



Businesses decide it's time to bring home the bacon – 6 January 2008

A new charitable trust to help good causes in Gloucestershire has been launched by a handful of county-based companies.

The Old Spot Trust – named after one of Gloucestershire's most well-known animals – is a non-profit making organisation raising and donating funds for and to charities, community groups and other non-profit making organisations in the county.

The charitable trust brings together Over Farm Market, Colt Cars Mid West (Mitsubishi) Ltd and PR consultancy Vivid. Its Trustees are Rob & Sue Keene (Over Farm), Roby Ayland and Chris Green (Colt Cars Mid West (Mitsubishi) Ltd) and Hilary Allison and Caroline Rawlinson (Vivid) They are joined by independent Trustee Maureen Compton.

Its Trustees formed the charity at the end of 2007 – the 100th anniversary of Gloucestershire being a shire county - and hope it will encourage local people to join in to help with fundraising and to make the most of all that's good about the area.

They plan to stage a variety of events throughout the year to boost the funds of The Old Spot Trust and to encourage local people, businesses and community groups to lend a hand.

'You can work with us as an individual, as a group or as a business,' said Hilary.

'You might want to support us as a volunteer or take part in any of our events. You might have some money to donate or you might be running an event within your own organisation and are looking for a charity to give that money to. Whatever it is, we'd like to hear from you.'

Once they have generated funds, the Trust will be welcoming applications from organisations helping the county's people, animal, wildlife or environment so that they can consider them for grants and awards.

The Trust has been given an initial funding boost from Cold Cars Mid-West (Mitsubishi) Ltd who have donated £1,000 to cover any initial set-up costs and Trustees will be giving their time free of charge