

Prestigious Mayfair award for Wood's charity work

Wood's, **team** estate agents, auctioneers and quality property specialists with five branches across mid Devon, has been presented with a prestigious award from Mayfair Office, the leading national network of independent estate agents and chartered surveyors.



The Jenny Murray Punchbowl is awarded to the Mayfair Office member firm that has done the most for charity over the year. The award was presented at the group's Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the RAF Club in London's Piccadilly. The trophy reflects a deep spirit of social involvement and underlines the significant benefits that commercial organisations can provide to their communities.

"We are really thrilled to receive this award" said Richard Copus, director of Copus Woods, who leapt to accept the Punchbowl on behalf of the popular firm. "The charities our staff choose to support – some local and others not so local - are all close to their hearts, whether they have children, have seen the affects of Cancer or have loved ones at war.

"This has been one of the most challenging years ever in the property industry and one that I never wish to repeat. Yet despite the extremely harsh trading conditions brought on by the credit crunch we have not been diverted from our goal to pull together as a team and help make a difference to those who are really up against it."

Wood's latest campaign, the Woody Bear appeal will see hundreds of soft 'Woody' teddy bears shared between children's charities this Christmas. In the lead up to the holidays, for each market valuation carried out by Wood's – in both its sales and lettings departments - a Woody Bear will be donated to the appeal for Families for Children, All Star Kids, Jeremiah's Journey, The Children's Trust, CLIC Sergeant and Blythswood.

A life-size Woody Bear is attending Christmas events and travelling around local communities in the lead up to Christmas to boost the campaign.

Other fund raising this year included the Wood's-sponsored, now renowned Annual Charity Ball in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and Help for Heroes - organised by formidable fundraising partners Joyce Sharpe, former Wood's admin manager and Sarah Thomas, Wood's charity events co-ordinator and administrator. The 2009 Ball raised £5,000 for the charities. Wood's hosted a coffee morning with the support from the local community, and staff also took part in the Stride Devon sponsored walk for Cancer Research UK.



Sarah Thomas, based in Newton Abbot, said: "Our fundraising efforts have not only been hugely beneficial for our chosen charities, they have been very satisfying for us and have helped to bring us together as a team, which in turn has increased our productivity during a very testing time. Charity work is great because everyone wins."

For further information, contact Sarah at the Newton Abbot office on 01626 336633. To arrange a no-obligation market valuation or to view a property for sale, contact your local Wood's office or visit www.teamprop.co.uk.

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In the photographs: Joyce Sharpe and Sarah Thomas; Richard Copus receiving the Mayfair Office Award from Nick Churton, chairman and managing director

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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 70+ 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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