

PRESS RELEASE

'Self-help' and the Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes save the day for MS Charity

When 45 members of the Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres (MSNTC) charity found the gates of the venue for their AGM locked and bolted on Sunday 28 June, their own quick thinking and the Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes saved the day. Once it became obvious that there was no-one coming to open up the venue in Milton Keynes (which had been booked well in advance for the AGM), the members of MSNTC lived up to their motto of 'self-help is our way of action'. They quickly identified the Hilton Hotel at Timbold Drive, Kents Hill Park, as a possible alternative venue. The hotel sprang into action and laid on a meeting room with disabled access, refreshments and even allowed the MSNTC members to use the outside dining area for their own picnic lunch.

"People had travelled from as far afield as Wales and Cornwall" said Vivian Smith, Development Advisor for MSNTC. "They would have been very disappointed if we hadn't been able to hold the AGM." "The AGM started only one hour late and it was a great success despite the problems at the start", said Neil Kemsley, Chairman of MSNTC. "We are extremely grateful to the Hilton Hotel for their help at such short notice, which allowed us to go ahead with this important annual event."

Photo: the photo shows Roger Jefcoate CBE, Patron of MSNTC, and Vivian Smith, MSNTC Development Advisor with the Hilton Duty Manager, in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes, where the MSNTC AGM was held.

MSNTC (www.msntc.org.uk; Patron Roger Jefcoate CBE) is the umbrella body for a network of more than 60 individual MS Therapy Centres throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The Therapy Centres, which are charities largely run by people affected by MS, provide a range of non-drug therapies for people with MS.

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