

Legal eagles go the extra mile for charity

A HAMPSHIRE law firm presented a cheque for nearly £2,000 to help youngsters born with heart defects.

The group of nine staff from Warner Goodman LLP tackled ten miles of the Great South Run in order to raise the sum for Southampton's Families of Ocean Ward Charity.

The money raised will go towards supporting families both emotionally and financially on the children's heart unit at Southampton General Hospital, which was saved from the axe in July, following the *Daily Echo's* Have a Heart campaign.

Sam Prior, chairman and trustee of the charity, said: "We really appreciate what Warner Goodman has done for us and the lengths they have gone to encourage their employees to raise money means a lot because we are a small charity. To have people who feel passionate about helping us is really great for us and the money will be well received."



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HAMPSHIRE: Trust reveals 6,000 horses and ponies nationally face being abandoned

MP puts his weight behind plight of unwanted horses

A HAMPSHIRE MP has highlighted the plight of unwanted horses.

Former energy secretary Chris Huhne was at the Epona Trust at Allington Lane in West End as he revealed 6,000 horses and ponies faced being abandoned across the country.

The Eastleigh MP has teamed up with the trust, which specialises in equine rescue and rehabilitation, in a bid to raise awareness of the crisis.

It comes as six key animal welfare charities warned of neglect caused by

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irresponsible breeding, spiralling care bills, the wet and cold weather and rock-bottom sale prices.

Mr Huhne was given a tour of the trust headquarters, based at the Russells Equestrian Centre, and shown two horses, Severn and Crunchie, who have both been rescued after being abandoned.

He said: "The cases of Severn and Crunchie are truly appalling, but sadly

this is not uncommon. We must get a grip on this problem before the situation gets totally out of hand and more horses are needlessly neglected, or worse.

"The RSPCA and Eastleigh Borough Council have done excellent work to combat illegal horse tethering, but I'm afraid this is just the tip of the iceberg and councils need help from Government to crack down on this sort of practice.

"There should be stricter controls on horse ownership, with better enforcement on horse imports and exports.

"We should also look again at the Tripartite agreement between the UK, Ireland and France – this allows the import and export of vulnerable horses and ponies into and out of the three countries without health certificates."

"I'd urge anyone buying a horse to think carefully about it and to check whether they really have the resources to look after it properly in the long-term? The Epona Trust says it costs at least £3,000 a year."



WARNING: Chris Huhne at the trust with Severn and Crunchie.

Scientists scoop national award

A WATER-saving cleaning system devised by Hampshire scientists has won a prestigious national award.

The revolutionary ultrasonic StarStream was recognised at the 2012 Institute of Chemical Engineers Awards for its potential to cut energy costs and reduce water use.

The system, invented by researchers at the University of Southampton, makes water more efficient for cleaning by creating tiny bubbles which automatically scrub surfaces.

It is the second major award for

the team, who were given £250,000 towards its development last year by the Royal Society for scooping the Brian Mercer Award for Innovation.

Doctors Peter Birkin and Doug Offin, from the chemistry department, and Professor Tim Leighton from the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research, picked up the award in the Veolia Water Management and Supply category from TV presenter Colin Murray, beating firms including GlaxoSmithKline and Scottish Water.

InCourt

Recent cases from Basingstoke Magistrates Court:

Robert Morris, 48, of Jewry Street, Winchester, theft of perfume valued at £131 from Debenhams, fined £80, victim surcharge £20.

Timothy Brooks, 34, of Bar End Road, Winchester, threatening behaviour, fined £35.

Mitchell Standen, 19, of Ringlet Way, Winnall, possession of cannabis, fined £45, victim surcharge £20.

Paul Moth, 31, of Kiln Lane, Otterbourne, theft of four packs of razor blades from Boots, in Winchester, compensation of £71.88, costs £40.

Shannon Harris, 19, of Hyde Gate, Hyde, failed to surrender can of Strongbow cider to community support officer, fined £55, victim surcharge £15, costs £40.

Nicholas Wheeler, 39, of no fixed abode, threatening behaviour to Liz Howe, obstructing Police Sgt John Stribley, fined £300, victim surcharge £20.

Michelle Jenner, 46, of Wolfe Close, Stanmore, stole alcohol worth £50 from Sainsbury's, assaulted Elaine Walker and Navin Gurung, community order with six-month alcohol treatment requirement, compensation to Ms Walker of £100.

Jonathan Airey, of Hammonds Lane, Ropley, failed to notify DVLA of change of vehicle ownership, fined £200, victim surcharge £15, costs £90.

Gillian Bowyer, of Old Hillside Road, Teg Down, failed to notify DVLA of change of vehicle ownership, fined £200, victim surcharge £15, costs £90.

Matthew Cobb, 36, of Newdown Farm Cottages, Micheldever, failed to notify DVLA of change of vehicle ownership, fined £200, victim surcharge £15, costs £90.

Kirsten Jolliffe, 21, of Highcroft Road, Winchester, failed to surrender after payment cheque bounced, fined £50, pay back excise duty £67.50, costs £25.

Peter Lynch, 81, of Grosvenor Drive, Winchester, failed to notify DVLA of change of vehicle ownership, fined £35, victim surcharge £15.

Robert Shearman, 35, of Teg Down Meads, Winchester, drive a car on Badger Farm Road without a licence, fined £400, pay back excise duty of £32.50, costs £90.

Michael Barnett, 35, of Wykeham Place, Stanmore, possession of cannabis, fined £70, victim surcharge £15.

Timothy Gates, 48, of Ebdon Road, Winnall, threatening behaviour, restraining order not to contact Kezia Hoffman, fined £70, victim surcharge £20.

Mark Pattison, 38, of Cromwell Road, Stanmore, threatening behaviour to Sally Sadler, fined £180, victim surcharge £20, costs £85.

Michelle Humble, 27, of Chesil Street, Winchester, stole £6.99 bottle of Pinot Grigio from Marks & Spencer, threatening behaviour, assault PC Robert Waller, community order with alcohol treatment requirement for six months, victim surcharge £15.

Brian Kelly, 38, of Gordon Avenue, Highcliffe, criminal damage to property in Ringlet Way, Winnall, conditional discharge for 18 months, compensation of £100 to Cindy Chalker, victim surcharge £20.

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