



Press Release

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Vulnerable residents from a Rugby charity are set to enjoy a fun 20th Anniversary outing thanks to a generous donation from a Rugby recruitment boss. Mayday Trust's *Future tracks* Scheme, based in Railway Terrace, supports adults with learning difficulties and epilepsy to become more independent.

Mayday Trust was set-up in Rugby in 1979. *Future tracks* (formerly The Sands, Dunchurch) first opened its doors twenty years ago (on the 4th August 1986) and has been providing specialist support, training and accommodation ever since. In total, Mayday manages 216 bedspaces in eight schemes across the Midlands and Southeast.

Craig Smith, Branch Manager at Jobs@Pertemps in Rugby, raised £750 for the Charity after taking part in a half-marathon earlier this year. Craig, who suffers from a painful back complaint, put his own troubles behind him to complete the course in an amazing 1 hour, 47 minutes.

Craig Said: "I ran the London Marathon in 2003 for the Spinal Injuries Association and decided I was ready for another distance challenge. I suffer from a really bad back, which I am being treated for so I struggle with running over distances. I have to say training was very tough and as it was so cold and windy on the day that it was really difficult going. But, it was great to get over the finish line and I'm so pleased to help local charity Mayday Trust as a result."

Craig's charitable feat took place at the Silverstone formula 1 Racetrack, on 19th March 06. His route included a 4-mile stretch around the formula 1 track.

The team at Jobs@Pertemps' Rugby Branch have held a number of charity events since the Branch opened in 2002 ranging from a 24-hour stay awake at the branch through to a sponsored 'treadmillathon' dressed in fancy dress. Altogether the Branch have been responsible for raising in excess of £7,000 for local charities and won the Pertemps Group - Community Award in 2005 out of more than 100 branches nationwide.

Craig added: "Our clients often comment about how committed and hard-working my team are at the Rugby Branch, I guess by completing the half marathon for *Future tracks* it really was possible to 'go the extra mile' in a very obvious way".

Antionette Finney, Project Manager for Mayday Trust's *Future tracks* Scheme said: "On behalf of Mayday and our *Future tracks* residents I would like to thank Craig, his colleagues and everyone who sponsored him for their generous donation. It is thanks to the support from local organisations like Jobs@Pertemps that we are able to make our accommodation so much more than just a place to sleep. This donation will enable staff and residents to mark our 20th Anniversary with a group outing later this year."

Photo call:

Two *Future tracks* residents will meet Craig at Regent Place, Rugby on Thursday 18th May. He will then present the residents with £750. Photo call and interviews are available at 4pm.

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