

Bags of money for Martlets in charity sale

A CHARITY event has raised more than £6,000 for a hospice.

Handbags for Hospices at Pub Du Vin in Ship Street, Brighton, welcomed 130 guests through the doors and showcased 100 donated bags in a silent auction.

The proceeds were donated to The Martlets Hospice in Wayfield Avenue, Hove.

Guests got the chance to bid on bags that have previously graced the arms of celebrities including Davina McCall, Paloma Faith, Gemma Arterton and Zoe Ball.

Handbags for Hospices is the brainchild of Abigail Bowen and Lucy Wilkes, who together created the concept and have already received national interest which continues to grow.

Abigail Bowen said: "The atmosphere in the room was incredible and everyone was so supportive and encouraging. The guests loved the bags – some women even went home with three or four.

"But most importantly, we generated over £6,000 on the night for The Martlets Hospice – with everyone saying they'll be back for the next one.

"I love the fact that every time those bags get used, they are a reminder of a fun night out, as well as supporting a great cause."

To donate your handbags for the next event, please contact info@handbagsforhospices.com

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