

BUILDERS DIG DEEP FOR ISLE OF WIGHT CHARITY

One of the largest healthcare charities on the Isle of Wight has received a cash boost from leading construction body, the National Federation of Builders (NFB).

The Earl Mountbatten Hospice offers free palliative care to people with terminal illness. Based in Newport and supported by 300 local volunteers, the organisation specialises in medical, complementary and spiritual treatments.

Over £300 was raised for the organisation during a raffle held at the NFB's annual dinner at Landguard Manor, Shanklin on 3 of November.

Roger Hookey, President of the NFB's Isle of Wight Association and managing director of local building firm A & G Hookey, said: "The NFB is keen to support charities across the Island through regular fundraising events. The Earl Mountbatten is the only hospice on the Island and cares for around 800 patients every year. It relies heavily on contributions from the public and businesses, so it's great that our members have raised money for such a worthwhile cause."

The NFB on the Isle of Wight has 15 members, including W H Brading, Clive Tutton Ltd and Emerald Construction, whose work includes the conservation of Osborne House for English Heritage.

The NFB represents some 2,000 builders and contractors across England and Wales. In addition to providing specialist legal, insurance and taxation support, the Federation lobbies local, national and European government on a range of issues to sustain positive trading conditions for members.

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