



'RAISING £1,000,000 FOR UK CHARITIES IN 2018'

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Charity Reception Held at The Nasir Mosque Hartlepool

With just a week to go until the annual Charity Walk for Peace on April 29th at Windsor Great Park, a special **Charity Reception Dinner** was held on Wednesday April 18th 2018 at the Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool to a packed hall of dignitaries and guests from the local and surrounding areas.

Civic dignitaries, including Cllr. Paul Beck, Mayor of Hartlepool, Cllr. Jan Taylor, Mayor of Darlington and Cllr. Bill Kellett, the Chairman and Mayor of Durham attended alongside charity representatives and community groups.

The Charity Reception provided an opportunity for participants to meet the organisers and sponsors of the annual Charity Walk for Peace and with the objective of introducing them to this year's National Walk, its aims and objectives, and its fundraising efforts throughout the previous year.

The organisers of the walk explained that during the past 28 years they have been holding these walks throughout the country, with one being held in Hartlepool, and in the past five years the Charity Walk for Peace has raised £1.3 million pounds and donated to 136 local, national and mayoral charities including £250,000 to her majesty's charitable cause. They further explained how they are planning to hold a regional walk in Hartlepool next year, to donate to enhance the funding for local charities.

The three respective Mayors addressed the guests on their own respected charities and why they chose them specifically this year.

Local charities, including Alice House Hospice, Artium, Epilepsy Outlook, Friends of Hartlepool Wild Green Spaces, the Great North Air Ambulance and the Wharton Trust, all spoke about their respective charities and their involvement in this years Charity Walk for Peace.

Mr. Tahir Selby, Imam of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool, spoke on the importance of the Charity Receptions and how it brings together many representatives to speak about their respective charities. He acknowledged the excellent work that these charities are doing to serve mankind.

This year's Charity Walk for Peace carries a truly 'ROYAL' theme as it falls between Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday and the upcoming Royal Wedding in May.

The Chairman of the Charity Walk for Peace, Mr. Zaheer Ahmed, said:

"This year's Charity Walk for Peace carries a special emotion for us all as it is being held in Windsor Great Park and follows Her Majesty the Queen's birthday and precedes the upcoming Royal Wedding in May.

We are delighted to be in the middle of two 'ROYAL CELEBRATIONS' and as we are raising a £1,000,000 for UK Charities, it makes this year's walk very unique and special. We are very much looking forward to the 5,000 plus participants on the day on April 29th."

Guest speakers at the Charity Reception Dinner included:

- Cllr. Bill Kellett, Chairman and Mayor of Durham
- Cllr. Jan Taylor, the Mayor of Darlington
- Cllr. Katie Newman
- Cllr. Paul Beck, the Mayor of Hartlepool

Participating charities at the Charity Reception who addressed the guests included:

- Janice Forbes, Alice House Hospice
- Colin Thompson, Artrium
- Jacqui Gettings, Epilepsy Outlook
- Anne Brown, Friends of Hartlepool Wild Green Spaces
- Theresa Driver, The Wharton Trust
- Father Graeme, St. Oswald's Church
- Christine Eddows, Peace & Justice Group

All community groups, charities, school and supporting organisations are invited to join us and help raise funds for the many hundreds of deserving charities across the UK.

CHARITY WALK FOR PEACE FACTS

- £685,000 raised for UK Charities in 2017
- Now in its 30th year raising funds for Charities across the UK
- A target of a £1,000,000 set for 2018
- 100% raised goes to the charities. All administrative costs are met by AMEA UK – the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association UK.
- The walk succeeds Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday and precedes the Royal Wedding in May, being held in Windsor, it carries a very 'Royal' theme.
- Over 5,000 participants from Mayors, police, community groups, charities, faith groups and members of the public are taking part in the walk.
- Walk being held in association with Runnymede Borough Council and the Mayor of Runnymede.

TO REGISTER FOR THE CHARITY WALK FOR PEACE, please visit:
www.charitywalkforpeace.org

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Cllr. Bill Kellett, Chairman and Mayor of Durham



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Father Graeme, St. Oswald's Church



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Mr. Tahir Selby, Imam of the Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool



Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, Chairman of the Charity Walk for Peace