

News Release

Parity Church Crookham Shop Celebrates 10th Birthday

A local charity shop marked its tenth birthday this week.

Parity for Disability's shop at 9 Linkway Parade, Church Crookham opened on March 14, 2001 to help raise funds for the charity's services for people with multiple disabilities in the local community.

The shop has successfully established itself in the busy parade and enjoys great support from local residents.

Managers Sandra Broadbridge, Marilyn Benger and Sue Williams welcomed customers to a slice of celebratory cake.

"Every year it's built up, we get more and more customers," Sandra said. Sandra has managed the shop since its opening.

"It's a little team. That includes all the volunteers and the husbands of our volunteers, who help out by repairing things in the shop or taking heavy, unsellable items that are left outside the shop to the dump. And it includes the other shops in the parade who are very supportive."

The birthday event had plenty of the shop's regular customers browsing the range of bargain items on display. Donations, especially high quality items, are always welcome and a volunteer is available to collect them if needed.

Parity has two other shops in the area, at 53 Frimley High Street, Frimley and 69 Camp Road, North Camp. The three shops bring in 20 percent of the £150,000 the charity must raise each year to keep going.

For more information about any of Parity's shops, please contact Parity Executive Director Alison Cooper on 01252 375581.

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About Parity

Parity for Disability is a local charity providing vital services, information and support for children and young adults with multiple disabilities, their families and carers throughout Hampshire, Berkshire and Surrey. The charity is dedicated to ensuring that profoundly disabled people have access to a quality of life that everyone has a right to expect. Parity runs two day centres in Farnborough and Camberley, teenage activity schemes, and a music therapy service that operates both on-site and in homes, schools and other locations throughout the area. Parity is

currently running a campaign to raise the funds for its own dedicated building. It is a registered charity no 1071571. To learn more, please visit: www.parityfordisability.org.uk.

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