

PRESS RELEASE

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The Whackey Barton Mob



Photo opportunity at Itec Limited on Cavendish Street, Ashton-under-Lyne at 12.30 p.m. of the Barton Mob and their Mobile!

Five ready racers will take part in the Willow Wood Hospice Whackey Races this Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August. Let's hope they're feeling 'bubbly' as they push their specially modified full sized bath around Stalybridge at around 12 o'clock.

The Mob are Louise and Gary Barton (Daughter and Father), Gary Ashworth, Steve Hill and Adrian Beard who will be put to the test competing against other drivers who will race around Staly Vegas. And their vehicle is the pride of Ashton, as the bath was donated by Ashton Discount on Stamford Street and the race engineering was done by Itec Power Services Limited, Cavendish Street.



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The Barton team are hoping to raise lots of money for Willow Wood and already have sponsors from Hilson Limited, New Charter Housing, Itec Power Services Limited, Farron Crown Windows and Conservatories and Louise's twin sister and boyfriend Collette and Michael who run Mary Rogans Bar in Tenerife!

All sponsors' logos will get a good 'Splash' on the sides of the bath.

Financial Accountant, Louise Barton from New Charter said: "We're all really excited about the race and can't wait to see how the cart looks. We're all reasonably fit, so should stand a good chance. At the end of the day, it's a bit of fun which will raise lots of money for a very worthy cause. We're doing this race in memory of our mum, Hilary who died in July this year. Willow Wood was very good and really helped towards the end. We know there are a lot of people who benefit from this charity and we will do the best we can".

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. New Charter took the whole council housing stock of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council in Greater Manchester on 27th March 2000. With a turnover of almost £60million a year and a workforce of 800, New Charter is one of the country's largest Registered Social Landlords. It now owns 14,600 homes.
2. Louise is a Financial Accountant at New Charter. Her boyfriend owns Itec Power Services.
3. New Charter will match the figure to double what the team will raise.
4. New Charter is also supporting the event financially on Bank Holiday Monday.
5. Hilary Barton was ** years of age and died on *** from ***
6. The cart should be complete by Friday 26th August.

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