

News Release:

Sponsored Walk and Wheel in Brighton for the MS Society

Brighton, 21 of July: On Sunday 15 August, Members of Foresters Friendly Society and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society's local branches will join forces for a "Sponsored Walk and Wheel" along the Brighton seafront to raise money for the charity. The event, organised by the Brighton Foresters Friendly Society branches, will raise money for the MS Society in Brighton, Eastbourne & South Wealden.

The walkers and wheelers will start from Brighton Pier at 1pm, and travel along the promenade to Hove Lagoon before making the return journey, an estimated distance of 4.5 miles. Upon their return walkers and wheelers will be greeted with fish and chips made by the Brighton Pier's Palm Court restaurant.

Organiser and Foresters Friendly Society Branch Secretary Trudy Weller has asked local volunteers to join the event, and for those less active, to join Foresters Friendly Society and MS Society members and act as collectors and marshals along the route.

Those taking part are encouraged to contribute £5; part of which will be donated to the MS Society, and the remainder of the money will go to reserving the participant a plate of fish and chips at the finish line. Sponsorship of the walkers will also top up the money raised for the MS Society's Brighton, Eastbourne and South Wealden branches.

Trudy Weller, Branch Secretary of Foresters Friendly Society and event

organiser, said: "This is our first ever sponsored walk so we thought we'd set ourselves a challenge. The Brighton and Uckfield Foresters Friendly Society branch is very active in the community and this was a great way to for us to raise money for a good cause and bring people together."

Joyce Milton, Chairman of the Eastbourne and South Wealden MS Society, said: "We're delighted to be part of the Brighton 'Sponsored Walk and Wheel'. It will be our first time partnering with Foresters Friendly Society and our first time partnering with our neighbouring MS Society Brighton! This will be a great example of community groups working together."

The Multiple Sclerosis Society is Foresters Friendly Society's charity partner for 2010, meaning all money raised by the Society in 2010 will go towards the chosen charity. In 2009

Foresters Friendly Society raised £60,000 for their charity partner, the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

If you would like to volunteer to walk or act as a collector at the event then please contact Trudy on phone her on 01273 681978 or email trudyweller@gmail.com.

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Notes to Editors

About Foresters Friendly Society

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