

Thames Valley Branch Supports Charities

The Thames Valley Branch (TVB) has always been a strong supporter of the local arm of major charities and, in line with the CQI's values, gives such support significant prominence at Branch Meetings.

At last May's Annual General Meeting, the membership voted to support a new charity for the forthcoming year – MacMillan Cancer Support. Consequently, at this season's inaugural meeting in September, it was with some sadness that the Branch said farewell to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance (TVAA), which had been well supported for several years: and a final cheque of £548.42 was handed over. Since



becoming the Branch's nominated charity, TVAA has received in excess of £1,000 donated by TVB members. The TVAA trust needs to raise £2.98M each year to keep the service going and Branch members are known to continue contributing directly, by taking part in the TVAA lottery and at this time of year buying Christmas cards together with general gift aided donations. More details can be found at: <http://www.tvaca.org/>

A cheque for £548.42 being presented to John Sparrow local Fundraiser for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, from retiring TVB charity co-ordinator Nigel Hatcher

The meeting was then introduced to Jan Treacher-Evans, the local co-ordinator for



MacMillan Cancer Support, who made a short presentation on behalf the Charity. In recognition of MacMillan's 100th anniversary the Branch set a SMART target entitled; "100 for 100", aiming to raise a minimum of £100 during the evening. It was consequently very pleasing, that after the technical presentation had been concluded, TVB was able to close proceedings by making a donation of £111.58.

At the launch event for the TVB new charity, MacMillan Cancer Care, new Branch Charity Coordinator, Nev Rogers, shakes hands with Jan Treacher-Evans to seal the new partnership.