

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency

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Support for Cheshire Branch of Motor Neurone Disease Association from Fiona Bruce MP and colleagues

Over a hundred people attended a fundraising reception held at Arley Hall for the Cheshire Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, hosted by the MNDA Patron, Lord Ashbrook. In attendance were three local MPs – Fiona Bruce MP, David Mowat, MP for Warrington South and Graham Evans, MP for Weaver Vale, together with the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, David Briggs.

MND is a complicated neurological condition with sufferers progressively becoming less able to do every day things whilst their minds and senses remain in tact. The life expectancy of someone diagnosed with MND is two to five years.

Amy Phillips, Committee Member of the Cheshire branch, spoke about the research taking place and explained the objectives of the local Cheshire branch, which includes providing support and home visits for people affected by MND – she is herself a visitor – as well as raising awareness, and money for research. The branch seeks to influence policy decision makers within the County and to work jointly with speech therapists, occupational therapists and medics for the benefit of those suffering from MND.

Guests were entertained by a musical quartet and singers from the Hammond School in Chester.

Over £7500 was raised for this charity and Lord Ashbrook thanking Fiona Bruce MP for her support said: 'in listening to Amy Phillips we are all better informed about the terrible effects of MND and the good work that the Cheshire Branch are doing to raise money for research and to help those in Cheshire who are living with the condition. It is important that we try to build on the progress made at the event in terms of continuing to spread awareness and pressing for action in this field'.

NOTES TO EDITOR

Contact details – for more information see www.mndcheshire.org

Photograph shows (l to r) Fiona Bruce MP, Lynn and Bob Mynett (Presidents of Sandbach Rotary and Inner Wheel) and Felicity and Gordon Baxendale (Mayoress and Mayor of Cheshire East respectively)