



News Release Christmas 2009

So here it is: **Wear Something Wacky Week 2010**

January 25th – 31st 2010

The days are short, the weather is bleak and Christmas will soon seem like a distant memory... so why not inject a little colour into January by taking part in Wear Something Wacky Week 2010!

In aid of a local charity which helps local people in all kinds of ways, the Surrey Care Trust, this dress down day with a difference is now in its second year. We invite local businesses and employees, schools, organisations, or just individual people who love to have fun to support our fundraising by choosing a day (or the whole week if you're really enthusiastic!) and wearing something wacky. Don a full gorilla costume or just wear a silly tie, the level of wackiness is up to you.

Surrey Care Trust Marketing officer Jennifer Britt, for instance, has pledged to wear a different wacky hat each day of the week, from January 25th – 31st. "This is a really simple way of raising funds for our work... and a lot of fun. You can join in at work, or at home," said Jennifer.

Vicky Nash, the Surrey Care Trust's events officer, aka Wacky Week Officer, is keeping her wacky fashion plans under wraps for the moment but she insisted: "Extrovert or introvert, anyone can take part, just remember that wackiness can be subtle too! All we urge is that you round up as many people as possible and that everyone makes a donation to take part. We suggest £2 but if people want to be more generous, please don't restrain them!

"It's a great way to brighten up the office, it doesn't take much effort and we only ask for a modest donation," added Vicky. "We hope lots of people will take part and look forward to seeing some of the more madcap outfits!"

The only question left to ask is just how wacky are you? For some inspiration why not visit www.surreycaretrust.org.uk/wackyweek to see how people rose to the occasion in 2009.

The Surrey Care Trust, founded in 1982, runs a number of different projects and programmes, and the heart of its work today is helping people to help themselves improve their life chances through education and building their skills.

Funds from Wear Something Wacky Week will help support the Surrey Care Trust's Learning Centres for 14 to 16 year-olds who have struggled in mainstream education and are no longer

attending school. There are three centres, in Redhill, Staines and Woking, providing places for young people from a wide area of Surrey.

Money from the event will also go to the running costs of the Surrey Care Trust's Swingbridge Community Boats, which are the base for a range of activities, including its environmental work and training programme.

People get involved in carrying out conservation work along Surrey waterways, the Thames, the Basingstoke Canal and River Wey, and learn new skills in the process. They benefit and so does everyone who enjoys our waterside open spaces.

The Surrey Care Trust also runs a Crisis Grants scheme giving help to people in every part of Surrey who are facing hardship.

Call 01483 412751 or email wewillbewearingsomethingwacky@surreycaretrust.org.uk, if you would like to find out more about taking part in Wear Something Wacky Week

VISIT www.surreycaretrust.org.uk/wackyweek

You can also find the Surrey Care Trust and Wear Something Wacky Week on Facebook

CAPTIONS

Marketing Officer Jennifer Britt... on her own and with her wacky colleagues from the Surrey Care Trust, from left to right, Chris Padmore, Jennifer, Vicky Nash (Wacky Week Officer) and Jacquie Verbeerk.

The Surrey Care Trust is here because Surrey isn't all leafy lanes

We support local families and individuals facing hardship and help people to transform their futures through education... education with a difference. Our innovative courses and training give people with low skills the opportunity to raise their aspirations and their prospects. We also provide education programmes, mentoring and counselling for young people who have struggled in school. We nurture their abilities and ambitions and help them start their lives with confidence. We continue to run our Crisis Grants Fund as we have done since 1982.

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