of Ghana.

The Trinity Community Choir hosted *The Show That Goes Like This* concert on Friday, performing songs from a range of musicals including *Sweeney Todd*, *Cats* and *Spamalot*, with singers from Trinity School.

A total of £621 was raised on the night, which has been donated to the Action Through Enterprise charity which was founded in Ramsbury.

Launched by former Winchcome School teacher Sarah Gardner and [illegible] provides free school meals at Karbo Primary School in Lawra, upper west Ghana. In January, it extended its feeding programme to cater to Karbo Junior School.

The free meals encourage children to go to school rather than hunting for food to feed their families, and since ATE's creation, school attendance and attainment has soared.

It costs just 20p to provide one free meal for a starving child in Lawra.

Miss Gardner said: "ATE is so grateful for the support of Trinity Community Choir.

"The money raised will help support the 474 children who attend Karbo Primary School and will enable ATE to provide more than 3,000 meals for these vulnerable children.

"These nutritious school lunches not only relieve hunger and improve health, but also motivate children to come to school, giving them an education and a chance to fight their way out of the dreadful poverty they were born into."

Trinity Community Choir rehearse at Trinity School every Thursday at 7.30pm, and new members are always welcome. For more information, visit www.trinitycommunitychoir.org.uk

Trinity Community Choir

Hoarders helping each other overcome ordeals

A NEWBURY organisation tackling hoarding disorders is helping people overcome their ordeals by encouraging them to donate items no longer needed to help others in their community, such as Newbury-based homeless charity, Loose Ends.

Hoarding Disorders UK was founded by West Berkshire residents Jo Cooke and Amanda Peet, after months of planning and a desire to help people turn their lives around, following the recognition of hoarding disorder as a mental illness in 2013.

Ms Cooke said: "People with hoarding conditions don't want to part with their things, so we encourage them to help think of those who are in need of such items.

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"For one hoarder, who lost her husband last April, I came out of her home with at least 30 coats, some brand new shoes, 30 plastic food containers and nine flasks, bum bags, airline cushions and blankets.

"That's what Loose Ends needs, flasks to put hot drinks in, containers to hand out food."

The organisation also offers hands-on support to individuals and their families, and provides training to partner organisations which can declutter and clean homes in more serious cases.

It is estimated that between two and five per cent of the UK population is living with a hoarding disorder.

This equates to 3,500 people in West Berkshire alone, and more than 17,000 across Berkshire.

Ms Peet added: "Before the diagnosis of hoarding as a mental illness, many thought it was a lifestyle choice or that it was an obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD).

"It was thought that there was no 'cure', but with the right treatment and support hoarders can come out of the other end."

Hoarding Disorders UK hosts support meetings at Broadway House on the last Thursday of each month, from 7pm to 9pm, for sufferers of hoarding disorders and those close to them.

"It is such a privilege to be able to go into someone's home and help them to get back on track," said Ms Cooke.

"The reaction has been fabulous.

"We have been able to help a number of people and their families and have presented to local organisations, many of which involve local residents.

"We have had a terrific year and had no idea that we would have taken off with such gusto."

The pair are now looking to expand their work into other counties.

For more information, visit www.hoardingdisordersuk.org, www.facebook.com/hoardingdisordersuk or follow @HoarderDisorder on Twitter.

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Racecourse charity boost for Daisy's Dream

Dan Pavely, David Wilson Homes Racecourse project manager, Gemma Gittins of Daisy's Dream and Kathryn McCusker, Racecourse sales adviser

A LOCAL charity has received a fundraising boost with a £5,000 donation from a community fund.

Daisy's Dream received the cheque from David Wilson Homes Southern and Newbury Racecourse's community fund, which was set up to help fund projects and support charities within a 15-mile radius of the racecourse.

service is provided completely free o charge, and so we rely o donations to continu our valuable work wit children who have los or are facing the loss, someone close to them.

"This donation will used to support famili in Newbury and t surrounding areas."

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