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### **Press Information**

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# From the heart of the factory to the heart of the community, Toyota Manufacturing UK raises over £335,000 for local charities.

Once again, the Derbyshire factory shows its commitment to the local community by donating funds to 95 organisations in and around its manufacturing locations.

The Toyota Manufacturing UK Charitable Trust had its best ever year in 2017, raising £335,833.04.

Organisations around Toyota's manufacturing facilities in Burnaston, Derbyshire and Deeside, Flintshire, were awarded with grants towards their activities focussing on road safety initiatives, overcoming social deprivation or improving health. In addition, multiple local organisations with the involvement of Toyota staff, received grants up to £5000.

Jim Crosbie, Trustee for the Charitable Trust, and Deputy Managing Director at Toyota Manufacturing UK said "It is a privilege to be able to support local people and organisations doing so much good work and making such a difference in the areas around our plants. At Toyota, it is important to us to be able to contribute to our local communities, and support our members' interests in this way".

Jayne Falconer from Children with Cancer UK, the staff choice of Charity of the Year, joined the event to receive a donation of £50,000. Jayne said "We are delighted that Toyota Manufacturing UK chose to support Children with Cancer UK with their 2017 fundraising. We would like to say a huge thank you to Toyota for helping us to fund vital specialist research to help save the lives of children with cancer and keep their family together.

"Thanks to the amazing support of organisations like Toyota we are able to fund researchers like, Professor Richard Grundy at the University of Nottingham, who is developing our understanding of the biological activity of tumours in young people, to help improve the effectiveness and accuracy of treatments.

"It's only thanks to Toyota Manufacturing UK and our other supporters that we're able to fight the injustice of cancer in children."

Rob Davies, a senior engineer at Toyota, and Chairperson of the Hilton Youth group, who received over £900, said: "We started the group in 2016 to give young people a safe space to socialise and enjoy indoor and outdoor activities. We now have a membership of over 100 young people and there has been a fall in anti-social behaviour in the area attributed to the formation of the club.

"The grant from Toyota will pay for a full year's rental of the village hall allowing us to fund more enriching activities and respond better to the needs of the children of Hilton and the surrounding villages."



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Funds were raised mainly through "Lean Approach" Seminars, whereby delegates from organisations around the world can come to the factory in Burnaston, Derbyshire; the beating heart of the Toyota Production System in the UK, and learn about Toyota philosophies.

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#### Note to Editors

**Toyota Manufacturing UK** produces Avensis, Auris, Auris Touring Sport and Auris Hybrid models at its vehicle manufacturing plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire, and petrol and hybrid engines at its engine manufacturing plant at Deeside, North Wales. In 2017, TMUK produced 144,077 vehicles, 337,516 engines for export and local assembly at plants across the world. To date, Toyota has invested over £2.5 billion into its UK manufacturing operations and currently employs over 3000 members.

**Toyota Manufacturing UK Charitable Trust (Reg. 1124678)** was established in 2008 and is wholly funded by employee fundraising and sharing of best practice via "Lean Approach" Seminars. In 2017, over £335,000 was raised for charities in and around the factory sites in Burnaston, Derbyshire and Deeside, Flintshire.

Organisations in Derbyshire & the surrounding area benefitting from Toyota grants in 2017 include: Derbyshire Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance, Swadlincote & District Lions Club, Friends of Sam Wright, Look Good Feel Better, Cruse Bereavement Care, Rural Action Derbyshire, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association UK, Spinal Muscular Atrophy Support UK, St Giles Primary School, Sight Support Derbyshire, Treetops Hospice, South Derbyshire CVS, Chicks, Derby Hospitals Charity – Air Arts, Friends of the Baby Unit, Derbyshire & District Foster Care Association, Burton Physically Handicapped & Disabled Club, Derby County Community Trust, Brackenwood Road Big Lunch, Hilton Youth Group, Shelton Striders Running Club, Smalley Football Club, Plus One, Maddy's Smile, Bank House, Derbyshire Mind, Padley, Umbrella, Different Strokes, Field Lane U14s Football Club, Mickleover Sports Club, Leabooks Jnr Football Club, Marlborough Rovers Football Club, Willington Football Club, Clipstone Welfare Colts Football Club, Gresley Football in the Community, Team Spirit Netball, Melbourne Joggers, Derbyshire Disabled Cricket Club, Trent Rowing Club, Parkin Wrekin College School of Gymnastics & Dance, Seales & Linton Scout Group, 237th Birmingham (1st Castle Bromwich) Scout Group, 103rd Derby (Chellaston) Scout & 1st Chellaston Guide Hut Executive Committee, Derby Live at Home Scheme, PACE, Friends of Markeaton Park, Annabel's Angels, Derby Hospitals Charity – Combined Day Unit, 7th Stoke on Trent & Newcastle Scouts, Mia Moo's Foundation, Northwood Day Care Centre, Rainbows Hospice, William MacGregor Primary School, St Giles Hospice,

Organisations in Deeside & the surrounding area benefitting from Toyota grants in 2017 include: Welsh Air Ambulance, Mencap Cymru, Daffodils, Multiple Sclerosis Trust, The FDF Centre for Independent Living, Stick 'n' step, Pedal Power, Children Today Charitable Trust, Groundwork North Wales, Neston Nomads Football Club, Thatto Heath Crusaders Girls Rugby League, Sealand & Queensferry Dementia Care, St Mary Without-the-Walls Church, Cambrian Aquatics. Hawarden Rangers Football Club, Deevine Dance group, CAIS, Flintshire Foodbank, Ysgol Maes Hyfryd. Awyr Las, Alder Hey Children's Charity, Claire House Hospice, Cylch Meithrin Mornant Nursery.

National Charities include: Children with Cancer UK, Brake the road safety charity, Cancer Research UK, Teenage Cancer Trust, Comic Relief, Dementia UK, Meningitis Now, VICTA, Carers UK, Myeloma UK, Women v Cancer, Alzheimer's Society, Macmillian Cancer Support, Cancer Care, MIND, Action for Children, Cure Leukaemia, Birmingham Children's Hospital, Children in Need.

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