

FUND-RAISING

Engineers' £6k boost for charity operation

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A South Derbyshire process engineering business has handed over £6,224 to a charity following months of fund-raising events.

Staff at MUSK Engineering, based in the Astron Business Park, Swadlincote, have spent six months working to boost the coffers of Bank House, in Alexandra Road, Swadlincote.

The support service helps an average of 35 vulnerable people a day.

Bank House has been helping people in the area since being launched in the early 1990s.

The charity supports not only emotional, physical, social, and psychological needs, but also offers help and assistance to people with debt and housing issues, illness, bereavement, alcohol or drugs problems, benefits advice, numeracy and literacy support, and combating isolation.

MUSK managing director David Cox said: "It is an important part of everything we do at MUSK that we play an active role in our community."

"This was why we chose to support Bank House as our

nominated charity for 2017. We met with the team at the service to understand more about the great work that they do and also to outline how we were going to help them."

Musk staff have carried out various fund-raising activities, including raffles and events.

Employees have also been collecting tinned and dry food to support Bank House, as well as donating clothes to the service, to be handed to those in need of assistance.

The company has also donated unused computers and IT equipment to the charity.

The main 2017 fund-raising event was a three-day Coast2Coast bike ride from Whitehaven on the Cumbrian coast to Sunderland, on the east coast, undertaken by 12 members of staff.

Mr Cox added: "I am so proud of every single member of staff who have helped to raise money for this great charity."

"The work Bank House undertakes is vital and hopefully the money raised will go towards helping people across South Derbyshire in their time of need."

Bank House provides a safe and friendly home-from-home environment from Monday to Friday, and any adult can just drop in to get



Cheque presentation from the staff at Musk Engineering in Swadlincote to Bank House, (South Derbyshire Mental Health Association).

support, advice, guidance and information.

The service was launched more than 20 years ago when a group of social and community support workers from the area saw the need for a local drop-in centre to help adults who had mental health issues based in Swadlincote.

Denise Shillabeer, Bank House service manager, said: "At Bank House we are

delighted that Musk Engineering chose our organisation as their 'Charity of the year'.

It's especially welcome as Bank House has recently lost long-term funding from Derbyshire County Council and the NHS.

"It really is heart-warming to realise that so many people in our community appreciate the work of Bank House and

are prepared to support and help us."

"We are very grateful to the workforce at Musk for their efforts and hard work in fund-raising for Bank House, and to the management at Musk for supporting and allowing their staff to become so involved."

MUSK is a business with 130 employees and £24 million turnover. It forms part of the

WT Parker Group. Earlier this year, it was revealed that WT Parker Group had secured its long-term future in the area following a takeover by built environment specialists Edwin James Holdings.

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