

Press Release: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010

## **‘BYHP BALL AT AYNHOE PARK, AYNHOE.**

A fabulous Ball was held at Aynhoe Park, Aynho on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October by kind permission of Mr. James Perkins to raise awareness and much needed funds for local charity BYHP (Working with Young People) working in North Oxfordshire with vulnerable young people.

350 guests arrived to a champagne reception followed by a delicious dinner and dancing to "The Maniacs" and discothèque by Gavin Townsend.

The highlight of the evening was a fundraising auction where auctioneers Simon Harris of Berry Morris and Mark Osborne of J. M. Osborne ably coaxed partygoers to dig deep into their pockets. Some fantastic auction prizes were very generously donated and over £18,000 was raised by the auction. Together with donations and sponsorship, both business and private, the evening raised a total of over £25,000

This huge success for a local charitable event must be attributed to the fact that BYHP is seen as an exceptionally worthwhile charity, working for the good of the local community and providing a lifeline for many Young People in Oxfordshire.

Each year BYHP works with approximately 400 Young People, aged between 13 and 25. BYHP works in a holistic way to prevent homelessness, with specialist workers helping young people to tackle the underlying problems. BYHP runs a number of life skill classes, including literacy, budgeting and cooking, to enable the Young People to move forward towards independent living. With new funding streams, BYHP is working with young people to help them to develop work related skills, offering supported work experience in the new social enterprise.

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