

Godalming Community News

Charity trek is a step in the right direction

MILFORD fundraiser Jacquie Verbeek will be putting her best foot forwards in next month's STEPS Across Surrey charity trek.

Mrs Verbeek works as a fundraiser at the Surrey Care Trust and she officially launched STEPS Across Surrey 2009 with a recent mini 'Steps around Milford' walk close to the charity's office.

The 26-mile charity trek sponsored by Fidelity International takes place on September 26. The aim is that the event will raise money for the Surrey Care Trust's work to help young people overcome the disadvantage of poor educational achievement.

The trust provides innovative education programmes and training courses for people of all ages who are disadvantaged by their low skills and limited qualifications.

Next month's sponsored trek is in aid of the trust's STEPS programmes for young people and its three dedicated learning centres, in Redhill, Staines and Woking. These centres provide an alternative to mainstream school for 14 to 16-year-olds.

There is no entry fee for the charity walk, but participants are asked to raise at least £125.

There is also a half-day



Jacquie Verbeek (front) with (from left) fellow trust employees Vicky Nash, Emma Kelly, Georgina Waters, Chris Padmore and Sue Stainsby.

option for walkers who want a shorter challenge.

Mrs Verbeek hopes to raise £1,000 on the trek that starts and ends at Shalford and takes in the North Downs Way, the Greensand Way, and South East England's highest peak Leith Hill.

"This is a demanding event and I am relishing the challenge," she said.

"I am doing regular training at weekends with my friend Shelagh Edwards who is also

taking part.

"We started striding out on eight-mile walks and are gradually building up our distance. I am determined to get fit and finish the 26 miles.

"People who think that Surrey is all manicured suburbia should join us and find out what stunning natural beauty we have here on London's doorstep.

"The money raised will help the trust give youngsters who have usually had few

advantages in life and often have had big problems to cope with, a second chance of success and a positive experience of education.

"They spend their time with us working towards qualifications which give them a stepping stone into work or, as is often the case, back into mainstream education at college once they have realised that they do have talents and the ability to do something positive with their lives."

To sponsor Jacquie Verbeek, visit her fundraising page at JustGiving.com.

Anyone interested in joining her on STEPS Across Surrey can call the Surrey Care Trust's events officer Vicky Nash on 01483 412751, or email walk@surreycaretrust.org.uk.

Alongside its education programme the Surrey Care Trust also provide a crisis grants fund. This welfare fund provides modest sums of money to help people who are struggling to afford basic essentials.

The trust also provides a free, confidential and independent counselling service for young people aged between 16 and 25.

It offers long and short term counselling allowing people to talk through their problems. Counselling sessions are provided in Staines and Woking.

Waverley Borough planning applications

Tilford: WA/2009/1040 - change of use of land from agricultural to residential domestic curtilage. Tilford House Farm, Tilford Road.

Wonersh: WA/2009/1042 - change of use to provide ancillary residential curtilage and construction of tennis court. Lynes Farm, Blackheath Lane.

Godalming: WA/2009/1043 - extensions. 67 Green Lane.

Thursley: WA/2009/1044 - extensions and alterations. 1 & 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Highfield Lane.

Haslemere: WA/2009/1045 - retention of

garden shed/store. Shepherds Down, 29 Hill Road.

Haslemere: WA/2009/1048 - extension. Wybrow Cottage, Beacon Hill Road.

Dunsfold: WA/2009/1051 - retention of barn/machinery store/workshop. Barbins Grange, Chiddingfold Road.

Bramley: WA/2009/1054 - detached outbuilding for use as home office and storage unit. 14 Linersh Wood Close.

Hambledon: WA/2009/1055 - replacement refreshment hut. West Surrey Golf Club, Enton Lane.

Witley: WA/2009/1060 - alterations to

fenestration. Pirrie Hall, Haslemere Road.

Haslemere: WA/2009/1062 - loft conversion. 48 Scotland Lane.

Chiddingfold: WA/2009/1063 - replacement garage. Beckhams, Coxcombe Lane.

Haslemere: WA/2009/1068 - extension and pitched roof to garage. 32 Pine Bank.

Witley: WA/2009/1070 - extension and alterations and detached garage. Brookhurst, Haslemere Road.

Cranleigh: WA/2009/1071 - extension. Woodacre, 131 Horsham Road.

Godalming: WA/2009/1072 - replacement dwelling. 30 Busbridge Lane.



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