

Woody Bear out and about for children's charities

Woody Bear, the life-size fluffy charity figurehead of Wood's **team** estate agents and auctioneers in Newton Abbot, has been out and about already this spring in aid of children's charities.

On 28th March, Woody joined 20 other mascots in the Mascot Race at Wincanton Racecourse's Family Day Race Meeting. Everyone enjoyed an excellent day out with the entertaining collection of mascots - bears including Woody and The Children's Trust's Barney, dogs including the Trusts' Tadworth the Hound and a boxing dog named Elvis, along with lions, a cat, an Indian, a dolphin, a pair of Leprechauns and a very mischievous fox.



After a vigorous warm-up, Woody came second in the race to the mischievous fox then challenged the fox to another race – this time on blow-up ducks. Videos of Woody and his friends at the race show just what a fun day it was – see the videos at www.youtube.com and search for Woody Bear.

A week later, on 6th April, Woody attended the Families for Children Easter Egg Hunt, which took place at Hill House Nursery near Ashburton. Woody helped the children find stickers hidden around the gardens, and after finding all the stickers Woody gave each of the children – some adopted through the agency and some from the local community – a Woody teddy bear and a Woody mug filled with chocolate eggs as a prize, collected from Wood's Woody Bear Spring Appeal, launched in February.

Sarah Thomas, charity organiser at Woods Estate Agents in Newton Abbot, said: "I am thrilled that Woody came second in the Mascot Race at Wincanton – it was a really excellent day, the mascots provided entertainment throughout the day for the crowds and all in all, the race raised around £1,000 for The Children's Trust, which will go towards caring for children in need."

Woody will be taking part in another Mascot Race - at the Family Race Day at Fontwell Park Racecourse near Chichester on 30th May in aid of The Children's Trust, Tadworth, Surrey. The 7' tall fluffy bear will be attending Newton Abbot's Festival 21-23 May and Carnival 3 – 10 July, and will also take part in the Families for Children 3-legged race at Pennywell Farm, Buckfastleigh on

Saturday 5th June – part of a Guinness World Record attempt for the largest three-legged race taking place in four venues in the Westcountry, in celebration and support of National Family Week.

For further information, to arrange a no-obligation valuation or to view a property for sale with Wood's, **team** estate agents and auctioneers, contact the Newton Abbot office on 01626 336633 or pop into any branch of The Wood's Group. Visit Woody's web site at www.woodybear.co.uk.

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In the photographs: Woody Bear with the other mascots at the Wincanton Racecourse Family Day Race Meeting

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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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