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Oswestry husband and wife raise £1,000 for the Stroke Association

Stroke survivor Scott Marston, 39, and his wife Andrea from Oswestry have raised £1,000 for the Stroke Association.

The couple presented the charity with the vital funds raised at Andrea's recent 30th birthday party, when the couple organised a raffle and encouraged friends and family to donate.

They were inspired to fundraise for the Stroke Association after Scott had a stroke on 26 November 2015, at the age of 38. Formerly the owner of a car body repair centre, Scott has been unable to return to work. Although he is on

the road to recovery, Scott's stroke has left him with fatigue and partial vision in his left eye.

Andrea said: "Scott's stroke not only changed his life, it turned the family's world upside down. We've been lucky to have received amazing support from our family and friends. The Princess Royal Hospital stroke team were so helpful and put us in touch with the Stroke Association. The charity's support and guidance inspired us to raise funds to help other people like Scott get the support that they need.

"We were totally overwhelmed with the amount raised and want to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed, including all the local businesses who donated to our raffle. I'm now planning to hold another fundraising event in the future where we can hopefully raise even more vital funds."

Georgina Lawrence, Community and Events Fundraiser at the Stroke Association, said: "With around 152,000 strokes in the UK each year, it's vital we have people like Scott and Andrea to help raise vital funds. We're incredibly grateful to them both for raising such an amazing amount for the Stroke Association; the money will go a long way in helping to support people who are living with the effects of stroke, as well as their families and carers."

Local businesses supported the raffle, including Balloonatics, Phil Morris Racing, Gobowen Autocare, British Ironwork Centre, Ethels Car and Van hire, The Beauty Lounge, The Last Inn, Stans Superstore, Graham Marston, Newtown Football Club and Fix Auto Oswestry.

The Stroke Association provides an Information, Advice and Support Service in Shropshire, in partnership with Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group. For more information about the Stroke Association, visit www.stroke.org.uk or call the Helpline on 0303 303 3100.

A stroke is a brain attack which happens when the blood supply to the brain is cut off, caused by a clot or bleeding in the brain. There are around 152,000 strokes in the UK every year and it is one of the largest causes of disability. There are over 1.2 million people in the UK living with the effects of stroke.

Stroke Association is a charity. We believe in life after stroke and together we can conquer stroke. We work directly with stroke survivors and their families and carers, with health and social care professionals and with scientists and researchers. We campaign to improve stroke care and support people to make the best recovery they can. We fund research to develop new treatments and ways of preventing stroke. The Stroke Helpline (0303 303 3100) provides information and support on stroke. More information can be found at www.stroke.org.uk

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