

Fighting Prostate Cancer

BURTON Hospitals prostate cancer screening programme has received a £1,586.83 boost after businesses came together for a fund-raising quiz night at the Pirelli Stadium.

The screening programme is one of three good causes that will benefit from the event, which was organised by Burton firm Alexander Accountancy and Burton and District Chamber of Commerce.

The sold-out event at the home of Burton Albion Football Club was voted a huge success and raised a total of £4,746 with Burton YMCA and Due Life also set to receive a share of the funds.

David Alexander, of Alexander Accountancy, said: "The initiative started four years ago when the Chamber of Commerce held the first quiz night and we picked it up as a company as part of our corporate social responsibility and this year we asked the Chamber to do it as one of their events again.

"We got sponsors on board to cover all costs, so every penny raised will go to the charities and it was a very successful evening."

Chris Plant, Divisional Director, Southern Staffordshire, of Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, said: "The Chamber was delighted to be invited by David Alexander to be involved in this fantastic event raising money for good causes. We are just one of many partners and sponsors and Alexander Accountancy put in all the effort to drive this forward.

"David is a great ambassador for supporting community causes and it is testament to him that we are able to donate this cash to a fantastic cause like the prostate cancer screenings.

"The Pirelli Stadium is always a fantastic venue and Burton Albion did a great job hosting it and the night was well supported by Chamber members. We now look forward to supporting the 2018 version."

Burton and District Chamber of Commerce president Simon Chapman added: "The work that is being done on prostate cancer by the hospital staff here in Burton is amazing. We should applaud them for their efforts on the screenings and the Chamber wants to support local charities and good works that are making such an important contribution to the town."

The money will now help support further prostate cancer screening initiatives in the Burton area.

Jyoti Shah, consultant urological surgeon at Queen's Hospital in Burton, said: "Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in this country and the recent media attention has highlighted the growing awareness of the dangers.

"We have seen a big demand for these screenings and we are grateful to David Alexander and Burton and District Chamber of Commerce for supporting us and helping this important work to continue."

For more information go to www.fightingprostatecancer.co.uk

Pictured (left to right) are: David Alexander, Jyoti Shah, Chris Plant, Sarah Minns and Simon Chapman.