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ASHTON BURKINSHAW SUPPORTS THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Ashton Burkinshaw, the southeast's leading independent letting agent, has for the third year running sponsored the spectacular Funraisers Dragon Boat Festival which took place on Saturday 9th September at Bewl Water in Lamberhurst, Kent.

Crews of 16 paddlers (plus a drummer) raced over a 200 metre water course in Chinese-style dragon boats in an amazing display of paddle power, raising money for a wide range of good causes.

The Dragon Boat Festival is the largest event of its type in Europe with 50 teams competing in 10 dragon boats watched by over 6,000 spectators. This year's Dragon Boat Festival raised over £130,000 for local, national and international charities and provided an action packed day, full of activities for all the family; from clowns and magic shows, children's colouring competitions and boat trips to live music - all giving a lively carnival atmosphere.

Not only is Ashton Burkinshaw one of the regular sponsors of this exciting event but Daniel Burkinshaw is part of the "Funraisers" team; a group of six friends who organise the event every year. Director, Frances Burkinshaw, was delighted to present the winners' trophies and medals.

"Over the nine years that the Funraisers have been organising this fantastic event, a staggering £900,000 has been raised for charity", says Daniel Burkinshaw. "Next year is the big one. As it's the event's 10th anniversary we are determined to smash the £1 million mark! The Dragon Boat Festival is a unique event that allows local companies and organisations to get a team together and race for their favourite charity. It is an exhilarating day for the competitors and a thrilling show for the spectators. So we are hoping for a huge amount of support next year".

For more information about the Dragon Boat Festival visit www.funraisers.org.uk.

Photo 1: Competitors enjoying the excitement of the race (courtesy of Ray Hardings and John Caruana Photography)

