

Football star raises money for Peterborough-based charity

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England and Middlesbrough footballer Danny Mills tee-ed up recently to help raise £33,000 for Peterborough-based charity ASBAH - the Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Mills was joined by Middlesbrough defender Gareth Southgate, Leeds United striker Alan Smith and Leicester City goalkeeper Ian Walker at a pro-celebrity golf event held to raise money for ASBAH's helpline appeal.

Danny Mills, who sadly lost his baby Archie due to Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus in 2002, is backing the ASBAH appeal to establish a help-line to provide much-needed advice and information. The charity is aiming to raise £300,000 to fund the help-line over the next three years.

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approached ASBAH after what happened last year and they were great,' explains Mills. 'Luckily we have a supportive family, but ASBAH were also a huge help and were able to answer many questions. We also had a great bunch of people looking after us once we found out Lisa was pregnant again with Stanley, and they helped me research the conditions.

'Through our experience I would just like to help people who go through the same thing. Every spina bifida or hydrocephalus case is different and we want to raise awareness of these conditions and raise vital cash for ASBAH. A help-line that worried parents and families can turn to for information help and support would make such a difference for so many people.'

'If we can ease anyone's pain by any percentage then all the work will be worthwhile.'

Fourteen teams played in the golf event, held at the Warwickshire Golf Club in Leek Wootton, Warwickshire on Sunday (16 May), with 130 people attending a celebrity dinner in the evening.

To find out more about ASBAH, or to make a donation, call ASBAH's fundraising team on 01733 555988, email donnat@asbah.org or visit their website at www.asbah.org

Picture caption:

Raising money for ASBAH are (left to right) Qasim Pervase, aged six, from Hall Green, Birmingham; Danny Mills and two year old Sara Bousseta, from Canley, Coventry.

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