

Swindon Carers Centre thanks Esso for its fundraising support



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Swindon Carers Centre (SCC) would like to say a big thank you to Esso stations around Swindon after they raised £3,000 for SCC last week during their annual Community Support Week.

Staff at On the Run and Snack & Shop petrol stations participated in a variety of events to raise money for young carers in Swindon, including cake sales, screen washes, non-uniform days, ice bucket challenges, and even dying their hair blue. Giggles, based in the town centre, supplied fancy dress costumes to help with the fundraising.

Russell Francis from Swindon Carers Centre says "it's amazing how enthusiastic staff at Esso were to help support children and young people locally who are caring for family members. Young carers' lives are very different from other children, as their caring roles mean they often don't have time to do all the things that people their age typically do. However, the money raised last week will go a long way towards providing activities that will let them take a break from caring and enjoy themselves for a bit."

The Esso stations also donated two free trips for young carers and their families, to Coate Water Country Park and Birdland Park & Gardens at Bourton-on-the-Water. The Esso stations will continue to have collection tins for Swindon Carers Centre for the next month.

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Notes to editors

- Swindon Carers Centre is part of the national network of the Carers Trust
- SCC offers help and support to people in Swindon who have caring responsibilities
- There are approximately 19,500 carers of all ages (including children and young people) in the Borough of Swindon and Swindon Carers Centre is available to provide them with much needed support, help and information

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