



Kerry Holt, Karen Capel and Alex Owles. Picture: Steve Porter

Charity's first fundraiser a success

THE first event held in aid of a Lightwater charity has been described as a roaring success after raising more than £1,000.

Christopher's Smile was launched in September to raise money for The Institute of Cancer Research (ICR).

It was set up in memory of Christopher Capel, who died in June after losing a 21-month battle with medulloblastoma, an aggressive childhood brain tumour. He was five.

All the money raised

through the charity, founded by Christopher's parents Karen and Kevin, will go towards funding a higher scientific research officer within the institute's paediatric team.

They will carry out the research to develop new drugs that will be used to treat medulloblastoma and other childhood cancers.

Last Sunday scores of people turned up to the charity's first event, a children's hairdressing day.

It was held at Lightwater Village School, where Christopher was a pupil.

Parents paid a flat rate to allow their children to have a new do as well as taking part in games and making Christmas decorations.

Money was raised through arts and crafts and Christmas card stalls.

Mrs Capel, of Ivy Drive, Lightwater, said more than £1,840 was raised and paid tribute to the five hairdressers

who gave up their time to do the event.

She added: "We were thrilled with how it went and for the first one I think we did pretty well."

"It's really motivated us so I think it will be the first of many. The atmosphere was amazing and we have had great support from everyone. It's been very uplifting."

For details about Christopher's Smile visit www.christopherssmile.org.uk.



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