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Hundred more to benefit from disabled boat rides thanks to donation

- Poole-based marine firm helps keep "Dolphin" afloat

Active Research Ltd, the Poole-based leisure marine technology specialists, have made a generous donation to a local charity, *"The Friends of Dolphin"*, who provide free pleasure trips to disabled persons of all ages and disabilities in Poole Harbour. The presentation took place on 4th September 2013 when a cheque for £1500 was presented by Phil Whitehurst to the Chairman of The Friends of Dolphin Brian Miles and Vice Chairman Bob Irwin at the Poole Quay Boat Haven on board Dolphin III. The initial donation will pay for 100 extra people to benefit from the service, whilst the company aim to donate even more funds through the year to *The Friends of Dolphin*, as their chosen charity for the year, through various activities including Active Research MD Phil Whitehurst running the inaugural Bournemouth Marathon for the charity.

Mr Whitehurst, said: *"We're delighted to be able to support The Friends of Dolphin. Our company has been built on providing specialist electronics for the marine sector, so it felt only right to aim our philanthropy to a charity that shares our love of the ocean with the people they help. We look forward to working closely with Bob and his team in the year ahead."*

Bob Irwin of *The Friends of Dolphin* said: *"Thanks to the generosity from Active Research, we will be able to offer even more time on the water for disabled people of all ages and disabilities and in particular those in wheelchairs or with physical disabilities. Our trips across Poole Harbour, the islands, and across to Wareham are hugely popular, and these much needed funds are gratefully received."*

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