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Garden Centre team lift the cup after Zubaball game



MEMBERS of the Garden Centre Association (GCA) are celebrating after being crowned the winners of a game of Zubaball and raising more than £11,000 for Greenfingers (January 25, 2016).

The Greenfingers Challenge Cup, which was held at The Grand Hotel in Brighton and marked the start of the GCA annual conference, saw the garden centre team, the Pansies, take the crown.

Iain Wylie, Chief Executive of the GCA, explained: "This year's Greenfingers Challenge Cup was certainly one to write home about as the two teams, one of garden centre members and one of garden centre suppliers, took on a game of Zubaball.

"Zubaball entails teams playing football while encased in giant inflatable zorb balls. It was certainly an experience to see the two teams tackling each other. It was a tense match but it was a lot of fun and we're thrilled that so much money was raised for the charity."

Guy Topping, Managing Director of Barton Grange Garden Centre lead the garden centre team and Freelance Consultant, Danny Adamson, lead the suppliers team.

Danny said: "What a tremendous match and what worthy winners on the day. Full marks to all those that took part and to those that supported us from the safety of the spectator area. Once again we have managed to raise a tremendous sum of money for Greenfingers."

Since Greenfingers was established in 1999 it has completed 49 garden and outdoor spaces at children's hospices across the UK.

Growers, plant breeders, retailers, manufacturers and a host of gardening journalists and celebrities have willingly contributed materials, time and expertise to create gardens at children's hospices around the UK.

The GCA annual conference continues until January 27, 2016 at The Grand Hotel in Brighton.

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