



Tenth Anniversary Rotary Dog Day tops £140,000

For the event's tenth anniversary year, Ludlow Rotary Club pulled out all the stops to ensure that the 2024 Ludlow Dog Day lived up to its reputation as a fun packed day to be enjoyed by the whole family.

Attracted by the promise of some great entertainment on what was a sun-filled day, around 2,000 owners and admirers and countless dogs made their way to the beautiful setting of Stokesay Court, just north of Ludlow, for last Sunday's [28 July] event.

The day featured some 20 fun dog competitions such as the scruffiest mutt and waggiest tail to the best rescue dog and fastest biscuit catcher, culminating in the best in show.

There were also have-a-go events including dog agility, flyball, hoopers and the dog scurry, while gun dogs were able to demonstrate their ability to retrieve...or not!

Demonstrations throughout the day included the Paws for Thought Display Team, the Bliss Gate Dog Obedience Team, All Positive Dog Services with hoopers, loose lead, learn a trick and scenting training, and Paws of Parham demonstrating dog agility training.

As well as the doggy events, there were plenty of stalls to enjoy whether selling dog and country related goods or pampering to human needs such as the food stalls, the drinks bar, and the popular tea tent.

Ultimately the day was about raising funds to help meet local need and the Ludlow Rotary Club reckons that, once all the sums have been done, it may have produced between £12,000 and £15,000 which the Club will be earmarking for its community grants scheme, Ludlow Rotary Cares, and for other deserving causes.

This year's Dog Day will, in fact, bring the total amount which the Club has been able to donate to local charities and community organisations by holding this annual event to well over £140,000.

At the end of a busy day Club President, Robert Hodge, commented 'We are enormously grateful to all those members of the public who came along and helped to make this event such a financial success in support of our chosen charities. Special thanks go to our generous host, Caroline Magnus, for allowing us to use the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court. We are also grateful to all our sponsors this year, in particular the Sinclair Group, Brightwells, the Vertu Group and Teme Veterinary Practice, without whose generous support we would have been unable to undertake an event of this scale'.

Note for Editors

1. The following photos, jpgs attached, may be used with this article:



Best in Show: 'Stanley' – English Pointer with owner Craig Henn



**Best in Show 'Stanley' (owner Craig Henn)
with Reserve 'Bella' (shown by Poppy & Mille Rea – parents approved use of photo)**



Through the hoops



A successful retrieve



One of the dog competitions being judged



Dog Day in full swing at Stokesay Court

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