**Hankook Golf Classic 2018 continues to raise funds for the local Air Ambulance**

***Daventry, UK, 2nd October 2018*** - Hankook staff together with a selection of tyre retailers and fleet managers participated at the Hankook Golf Classic which recently took place at The Welcombe Hotel and Golf Club in Stratford-upon-Avon. A raffle at the event raised £420 for The Local Air Ambulance Service, a charity which relies on donations in order to attend up to 1,800 calls a year.

Jong Jin Park, Managing Director at Hankook Tyre UK commented: “We began working with the Air Ambulance Service in 2017, and are pleased to support them with their valuable work to deliver vital services in the region.” To help the Air Ambulance Service to perform these indispensable duties, Hankook Tyre provides the Air Ambulance rapid response critical care cars with tyres to safely carry the teams to missions throughout the night. Along with tyre donations, the Hankook Classic Golf day is a great way to promote the Air Ambulance and to help raise crucial funds to help the charity to continue to deliver advance treatments at major trauma scenes across Warwickshire & Northamptonshire. Hankook Tyre are committed to supporting the Air Ambulance service at more events like this in the future.

With the rain easing in time for the last group to tee off, and the sun making an intermittent appearance, the day was a great success. Strong winds in the latter part of the day created more of a challenge for some, but this didn’t deter Phil Hinks from NRG Fleet scoring the first Hole-in-One Hankook has seen in the ten years of running this event. The overall winning team saw Ben Ashton of Benton Bros (Haulage) Ltd., Peter Marsland of Carrs Billington, Malcolm Hazard of Vaculug, and Dave Burrows from D&D Tyres all receive prizes. The individual winner was Chris Snelson from NRG Fleet, with Nigel Payne from Watling Tyre coming in second, and Richard Midgeley from Tanvic Tyre Group a respectable third. Other prize winners included Stuart John from Harvie Tyres, and Steven Buckley who won Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive respectively.

Nick Vallance from W L Vallance Ltd said: “Many thanks indeed for a wonderful days’ fun at the Hankook Golf Day. I thoroughly enjoyed the golf course, the excellent company and the evening award ceremony. It was a privilege to attend this event, a wonderful advertisement for Hankook Tyres.”

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**About the Air Ambulance Service**

The Air Ambulance Service (theairambulanceservice.org.uk) is a charity that was established in 2003 when Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance launched. Since then, the charity has grown and now also covers Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, as well as operating the national Children’s Air Ambulance.

The two local air ambulances provide a rapid response to trauma and medical emergencies across 3850 square miles, spanning five counties. On average, these two helicopters attend six missions a day between them, with each mission costing approximately £1,700. The Children’s Air Ambulance is a national service which flies critically ill children from one hospital to another for specialist care. On board the Children’s Air Ambulance is specialist equipment that provides intensive care during the flight, with specialists on hand to travel with any child who would be otherwise too sick to fly.

Flight times in the Air Ambulances are commonly over four times quicker than travelling by road, and in many cases, time saved is a life saved. The charity does not receive any government funding, and relies on public donations to continue saving lives in our community.

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Aspiring to bring consumers the utmost excellence in product quality, technological excellence and driving satisfaction, Hankook Tire continuously invests in research and development maintaining five R&D centres and seven production facilities around the world. Bespoke tyre solutions for the European markets as well as European Original Equipment according to the requirements of leading premium car manufacturers, are developed in the company’s regional Technical Centre in Hanover/Germany. Production for the European region is taking place in the state-of-the-art manufacturing site in Rácalmás/Hungary which was inaugurated in June 2007 and is continuously being expanded. Currently more than 3,000 employees produce up to 19 million tyres a year for passenger cars, SUVs and light trucks.

Hankook Tire employs more than 22,000 people worldwide and are selling their products in over 180 countries. Internationally leading car manufacturers rely on tyres made by Hankook for their original equipment.

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