshelby and Dave Nelson took on the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 6th April – and not only did they complete the race, they did it dressed as chickens! Mark and Dave have *already* raised thousands of pounds for Finley's Touch in other ways, but they are such good eggs they couldn't resist a fresh challenge – and this time brought in over £6500!

Meanwhile on 13th April, our supporter Alex Keegan tackled the Norfolk marathon. And that's not just *any* race – it includes 400m of elevation, which is a *lot* of running up hill. Alex smashed his target and raised over £1000 – good job his dog Igor was there to provide some CPR afterwards!

Total Help Given (as of April 2025):

Grants Issued: £141,000 Hospital Survival Bags: 271 National Trust Memberships: 178



Driving Force

Our supporters are in all kinds of hobby groups and we're delighted to add The West Sussex MG Owners' Club to that distinguished list. Our co-founder Ben zoomed along to

their celebration evening – unfortunately in a sensible Volvo, not an MG – to receive this pleasingly large cheque for £550. Thanks everyone – we *wheely* appreciate your support.



Skip Skip Hooray

And if you're too young for a driving licence, what better way to get around than skipping?

10th Haywards Heath Guides *roped* themselves into a unique challenge with a Sponsored Skipathon in March. They raised a huge £165 which made us jump for joy!



To Be Frank...



We know lots of people are keen to see our Patron Al Murray's live shows – but most people don't walk over 23 miles to get to a gig! Our Ambassador and regular fundraiser Frank Hall enlisted friends Eddie White and Paul Crofts to perform the incredible feat of walking from Matlock Bath to Buxton Opera House in March. Their (very hilly) trek saw them arrive at the theatre in time for a pint with the Pub Landlord – and they even shook charity buckets at the gig to raise

even more cash. They absolutely blew us away with their final total, which topped the £10,000 mark! We know Mike Gaudern, our Head of Chicken Patrol Colorado Branch, made some extremely generous financial contributions to help get them on their way, so huge thanks to Mike too. Frank, Eddie and Paul, the pints are on us when we see you next.



Game for a Laugh

What happens when you put Second World War enthusiasts together with podcast producers extraordinaire Goalhanger, in a Chiswick pub, with Wargaming experts Stone Paper Scissors? Fighting for Finley, of course!

In April, teams recreated the battles of Arnhem and Nijmegen but there was only one real winner – Finley's Touch! Proceeds were over £1000 – huge thanks to Laura, Joey and Alex for making it happen.



Big HONK out to...



These incredible fundraisers...

Jason Russell for his talk with Thomas Pakenham that raised £1000

Warden Park Primary Academy for raising over £400

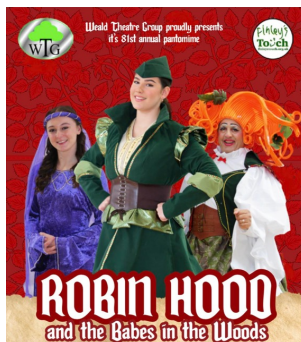
InstaGroup's £50k (!) donation from the Battle of the Commentators Lunch

Lindfield Cricket Club for their continued support

Haywards Heath Lions Club for their Swimathon

Panto Raises £2k? Oh Yes They Did!

There are certainly no villains to boo at among the Weald Theatre Group – their production of Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood at Wivelsfield Village Hall in January raised £2000. The group has been performing for over 80 years – and they're back again next year with Puss In Boots. Roll on January 2026!



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If you'd like to know more just get in touch, or if you know someone who'd like to help please pass my contact details on.

Thank You

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We need at least £15,000 a month to keep our important work going - please donate or fundraise if you can!