

# WOODCOTE RALLY

09<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011

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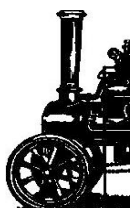
Dear Sirs

The attached Press Release is available for immediate release.

If you require any additional details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

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## PRESS RELEASE:

### Local Council Threatens Charity Supporter with Prosecution – UPDATE of 13 June 2011

Since 1964, the Woodcote Rally which is arranged by the Woodcote Charitable Association (A Company Limited by Guarantee, Registered in England Number 3989364, Registered Charity Number 1080742) has donated a total of £344,700 to deserving local charities and worthy organisations.

The 48th Woodcote Rally will be held on the weekend of 09th – 10th July 2011.

Following our Press Release of 06 June 2011 regarding the threat of prosecution against one of the Woodcote Charitable Association's supporters I am pleased to announce that West Berkshire Council has withdrawn its protest and has issued instead the following statement to The Woodcote Rally Director, Mr Martin Allwright:

"Martin

Further to our telephoned conversation last week I have now received a response from my Highways colleagues regarding the above.

I can now advise you that there are no objections to the signboard to be located in the same position as last year. Whilst this sign is technically larger than the Advertisement Regulations specify I am of the view that at this late stage I do not wish to put obstacles in the way of this temporary siting.

I assume you will be removing the sign within the dates you set out previously.

As we discussed I am concerned that we establish a procedure for future events and would ask that you contact Graham Tandy 28 days before the event so that we have the opportunity to advise you and others of the forthcoming signs and legal responsibilities.

However, I must remind you that any signs erected on the highway verge or street furniture are likely to be removed by this Authority or our agents as a matter of policy (relating The Highways Act 1980).

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Regards

**Gordon Currie**  
Team Leader



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Enforcement, Conservation & Urban Design, Minerals & Waste.”

We now recognise the efforts of West Berkshire Council’s attempts to keep all events within the law but thank them for recognising The Woodcote Rally is indeed a Charitable Organisation and their agreement to allow us to place our large signs near to the junction of the A4/A340 roundabout.

We agree to their conditions not to erect any other of our signs on their highway verges or street furniture but we wonder why our other local councils (South Oxfordshire, Reading, and others do not object in the same way as West Berkshire do?)

We do hope that this matter is now resolved and that we can get on doing what the Woodcote Charitable Association is all about which is running the Woodcote Rally and raising as much money as possible to support the local charities and worthy good causes that we have supported over many years and can hopefully continue to do so.

End of Release

