

Fortnam Smith and Banwell to host coffee morning for Weldmar Hospiscare Trust

- Friday 30th September at Charmouth office for Dorset charity

The Charmouth office of Fortnam Smith and Banwell, **team** estate agent, is to host a coffeemorning on Friday 30th September to help raise funds for Weldmar Hospiscare Trust, the only charity providing specialist palliative care to people in North, South and West Dorset.



Formed from the merger of three former charities in 2003/ 2004 – CancerCare Dorset (formerly West Dorset Macmillan Service), Joseph Weld Hospice and Trimar Hospice, Weldmar Hospiscare Trust is an independent charity, which provides support for people in Dorset affected by Cancer and other life-limiting conditions. 30% of the charity's funding comes from the NHS while it relies on local fundraising and donations for the remaining 70%.

Working with patients and their families, the Trust provides support for patients living at home through its specialist nursing service, via social groups and at its Day Hospices in Weymouth, Dorchester and Shaftesbury while those in need of in-patient services stay at Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester for symptom control, respite or end of life care.

A collection of doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, complementary therapists, art and music therapists, social workers, family support workers, bereavement workers, chaplains, drivers and over 250 patient care volunteers work together to provide the valuable nursing and medical support services, meeting not just the physical needs of patients but also providing financial, emotional and practical help for them and their families.

Support is provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is completely free of charge. The Trust works hard to ensure the hospices are not all doom and gloom, but full of laughter, love, safety and comfort with the opportunity to enjoy new interests, companionship and social activities whilst giving those at home a break.

The highly reputed Charmouth office of Fortnam Smith and Banwell has held four previous coffeemornings, each a huge success with raffle prizes kindly donated by fellow businesses as well as tea, coffee, cake and lots of chatting. The estate agency's coffee morning on 30th September comes with an open invitation to residents, friends, family, colleagues, associates and other traders in the village and surrounding areas, and promises to be an enjoyable morning.



Teresa Noel, director of the popular agency, said: "Coffee mornings are a great way to meet those who live in and around the village and catch up with past, present and future clients as well as friends and family, colleagues and other traders. We're looking forward to serving up plenty of coffee and cake on the 30th in support of such a worthwhile cause. We've all been touched by Cancer in one way or another and we're pleased that we're able to help by donating every penny we raise to the charity. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!"

For further information, pop into Fortnam Smith and Banwell at 2 The Arcade on The Street in Charmouth or call the agency on 01297 560945.

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In the photograph: Teresa Noel with guests, and PCSO Mark Jones with cake at the agency's previous coffee mornings

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Notes to editors:

Westcountry **team** is part of **team** Association, the largest organisation for independent estate agents in the UK, with hundreds of members. Westcountry **team** covers Cornwall, Devon and West Dorset, and consists of 59 members at this time, all of which work together to sell property for clients, and are actively committed to their nominated charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. **team**'s 'blue sky' image, with transparent team logo on a blue sky background reflects the association's and each individual agent's commitment to providing a clear, transparent service to their clients and conducting business in a straightforward, honest and professional way.

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