

# Thank You to Our Fundraisers

## Piers Morgan Cricket Match



We were thrilled to be the nominated charity for the annual Piers Morgan vs Newick Cricket Club match which was held on 31st August.

Unfortunately the weather was against us and they were only able to manage one game late in the afternoon. It was disappointing that due to the adverse weather this was not

the big fundraising event that we had hoped for. However we were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet Piers Morgan and Shane Warne and we very much appreciate their support. It is great to have such high profile interest in our charity. We are delighted that we will be the nominated charity again next year and have already put in a request for sunshine!



## Mark Rowlands runs Le Marathon du Medoc



Most people don't realise that they have an aneurysm until it bursts. Local resident, **Mark Rowlands**, was at work when his aneurysm burst, something that he didn't know he had. The result was very distressing and meant substantial and worrying blood loss. Mark was lucky in that the location of the aneurysm behind his nose meant that he could have surgery quickly to stop the bleeding. Other people aren't so lucky. Move forward to 2015 and Mark is now a 100% fit and has just completed a marathon in **Bordeaux**, France to raise over **£2,000** for Headway Hurstwood Park. Although Mark didn't break any world records, he did complete the marathon in 5 hours and 42 minutes. He has vowed that there must be easier ways to raise money in the future!

During 2010, Mark was working at a local firm and as part of a client relationship initiative, he spent the day mixing with staff and individuals who were benefiting from the charity's services. Mark commented 'I saw first-hand the hard work and dedication that the team was giving to individuals when I spent a day at Headway Hurstwood Park as a guest. After my trauma in 2013 I knew straight away that I wanted to give something back. I don't think I would have realised the great work that the charity does without having seen it first-hand. I hope that by raising the funds, and by spreading the word about Headway Hurstwood Park, I have assisted in some way in raising awareness of brain injuries'.

## Jeanette Lacy Scott's Impressive Camino de Santiago Walk

**Jeanette Lacy Scott** set out on 7th September with 5 friends to tackle the first part of the **Camino de Santiago**, an **800k** walk starting from **St Jean Pied de Port** in France, crossing the **Pyrenees** and following the route of the ancient pilgrimage to **Santiago de Compostela** in Galicia, Spain. With packs on their backs they spent 8 days on the road and walked **200k**. The low spots were sleeping

in 'snoring' dormitories and blistered feet but this was far outweighed by stunning scenery, delicious food, plentiful Rioja, friendship, fun and meeting people from all over the World and sharing their often moving stories about what had drawn them to 'The Way'. Jeanette raised **£1077.20** (including gift aid) for Headway and plans to return next year to complete stage 2.

