

£1500 presented to Middleham Key Centre

At a celebration event with William Hague, MP for Richmondshire and Shadow Foreign Secretary, Ian Hounsome of Ann Duffield Racing presented Middleham Key Centre with a fundraising contribution of £1500 from the yard's Open Day Event.

The funds were part of a grand total of £16, 000 raised by the yards in the area on Good Friday under the umbrella of Middleham Open Day when nearly 7000 visitors enjoyed stable visits. Cheques were then distributed to the local charities and racing organisations.



The beneficiaries included: The Middleham Key Centre itself, Racing Welfare, North Country Theatre, Great North Air Ambulance, Middleham Sports Association, Middleham Over 60s Luncheon Club, Children Today, Middleham Community Fund, Middleham Primary School, Middleham Under 5's Playgroup, St Alkelda's Church, Middleham, Wensleydale High School PTA and Leyburn Town band.

William Hague said: "Middleham is a tremendous success story and fully deserves its reputation as the finest racing centre in the north of England. We have some very successful trainers and it is wonderful that they open their yards to so many people, especially as the proceeds go to such deserving local charities."

Ann Duffield explained "Although we have our own facilities and gallops up at Sunhill Farm - so we are not strictly part of the Middleham Trainers Association - we are delighted to be able to contribute to the fundraising effort. It's good to be able to work together to raise the profile of racing and racehorse ownership and give a 'behind the scenes' taste of the sport to newcomers and followers alike" explains Ann.

The Stables Open Event will be held on Good Friday, April 2 next year.