

Press Release
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Basepoint Bournemouth's sixth birthday

Basepoint Business Centre in Bournemouth recently hosted a party to celebrate its sixth birthday. The centre opened its doors to local small businesses on 1st November 2004. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength and is now home to 55 companies, with an additional 16 holding 'virtual offices'.



Carly Thompson, centre manager at Basepoint Bournemouth, doubled the celebrations when she presented the Wessex Autistic Society, the charity that the centre supports, with a cheque for over £5800.

Carly said: "We are delighted to be celebrating our sixth anniversary – we have built up a strong business base over the years and hope that this will continue. People are always commenting on how new and modern the centre looks and are shocked when I tell them it is six years old. Using our birthday party as an occasion to present the cheque to Wessex Autistic Society made the day even more special."

The donation follows a fund raising event that was organised by the Wessex Autistic Society. The charity arranged a 'Summer Solstice Run' at Moors Valley Country Park in the summer and raised £5808 – Basepoint were then able to match this amount as part of their commitment to support the local community.

Sarah Bohn, community and events fundraising officer at the Wessex Autistic Society, received the cheque. She said: "We are thrilled to be receiving this incredibly generous donation from Basepoint Bournemouth, who has been a great supporter of The Wessex Autistic Society for the past three years. Basepoint's involvement in this project is invaluable in allowing us to promote and encourage the importance of road safety outside of the school gates to our students with autism and learning disabilities at Portfield School in Christchurch. Projects such as this allow us to promote skills for independence which will enable our students to develop the ability to integrate within society while supporting themselves in as many ways as possible. We owe the team at Basepoint a huge thank you for their continued support and generosity."



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Basepoint is the main trading arm of leading UK grant making charity, The ACT Foundation. Each of Basepoint's 26 centres supports a local charity and they endeavour to raise money for those charities – all funds that are raised are then match funded by The ACT Foundation, up to £10,000.

Basepoint Bournemouth has supported The Wessex Autistic Society for the past three years. Situated at Aviation Business Park, the centre provides a wide range of high quality managed office space in friendly, purpose-built premises and on flexible terms. For further information about the Centre, please call Carly Thompson 01202 331700 or email carlythompson@basepoint.co.uk. Alternatively visit www.basepoint.co.uk.

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Basepoint specialises in the development and operation of managed business, innovation and enterprise centres. These centres provide comprehensive accommodation and support infrastructure packages to new and early-stage companies within a supportive and secure environment. The company operates both wholly- and part-owned centres as well as managing facilities on behalf of public sector bodies. Group operations currently extend across Southern England and the Midlands, with additional opportunities under assessment across the UK.

Basepoint is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ACT Foundation, a leading grant-making charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need. The ACT Foundation derives its income from a substantial and diversified property portfolio of which Basepoint is a major constituent.

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