

## Raising funds for Coping with Cancer

# Coping with Cancer benefits from Woodlands Nursery & Garden Centre as Charity of the Year 2010

Staff at Woodlands Nursery & Garden Centre, near Hinckley in Leicestershire selected Coping with Cancer in Leicestershire and Rutland as one of their two local charities to support for 2010. Woodlands, which is located just outside Hinckley in Leicestershire, occupies 18 acres of grounds and is staffed by more than 150 knowledgeable members of staff. The garden centre started as a nursery in 1978, growing bedding plants and tomatoes. The garden centre was launched in 2002.

## Collection Cans

Throughout the year, Woodlands arranged for us to have a number of can collection weekends, as well as allowing us to place cans on their checkouts and customer service desk throughout the year. During the year, thanks to the generosity of Woodlands customers, our cans brought in over £2000 for Coping with Cancer.



Jane Hagreen, Fundraiser for Coping with Cancer, said: "We have been delighted by the amount of money that has been raised by the Woodlands staff and through the generosity of their customers during the past year. Coping with Cancer greatly relies on enthusiastic support from local businesses and the money will be used to help fund the free services we offer to local cancer patients, their families and carers in Leicestershire and Rutland."

## Fundraising Weekend

Our charity weekend at Woodlands Garden Centre & Nursery on the 5th & 6th June was a HUGE success! Woodlands provided space for us to hold an awareness stall, a therapy 'taster-zone' for customers to experience Indian head massage and reflexology, and a huge bottle tombola. The staff at Woodlands joined in the fun by dressing up as pirates and organising a treasure hunt and colouring competition for the children. Over the two days we raised over £1200. The weekend was the highlight of our charity year with Woodlands.



## Staff Sponsored Walk

Over the same weekend in June, a number of Woodlands staff organised a sponsored walk through the Peak District in Derbyshire. A further £600 was raised to add to our total.

## Centre Activities

Staff at the centre organised a number of initiatives themselves during the year, including forestry demonstrations, nursery tours, a raffle and fancy-dress bucket collections over bank holiday weekends in their restaurant.

On 14th February 2011, staff at Woodlands presented Coping with Cancer with a cheque for £4426.49, the total raised during the year.

Natalie Geary, Operations Manager at Woodlands, said: "Coping with Cancer is a charity that is well supported by the local community and we were keen to raise money for such a worthy cause. We would like to thank all of our staff and customers for their generosity throughout the year. This is the first year we have supported the charity, so we were delighted with this excellent response."

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