

CYCLISTS GEAR UP FOR POPULAR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Time to get in the saddle for Bikeathon

by Jenny Kirby

CYCLISTS are once again urging Macclesfield to get on their bikes for the 2007 Macclesfield Bikeathon.

Bob Ellis and Mike Brooker are gearing up for the 'wheelie' great charity event which takes place on Sunday May 20.

And they are hoping just as many cyclists will use pedal power to help raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Last year's event raised an amazing £40,000 for East Cheshire Hospice.

The 2007 Bikeathon was launched by Sir Nicholas Winterton MP outside Macclesfield Town Hall, along with Jane Wilkinson, fundraising manager at Marie Curie, and Amanda Hill and Amy Houghton from All Seasons call and sell on the market place.

And, forget being saddleless, people of all ages can take to the streets on their bikes to help, as well as have a fun day out, with the choice of three different length rides.

Bob paid tribute to the



Amy Houghton, Jane Wilkinson, Sir Nicholas Winterton MP and Amanda Hill at the launch of 2007 Macclesfield Bikeathon

event's regular legions of supporters, who make the day

such a success.

He said: "This year we are

raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care with the valued support of Sir Nicholas Winterton and the staff of All Seasons who are catering for us.

"We are aiming to raise 200,000 through cyclist sponsorship and there will be three routes of 13 miles, 26 miles and 52 miles."

Each entrant will receive a unique Marie Curie T-shirt, drinks and biscuits on route, a commemorative free medal and medal at the finish.

The Mayor of Macclesfield, Councillor Jim Crockett, will be waving the cyclists off from their onwards, and there will also be plenty of entertainment, fruit free bands, face-painting and a clothes workshop.

Tickets are £7 per rider or £16 per family.

Entry forms are available at Brown's Jewellers, 21 Runderland Street, Macclesfield, and leisure centres, libraries and information points around the area.

Cyclists can also join online at the website www.maccbikeathon.com or call Bob on the Bikeathon hotline on 01625 858497.