

Press Release

Young People In Hailsham Walk The Walk For Charity

A group of young people from Hailsham took to the hills last weekend to help raise funds for St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Members of Hailsham Youth Council were joined by youth workers on Saturday 11th June 2011 for a 10km step out from Cuckmere Valley, over the Seven Sisters, through Birling Gap and finishing at Beachy Head, raising funds for essential in-patient unit and hospice at home services provided by St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Money raised from the sponsored walk will also go towards funding for a coach trip to Gournay-en-Bray for youth councilors in July, to celebrate the twin town's annual St Clair Festival.

Youth project coordinator Andy Joyes said, "The weather was good and young people and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the day."

"The sponsored walk was an excellent idea, as not only was it a useful team building exercise, it got the young people involved with a very worthy local charity. My colleagues and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part."

Inspired by this walk for charity, Hailsham youth councillors plan to organise additional fundraising events later this year.

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Notes to Editors:

- Launched in September 2009, Hailsham Youth Council is Hailsham's "new young voice", consisting of a small group of dedicated 11 to 16 year olds. HYC works in partnership with local authorities, schools, voluntary organisations, youth clubs and other community-focused organisations to represent the views, ideas and concerns of young people in Hailsham on a wide number of issues. For more information, visit www.hailshamyc.org.
- St Wilfrid's Hospice is a local charity providing skilled and compassionate care and treatment for all patients with complex needs as they near the end of life. Their catchment area covers Eastbourne, Polegate, Pevensey, Seaford, Hailsham, Heathfield and Uckfield.

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