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AB TO HELP FUNRAISERS PADDLE FOR A MILLION!

Ashton Burkinshaw, the southeast's leading specialist letting agent, is for the fourth year running sponsoring the spectacular Funraisers' Dragon Boat Festival which takes place on Saturday 15th September at Bewl Water in Lamberhurst, Kent.

This year is the event's 10th anniversary and over the past nine years a staggering £900,000 has been raised for many local, national and international charities. This year the organisers are determined to hit the £1 million mark.

Crews of 16 paddlers (plus a drummer) race over a 200-metre watercourse in Chinese-style dragon boats in an amazing display of paddle power. 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. It guarantees an action packed day, full of activities for all the family.

Ashton Burkinshaw is one of the regular sponsors of this exciting event and this year it is supporting the event by sponsoring the bouncy castle.

Says Chief Executive Graham Harrison, "The Dragon Boat Festival is a unique experience 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. Ashton Burkinshaw enjoys supporting these local events and believes that companies such as ours should put as much into the community as much as we take out".

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

Photograph: Competitors enjoying the excitement of a race

