

Media release for the Garden Centre Association

Garden Centre team lift Greenfingers Challenge Cup

MEMBERS of the Garden Centre Association (GCA) are celebrating after being crowned the winners of a game of golf with a difference and helping raise £30,000 for Greenfingers (January, 2017).

The Greenfingers Challenge Cup, which was held at St Andrews in Scotland 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, said: “This year’s Greenfingers Challenge Cup included the Pansies and the Cabbages going up against each other in a round of golf with a difference and what a fantastic event it was. It is great news that such a substantial amount was raised for such a worthwhile cause.

“I’d like to congratulate the Pansies on their win and thank everyone who took part.”

Guy Topping, Managing Director of Barton Grange Garden Centre lead the garden centre team and Ian Flounders from Woodlodge lead the supplier team.

Greenfingers was launched in November 1998 by a group of volunteers drawn from all sectors of the gardening industry.

It supports children who use hospices around the UK, along with their families, by creating outdoor spaces for them to enjoy with family, friends and siblings, whether through play and fun or therapeutic rest and relaxation. To date it has created 51 gardens and outdoor spaces in hospices around the country.

The GCA represents nearly 200 garden centres nationwide.

Through sharing information and its inspection programme the GCA helps members to achieve high standards in customer service, plant quality and reliability.

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Photograph caption: (From left to right) Woodlodge Area Sales Manager for Wales, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire, Ian Flounders, GCA Chairman, Julian Winfield and Bob Hewitt, Chairman of Klondyke Group present a cheque to Greenfingers Chairman, John Ashley for the money raised during the Greenfingers Challenge Cup.

Notes to editors:

For more information about Greenfingers, please visit www.greenfingerscharity.org.uk.