

# AORTA...

The deadline for letters is the 10th day of the month. E-mail to [editor@highworthlink.co.uk](mailto:editor@highworthlink.co.uk) or c/o Lighthouse Bookshop, 40 High Street, Highworth, Swindon SN6 7AQ.

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## Cotswold Animal and Bird Rescue

*We held a tin collection and a stall selling furry toys and other goods at the Highworth Co-op on Saturday 10th November. I am pleased to announce that we raised the sum total of £348.57, our best yet at this event.*

*The charity, based in Cirencester, was previously known as the Cotswold Swan Rescue. However they have recently changed their name owing to the large numbers of calls received concerning deer, foxes, badgers and other animals needing help. Anyone wanting to know more about the Rescue can contact them on (01285) 658923 or look at the website [www.cotswoldanimalandbirdrescue.org](http://www.cotswoldanimalandbirdrescue.org).*

*I would like to thank the people of Highworth for their interest and generosity, and also the Co-op who, as ever, made us welcome and allowed us to stand in the warmest spots!*

*Linda Harrison, Bydemill Gardens Highworth. On behalf of the Cotswold Animal and Bird Rescue*

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## Marathon thanks

*I would like to thank those who sponsored me to run in the Berlin and Dublin Marathons last Autumn. Around the town folk have been very generous at a time when there are a lot of other causes to donate to. I was running for Kids First which is a children's charity under the Woolworth's umbrella and around about £1000 will be raised when all donations are in. I would particularly like to thank Sally's, Andrews Quality Meats and Highworth Flowers for their support which is always given whenever I do one of these things (or in this, case two of these things).*

*If anyone would still care to sponsor me, Tel: (01793) 766559.*

*Jeremy Higgins*

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## Waste collection and carrier bags

*I am sure that all welcome initiatives recently introduced to reduce the amount of waste sent for landfill.*

### **Two Requests:**

- *When residents have made a real effort to sort rubbish and put out individual bundles of 'like-items' for recycling, even if these exceed their orange bins capacity, please will Swindon Borough Council employees collect all additional recyclable items to avoid loss of cooperation/goodwill and an increase in the quantity of recyclable waste put in wheelie bins?*
- *When wheelie bins are emptied, please will SBC employees ensure that any spilt waste is removed to avoid an unsightly mess and a health and safety hazard?*

### **Three Suggestions:**

- *Can Highworth move towards being a plastic carrier bag free area by encouraging us all to carry and use a strong reusable bag for shopping to reduce unnecessary packaging?*
- *Can the Link Magazine allocate space per issue or on its website for people to advertise items 'for free transfer', swapping and reusing?*
- *More controversially, can Swindon Councillors meet with Waste Contractors and businesses to devise a scheme to sort skip waste (often mixtures of materials) at source?*

*Doug Staff, Stanton Fitzwarren*

Editor: Co-op says it is aiming to reduce carrier bag use by 25% in 2008. They say if you want a plastic bag, ask. Tesco offer extra points when you use your own bag. Both supermarkets offer cheap 'bags for life'. But I notice plastic bags are still freely available on the checkouts. We are working on a small ads service for our website. Meanwhile you can dispose of your unwanted items at Swindon Freecycle: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Swindon\\_Freecycle](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Swindon_Freecycle)