

CCM pork pie and fodder auctions raise cash for charity

Food fit for both man and beast has netted cash for charity!

Auctions of both pork pies and fodder hay staged in conjunction with Skipton Auction Mart's annual Christmas primestock shows and the Great Northern Pork Pie Fest last November raised £1,680.50 for Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice in Oxenhope, Keighley.

The cheque was presented to Manorlands fund raiser Matthew Binns by Craven Cattle Marts' general manager and auctioneer Jeremy Eaton at the weekly produce sale of hay and straw.

They were joined by John Duckitt, who regularly sells small bale hay at Skipton and supports the charity fodder auction. He grows it on 60 acres of grassland at Ivy House Farm, Syke House, Goole, and saw his load sell for a top price £3.80 per bale.

Mr Eaton thanked all farmers and butchers who had supported the charity auctions. As well as donations of hay, butchers from both Yorkshire and Lancashire who took part in the Great Northern Pork Pie Fest donated both their entries and additional pies for the annual fund-raiser.

Manorlands' Andrew Wood said: "Charity pork pie and hay auctions are among our more unusual fund raisers and we again thank the regional agricultural community for their generosity."

This year's Christmas primestock shows and pork pie competition will take place on Sunday, November 25, while details of weekly produce sales of hay and straw, held every Monday at 11.45am, are posted the previous Friday at www.ccmauctions.com

Mr Eaton added: "Prospective produce vendors and purchasers are reminded of the relaunch of the produce section at what is the busiest time of the year. Entries for produce sales should be lodged with the mart office by 12 noon every Friday in order to enable advertising via the company's website over the weekend prior to the sale."



Hey up! Manorlands fund-raiser Matthew Binns makes hay as he receives the cheque from CCM's Jeremy Eaton, left, and John Duckitt.