April 20th 2018

**Save the date for an activity-packed Family Fun Day this May**

Motorcycle stunt riders, live music and supercar passenger rides are just a few of the excellent activities planned for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance annual Family Fun Day at North Weald Airbase on Sunday 20th May.

Brimming with entertainment, activities, local food and drink and much more, the all-day event is the finishing point of this year’s Motorcycle Run, which will see hundreds of motorcyclists embark on a 60-mile ride from Welwyn Garden City to North Weald to raise vital funds for the Charity.

The popular Motorcycle Run and Family Fun Day is one of the Air Ambulance’s biggest events and last year, a convoy of 800 motorcyclists raised thousands of pounds, in addition to 1,200 visitors at the Family Fun Day.

Jen Wall, Events Manager at Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, said: “The Motorcycle Run is always a fabulous event and this year’s one will be no exception. We have so many exciting things for people to enjoy that they will be spoilt for choice!”

Visitors will be delighted with the excellent range of live music that will keep everyone entertained and dancing throughout the day. Hertfordshire bands The Chevrons, Missing Cat and DeVience will perform everything from vintage 60s classics and blues to funk and rock.

There will be plenty of local stalls to browse on the day while thrill seekers can experience a hover craft and supercar passenger rides at the Car Limits stand. Pre-book a slot on the Car Limits website and use the promotional code AIRAMB to receive a 10% discount. The company will be making a donation to the Air Ambulance from proceeds raised on the day.

For motorcycle beginners the ART Rider Training School will be on hand to demonstrate how to ride safely.

If you’d rather sit back, relax and enjoy the show, then don’t miss On the Edge, a team of the world’s best stunt riders, who will put on a show not to be missed. Just remember – don’t try it at home!

A Family Fun Day would not be complete without a range of food stalls selling delicious dishes to suit all tastes. Whether you’re looking for a hog roast, fish and chips or burgers, you’re sure to find something to tuck into during the day.

Jen added: “Whether you are looking for a great day out or you love classic motorbikes, the Family Fun Day at North Weald is a great event to come and enjoy. There’s something for everyone so don’t miss out! You’ll also be supporting our life-saving Charity that couldn’t operate without the support of all those taking part in the Motorcycle Run, visitors to the Fun Day, our volunteers, sponsors, local businesses and staff.

“We look forward to seeing everyone on the day and wish our motorcyclists a safe journey. We’ll be greeting them at the finish line!”

**Pre-registration to take part in the Motorcycle Run is open until 11th May. For more details visit https://ehaat.org/events/motorcycle-run-north-weald-family-fun-day/**

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**Photograph:** Visitors to the 2017 Motorcycle Run and Family Fun Day

**For more information please contact the Communications Team on 0345 2417 690.**

**Notes to Editor:**

* Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) is a Charity that provides a Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) for the critically ill and injured of Essex, Hertfordshire and the surrounding areas.
* The service is provided free of charge but, unlike NHS emergency services, the Charity receives no direct funding from the Government or National Lottery. It costs £500,000 every month to keep the service operational and saving lives, and this would not be possible without the generosity and goodwill of people and businesses of Essex, Hertfordshire and beyond.
* Each of the Charity’s HEMS teams consist of two Pilots, a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and a Critical Care Paramedic.
* These teams, made up of highly-skilled individuals, tended to 1077 patients in 2016 and are the backbone of your local life-saving Charity.
* The fleet, consisting of two Air Ambulances, and four Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs - cars) operates seven days a week from 7am to 9pm. After sunset, the Critical Care Team continues to provide the service using Rapid Response Vehicles.
* In addition, a Rapid Response Vehicle is operational on a Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm until 2am with a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic.