



Pictured (left to right) at the charity auction for The Chaseley Trust's Diamond Jubilee Appeal are Guest of Honour, the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts, The Chaseley Trust's Chief Executive Sue Wyatt, Trustee Kate Gammon and celebrity auctioneer Pippa Deeley.

Going! Going! Gone!

THE CHASELEY TRUST'S DIAMOND JUBILEE Appeal is about to come to a grand finale as the annual Garden Party and the fundraising target of £500,000 draws closer. The appeal, which was launched in May 2006 by Appeal Patron, His Grace, the Duke of Devonshire, has seen a wide variety of fundraising events, the latest of which was a charity auction in February.

BBC's *Bargain Hunt* presenter Pippa Deeley presided over the sale of a range of desirable lots with something for everyone, including a Manchester United shirt signed by Rio Ferdinand, an exclusive tour of the Duke of Devonshire's Chatsworth estate, tea for two in the House of Commons and a Virgin hot air balloon flight. Trading was brisk and the auction raised a magnificent £5,089 to bring the appeal total to £473,533.

Following the event, the Guest of Honour, the Trust's President, the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts, visited Chaseley to view the progress of the Diamond Jubilee project, and very kindly made a donation to the appeal fund. Phase one of the project has been completed with some major renovations and the creation of a new area for the computer activity centre. Phase two, involving the expansion of the therapy department and social activities areas, is now underway and it is hoped the

appeal can be officially closed at the Garden Party in June.

The appeal itself has made the shortlist of three charities in the category Best Local/Regional Campaign at the Institute of Fundraising Awards. The winner will be announced at the Institute's national awards ceremony in London in July. Well done to fundraiser Christine Ellis and everyone who has worked so hard to make the appeal such a success! ■

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