

The Civic Hosts A Night to Remember

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Last month, for one night only some of the finest performers from Barnsley and beyond came together for a fantastic evening of music, theatre and comedy.

Hosted by Certainty of Chance Theatre Company, Barnsley Hospice was supported by Santander in arranging a superb evening of entertainment titled 'A Night to Remember'. Over 150 local businesses attended the event, raising over £12,000 for Barnsley Hospice with £2,500 added thanks to Santander matched donations.

Performers included: **Simon Hannah** - Magician, **Ric Neale** - Musician, Barnsley's favourite colourful knitwear-wearing, comedy folk band **The Bar Steward Sons of Val Doonican**, **Martha Hayward** - soprano and **Paper Whale Theatre Company**.

Stephen Belamy from **Certainty of Chance Theatre Company** said: "I'm delighted that the event was such a huge success. This is by far and away the biggest event Certainty of Chance have produced to date and the fact that we not only reached the £10k target but beat it quite substantially is something that we can take great pride in."

Helen Ball, Chief Executive at The Civic said: "everyone had a wonderful time and the funds raised for the Hospice is an excellent result." Everyone both on and off the stage had an amazing time, and we are extremely grateful to the artists who gave up their time for free for the event.

Barnsley Hospice Fundraising Manager Sue Miller said: "We are really grateful to everyone for their hard work, effort and generous donations. An extra special Thank You to Keith and the Santander staff for all of their efforts. Also, to The Civic Barnsley for providing a brilliant venue. This is very much appreciated. The support and generous donations we receive from our fantastic community helps the Hospice provide compassionate care and support to hundreds of local people and their families at a vulnerable time in their lives."

Keith Smith, Local Business Manager at Santander's Barnsley Financial Centre said: "Santander is committed to playing a key part in the community and we are delighted to have helped support the Barnsley Hospice. It felt great to be able to give something back to our community and it would not have been possible without the help from our Santander volunteers and the support from local businesses. We hope the money raised makes a real difference to the local people."

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