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First Responders Auction

An Amazing £3,800 Raised

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CUMBRIAN auctioneer David Dalton managed to make more than 100 people part with thousands of pounds when he came out of retirement for one night only.

Mr Dalton, who was a partner in Daltons auction mart on Carlisle's Botchergate, was leading the proceedings at the Golf Hotel in Silloth on Friday February 22.

He was brought in by his son Andy, the paramedic who trained residents to become the Silloth First Responders.

The team was formed following the death of young Workington Town rugby league player David Fletcher in December. The 20-year-old died on a motocross track at Beckfoot.

His father Stanley made the trip to Silloth to present chairman Peter Gilmour with a £700 cheque. The cash was raised at a race night held at the Glasson Rangers club in Maryport.

Over 100 people braved the weather conditions on Friday to bid for more than 100 lots donated by a range of Cumbrian businesses and organisations.

The £3,800 proceeds will help the emergency group pay for pager rental, a new defibrillator and training equipment.

Other donations included £100 from Silloth Motorcycle Club and £200 from Maurice Harrison, who asked for donations instead of presents at his recent 50th birthday party at Wheyrigg Hall, near Wigton.

Some of the cheapest items included second hand toys which sold for just 50p. Meanwhile the most expensive lots were a pedal cycle and a double bed, which went for £170 each.

Chairman Peter Gilmour said: "It was a great night. David did a great job. It was a slow start, that's why we had second hand stuff on first".

"I think a lot of the prices went up and people bidded because they wanted to raise as much money as they could for the First Responders, not because they wanted



Photo Courtesy: Bill Allen

L - R Charlie Harrison, Peter Gilmour, David Dalton (Auctioneer), Stuart Graham (Assistant)

to outbid each other."

The recent race night in memory of Town player David Fletcher raised a total of £1,600. A cheque for £800 went to the British Heart Foundation and another £100 went to the children's charity Bliss, an organisation David donated to when he was alive.



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