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Burgess Hodgson raises vital funds for national charity

Canterbury-based accountants and business advisers Burgess Hodgson proved all the numbers add up when it raised £1,000 for The Stroke Association at its recent Wine & Wisdom evening.

More than 180 people took part in the firm's eighth Charity Wine and Wisdom, which took place at the local Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys.

Organised by partner Andrew Miles, teams faced a range of questions and challenges that taxed even the most physically and mentally agile of the attendees: competitors even had a computer game challenge during the interval

Everyone donated £4 to take part with the money going to a charity decided by the winning team. The final total for the evening reached £1,000, thanks to a contribution by the Halifax Bank of Scotland that alone donated £250.

Burgess Hodgson's Tim Jordan, a member of the winning team, chose The Stroke Association after his father suffered a stroke earlier this year.

Although his father has now made a full recovery, Tim said: "When it came to choosing the charity, there were a number of contenders. But, for me, seeing the debilitating effects of stroke so close to home, The Stroke Association was the obvious choice. It's a fantastic charity that not only helps stroke survivors but their families as well."

Every year an estimated 150,000 people in the UK have a stroke. Of all people who suffer from a stroke, about a third are likely to die within the first 10 days, about a third are likely to make a recovery within one month and about a third are likely to be left disabled and needing rehabilitation.

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The Stroke Association is the only UK wide charity solely concerned with combating stroke in people of all ages. It funds research into prevention, treatment and better methods of rehabilitation, and helps stroke patients and their families directly through its Rehabilitation and Support Services.

“It is vital that businesses like Burgess Hodgson continue to help us raise the funds we need to continue to fund research into stroke prevention and helping patients and their families,” said Claire Eckley, regional fundraiser for the South East.

With everyone enjoying the evening, the Charity Wine & Wisdom looks like remaining a popular fixture on the Burgess Hodgson calendar.

“It’s hard work to organise, but it gets more and more popular every year,” said Andrew Miles. “Not only that, but it’s given Burgess Hodgson the opportunity to provide vital funds for a whole range of charities over the last seven years. In fact, so far, we’ve raised more than £5,000.”

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Editor’s notes

Based in Canterbury, Burgess Hodgson is a leading firm of chartered accountants and business advisers, specialising in personal and corporate tax planning. Its experienced professionals have a strong reputation for providing quality technical advice and the ability to implement practical financial solutions as flexibly as clients demand.

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Picture caption:

(l to r) Claire Eckley, Stroke Association regional fundraiser for the South East, Rob Field, captain of the winning team and Burgess Hodgson partner Andrew Miles

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