

CHOIR SUPPORTS FARNHAM'S SEBASTIAN'S ACTION TRUST

Thursday 9 October, 2025

October 9, 2025 – At a recent rehearsal, Hampshire and Surrey Hills Men's Choir presented the donations from their summer concert to Community Partnerships Fundraiser for the Sebastian's Action Trust charity, Louise Gough.

Sebastian's Action Trust supports families of seriously ill children, offering emotional, practical, and social care through every stage of their journey. It offers respite breaks for families at their specialist centre in Hampshire where they can enjoy support and fun activities.

The delightful St. Thomas-on-The Bourne Church played host to the concert at the end of June which was conducted by Musical Director Philip Viveash-Brainch and assisted by Deputy Conductor James Harrison, with accompanist Charlotte Hobbs.

Despite the heatwave and the competing Farnham Carnival a wonderful turnout of an audience were treated to a high quality performance by the choir and members of the choir as soloists or in a small group nicknamed the "Hash Tags".

Making the presentation choir Chair, Mark Kusionowicz, said *"We always love to support small local charities, but Sebastian's Action Trust are particularly close to the heart of our Musical Director, Phillip Viveash-Brainch . The charity supports families of seriously ill children and was inspired by Sebastian, a brave young boy who tragically lost his battle with cancer at just nine years old, who Philip was proud to have taught, so we are especially proud to be able to support their work."*

Receiving the donation, Louise Gough thanked the choir for their wonderful concert and described the great summer of activities that they were able to provide for their clients supported by the donations from the concert.

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