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News Release

Swimming for Breast Cancer

On 29th May, the Lowestoft & Oulton Broad Swimming Club handed over a cheque for £1,185 to the Breast Care Unit Appeal at the James Paget University Hospital. The money was raised completing a sponsored 24 hour relay in August 2006. It will be used to support patients with breast cancer.

Club member Andy Walker said: '84 members swam over 24 hours. Our youngest participant was just 6 years old! Between them, they swam 371 miles or 23,916 lengths. That's an average 4.5 miles each, and the equivalent of swimming from Lowestoft to Plymouth!'

Andy continued: 'It was a real endurance challenge for the Club's coaches, whose challenge it was to swim 21 miles, or 352 lengths, equivalent to swimming the channel. This was a real test of character; they had to combat boredom, fatigue, nausea & falling asleep whilst swimming. Only three completed it: Catriona Walker (17), Chris Goldsmith (15) and Toni Ogogo (19).'

Sue Jones, Superintendent Radiographer in the Breast Care Unit said: 'This is a fantastic donation and we're thrilled to receive it. The effort put into this 24 hour swimming relay will really benefit our patients.'

Notes for Editors:

Photos attached for you to use:

ChannelSwimmers.jpg – l-r, Sue Jones (JPUH), Catriona Walker, Toni Ogogo, Chris Goldsmith

TheTeam1.jpg & **TheTeam2.jpg** – back l-r, Jill Walker, Jo Pestka, Sue Jones (JPUH), Catriona Walker, Toni Ogogo, Chris Goldsmith, Carly Ogogo, Helen Cook. Front l-r, Mairi Walker, Natasha Pestka, Emily Pestka, Sophie Chamberlain, Vicky Pestka.

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