



Taking the 'dis' out of disability

The Summer that Rocked!

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New kids on the block, **Kent & Sussex** came in with archery and sailing; while in the **North-West** – Manchester Liverpool corridor - we had sailing, archery, quad-biking and air-rifle shooting under the enthusiastic guidance of our new Area Organisers Nikki and Mick Hanham.

We'll be building on those successes with more of the same and some new stuff in 2009. Bigger better programmes are on the drawing board now.

Latest news: both **Oxfordshire and Scotland** have committed sponsors, so lookout for new programmes of activities there. We're already looking at sailing, gliding, falconry and quad-biking

Keep checking the website for full details and dates. **And remember: All the events are totally free to people with paralysis.**

New Signature Sponsor



We're delighted to announce that **Signwaves**, one of the country's leading design and manufacturers of display material, have publicly offered support for Sportability.

For many years the team there, lead by Mark Ford, MD, have been real friends to the Charity, supplying us with banners and some superb roller display stands.

They've also fund-raised unstintingly on our behalf.

Now they've adopted us as their in-house charity.

Thanks guys, it really means a lot!

For more info check out:
www.signwavesgroup.com

More Thank You's

There are a lot of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep Sportability operationally active and

financially viable. Make no mistake; we couldn't exist without this support.

The 2008 donors (many of them Charitable Trusts) included: **Andrew Bonar CT, Baron Davenport's Charity, Harebel Centenary Fund, Bartlett Taylor CT, E H Smith CT, Sony UK Ltd. Harris CT, Elmgrant Trust, James Wise CT, Ladbrokes CT, Imperial Tobacco Community Investment, Mr & Mrs J Pye's CT, Anthony Travis CT, N M Rothschild & Sons Ltd. Helen Jean Cope Trust, Leach No.14 Trust, Reuben Foundation, Nationwide Bld. Soc. Owen Willis CT, J P Jacobs CT, Matthews Wrightson CT, Rachel CT, Eric Evans Memorial Trust, Roger Brooke CT, Langtree Trust, Mulberry Trust, Bisgood CT, Coultts CT, Tomkins Plc. Tony Metherell CT, Sydney Black CT, Wavell Wakefield & Middlesex Sports Foundation.**

Some people have sent unsolicited and anonymous donations; others have offered goods and services as prizes for our auctions and raffles.

To **Dyson**, the vacuum cleaner specialists, **Arsenal Football Club, Chelsea Football Club, Burhill Golf Club, Bushey Hall Golf Club, Stoke Park Golf Club, Barnham Broome Golf Club, Sea France** the cross-channel ferry company and many more.

Still others have given time and energy to support us, or actively fund-raise. Sadly we can't name everyone here, but here's a selection:

To **Deryck, Nigel, Brew, Alan, Shaun and Richard** for a fantastic season of golf tournaments.

To **Lynne Thompson** and the staff at **Changes Search** employment consultancy - a fantastic ongoing effort; and Michelle, new owner of **Sport & Educational Travel**, who took timeout for our golf tournaments.

To all of you, and for those that we couldn't name here, **"very many thanks"**. We couldn't do it without you.

Showing Off!



We made an exhibition of ourselves a couple of times last year.

First, we took Sportability on the road to the Outdoor Lifestyle Show, near Bournemouth. This was a three-day

event aimed at the general leisure market.

We also showed at the Reading MS exhibition – Over the Garden Gate. This was a more specific marketing exercise, showcasing sport, aids and activities for people with disabilities.

Just another way of getting the message across and we certainly got to meet and greet some new people.

And Shooting Off!

An extract from the Christchurch Gun Club newsletter....

.... A total of 16 (Sportability) members took part in the shooting.



Martin Hadley shooting underlever

Did our visitors enjoy their day out? Here's a selection of comments received:

"It was my birthday yesterday and you all certainly made it a good one"

"We have had the most brilliant day. Thank you very much and please pass on our thanks to all those people who gave up their free time to teach us"

"I had a great day and would like you to tell all your members how good it was of them to have us there."

"Many thanks for putting on Sunday. I certainly enjoyed it and from the smiling faces I would guess that the others did as well."

I'm sure that all the CGC members who turned out to make the Sportability visit such a success will agree when I say that it wasn't just the visitors who got a 'buzz'. We all enjoyed ourselves tremendously. It was our privilege to be able to help.

Editor: Thanks CGC it was a terrific day. And with your help, we look forward to making more 'shooting stars' in 2009.

