



Heart Screening Event – October 2018

A bright and sunny weekend in October saw the fifth CRY Heart Screening session at South Hunsley School, in memory of Jamie Loncaster. The cost was again covered by Jamie's Fund at CRY.

As always, the caretaking staff at South Hunsley School did a fantastic job of setting up for the event, by moving screens and tables to create ECG bays, an Ultrasound bay, a reception area, seating for patients and a private room for the doctor to see patients and discuss their ECG results. Tea and coffee making facilities were provided by the school catering team and the main facility was kept safe and secure by the sports centre staff once the team had left each night.

Bernie, the CRY Driver arrived at South Hunsley School at 4pm on the Friday evening and he and Graham unloaded the van and made sure the hall was ready for the following morning. Bernie had brought with him all the necessary equipment needed to run the event. In came ECG machines, the echocardiogram unit, fold out / pop up beds and all necessary ancillary items and privacy screens.

On this occasion, the CRY team consisted of Bernie and Tony as coordinators / registration team with Louise, Neville and Helen carrying out the ECG work. Donna was in charge of any required echocardiogram (ultrasound) tests. CRY Research Fellow Gemma Parry-Williams was the Doctor in attendance, who reviewed every single ECG print over the two days..!

Graham & Jenny once again joined the team for most of the weekend and provided lunch for them each day. They chatted to a several people who had attended for a free heart screening and spent some time promoting the event on social media.

Over the two days, the team screened 206 young people. Of those screened, 7 had an additional ultrasound echocardiogram and 2 people were referred to their GP for further investigation.

Over the weekend, the fund also screened its 1,000th young person. Chloe Waugh is a student at South Hunsley Sixth Form College and coincidentally, was one of Jamie's best friends.

CRY statistics show that 1:100 people screened will be found to have an irregularity with their heart and 1:300 will have a potentially life-changing condition.

Over the two days **29 people failed to attend** their pre-booked appointments. Thankfully, the power of social media stepped in again and 23 of those places were filled by walk-ins on the day.

The next events at South Hunsley School will be in **April** and **October 2019** (400 places in total).
Details nearer the time!