



Goodwood's Magnolia Cup raises £178,000 for Place2Be

The 2017 Magnolia Cup at Goodwood Racecourse has raised a total of £178,000 for children's mental health charity Place2Be, it was revealed this week.

The seventh running of the Magnolia Cup, presented by Swarovski, was run on Ladies' Day at the Qatar Goodwood Festival in August and was won by Dido Harding. This year's total means that the race has now raised in excess of £1.2 million for charitable causes since its inception and Goodwood is indebted to all the riders, silk designers, trainers and owners who have supported the race.

Place2Be provides in-school support and expert training to improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils, families, teachers and school staff. Founded in 1994, the charity has school-based teams across England, Scotland and Wales and is now working in over 280 schools reaching a population of approximately 116,000 children across some of the most disadvantaged areas of the UK.

Children and young people aged 4-14 can book their own one-off appointment to speak to a Place2Be counsellor, or they can be referred by a teacher or parent for longer-term one-to-one or group sessions. This support helps young people to cope with wide-ranging and often complex social issues including bullying, bereavement, domestic violence, family breakdown, neglect and trauma. HRH The Duchess of Cambridge is a patron of the charity.

Catherine Roche, Chief Executive of Place2Be, said: "It was a real honour to partner with Goodwood for the unique and very special Magnolia Cup. The event was an enormous success, raising an incredible £178,000 and shining a spotlight on children's mental health. We are so grateful to Goodwood and all of the inspirational jockeys for their generous support, helping Place2Be reach thousands more children when they need us most."

It has been confirmed that the Magnolia Cup will again take place on Ladies' Day at the Qatar Goodwood Festival, which in 2018 falls on Thursday 2 August. The full list of riders and designers and the charity partner will be revealed in 2018.

Notes:

The 2018 Qatar Goodwood Festival takes place at Goodwood Racecourse in West Sussex from Tuesday 31 July to Saturday 4 August. Affectionately known as 'Glorious Goodwood' and an undoubted highlight of the summer social season, the event will feature three Group 1 races and total prize money of over £5million.

Tickets for all of Goodwood's 2018 fixtures are now on sale, including early-bird prices for the Qatar Goodwood Festival. Please visit Goodwood.com

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