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## **Local riders remember local vet by raising record amount for charity**



**Local riders came out in their droves on Sunday 17 May to attend a sponsored ride organised by the Red Kite TREC Group in memory of Whitland vet Wendy Scourfield.**

**Wendy sadly passed away unexpectedly on 13 May 2014 and the group wanted to remember Wendy in a positive way by raising funds for C.R.Y (Cardiac Risk in the Young) they have been overwhelmed by the amount raised.**

Wendy was an active member of the Red Kite TREC Group having been one of the founding members of the club back in 2011. The group wanted to remember Wendy in a fun way, Wendy had always enjoyed her riding and would have really enjoyed a fun ride so the memorial event was planned. A total of 61 riders attended the ride, which had a short 10 mile route and a longer 20 mile route; starting at the Snooty Fox in Marteltwy. Deb and Kev Hart of the Snooty Fox kindly donated their parking areas to accommodate all the horse trailers and lorries. The riders route took them through Minewear woods and over through to Narberth and back via Canneston woods, enjoying a selection of bridleways, woodland tracks and quite lanes. Twelve riders were brave enough to tackle the 20 mile route, and organisers were delighted that no-one was got lost on the route.

It was especially memorable that Wendy's horse "Missy Moo" was able to attend the ride with her new owner Natalia Elms. Pictured are Wendy's twin daughters Naomi and Emily with Missy Moo, their Aunt Anne, Aunt Sandra and Cousins Kate and Lucy. Anne, Wendy's sister joined the ride and rode around with Natalia. It was a true celebration of the life of a respected local vet by her fellow horse riders.

Red Kite TREC Group donated all the proceeds to C.R.Y and the fun ride raised a total of £3,008, including Gift Aid. All of this money has gone to C.R.Y (Cardiac Risk in the Young), who since their formation in 1995 have been working to reduce the frequency of young sudden cardiac death. The charity supports young people diagnosed with potentially life-threatening cardiac conditions and offers bereavement support to affected families. C.R.Y. funds fast track referral, screening and cardiac pathology services at leading UK hospitals. In April 2015 C.R.Y ran a free heart screening at Dyffryn Taf School in Whitland open to anyone between 14 and 35 years. At each screening individuals are identified that need referrals and so these screening save lives. It is a worthy legacy that the fundraising ride in Wendy's memory should help prevent others from dying young from cardiac conditions.

Red Kite TREC Group Chairman **Jacqui Kedward** said: "It was wonderful to see so many people out having fun riding their horses in Wendy's memory and I am astounded with the amount of money we have managed to raise.

We owe a lot of thanks to all the committee for giving their time freely to plan the route, mark it and help on the day and to all the riders for their donations both in advance and on the day.

Wendy would have loved the fun ride and there are talks about possibly holding an annual ride in her memory to continue fundraising for C.R.Y"

The Red Kite TREC Group is affiliated to TREC GB and British Riding Clubs and hosts TREC events and training in South West Wales. They run a TREC League and the Wendy Scourfield memorial shield is presented annually, having been donated by Allen & Partners Veterinary Practice, to the highest scoring TREC member of the group.

**Anyone who still wants to donate in memory of Wendy can donate online via:**  
[www.Justgiving.com/WendysfunrideforCRY](http://www.Justgiving.com/WendysfunrideforCRY)