

Tim Sharp appointed as Honorary President of the Prostate Project July 2017



The Prostate Project charity was formed in 1998 and since then has been hugely successful – indeed far beyond the first trustees’ expectations. One of these Trustees, Tim Sharp, has been a stalwart of the charity since its inception and as such 'The Prostate Project' owes him a huge debt of gratitude for his conscientiousness and the outstanding fund raising ideas that he has implemented over the years. In the light of this the trustees have decided to appoint Tim as Honorary President as the Charity.

One of the co-founders, Mr John Davies Consultant Urologist, recalls meeting Tim at the very start of project and found him full of enthusiasm that has continued unbridled over these past 19 years. The accolade of Hon President is the perfect recognition for all his hard work.

Another of the trustees said simply “Tim has been majestic in his support and money raising”.

Professor Stephen Langley told us that Tim has such a creative mind and a talent for developing successful fund raising initiatives which have been invaluable to the success of the Charity. We see ourselves as very fortunate to have him as our President."

Tim's wife Valerie of over 50 years is another one of the Volunteer force who make such a difference in the UK. She plays a leading role in the Save the Children charity shop in Guildford and in this way makes her own contribution to help others. She said "Tim is very focused on the Prostate project and it has become a key part of his life. He works so very hard in all ways to make the charity successful".

The support for the Charity runs through the Sharp family. When the Buy a Brick appeal was launched it was his daughter, the renowned actor – Victoria Hamilton, who plays the Queen Mother in the Netflix film The Queen – who set the appeal off and became a Patron of the Charity.

Tim's is well known in the Guildford area through his connection with the Prostate Project. He has led the Charity into some hugely successful campaigns – "The Pint a Week" appeal which is enabling us to build the world class NHS Urology Centre at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. The annual "OctoBeardFest" appeal which has raised over a £¼ million for the research team at the University of Surrey. He is also often heard on BBC Surrey Radio promoting our fund raising activities and has even rapped for us on one occasion, much to our amazement!

Dynamic throughout the Charity's 19 year history, Tim has kept us all on our toes with his amazing energy and given us such confidence by his use of the media and advertising genius. The £2 per Surrey man appeal, OctoBeardFest and Buy a Brick Appeal are just a few of Tim's ideas that have all been successful. This combined with his highly professional flyers, pamphlets and newsletters have enabled the Prostate Project to keep a high profile through the years. He has been a central figure at all times and thoroughly deserves his new Honorary President title.

Tim is proud to see the new world class NHS Urology Centre begin to take shape. The charity has promised £2m for the building – approximately 50% of the cost – and with £1.75M in the bank the target is in sight. The Buy a Brick campaign is proving to be very successful.

Tim's response to this honour:

"I am a bit stunned at being elevated to this illustrious post. Hugely grateful of course and very proud of what we have all achieved. Very special thanks to my wife Valerie, the Surrey Advertiser, without whose support we could never have raised the amounts we have, and BBC Radio Surrey who have always been so supportive. Not forgetting the thousands of generous souls who have responded in such a magnificent way to all our appeals."

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