

Steve Riddle, Wiltshire Air Ambulance paramedic, and John Jacobs, head professional at Cumberwell Park Golf Club, prepare for the charity golf day on September 19

Tee off at Bradford on Avon for Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Wiltshire Air Ambulance is inviting keen golfers to take part in their first ever golf day and raise money for the lifesaving charity.

It is being held at Cumberwell Park, Bradford on Avon, on Friday, September 19, and is for teams of four people. The cost is £240 per team which includes morning refreshments, 18 holes played Stableford format on the four star green, and coaching by a PGA professional.

It also includes a three course dinner and evening entertainment by the Will Blake Band as well as a fundraising raffle and auction on the night.

Additional non-playing guests are also welcome to attend in the evening as part of a separate package costing £25 per person.

Claire Kelly, head of events and charity services at Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust, said: "This is our first ever golf day and I am hoping it proves to be popular. The crew land on golf courses regularly to airlift as land ambulances would not be able to get to seriously ill people out on the course.

"This event will help raise awareness in the this area plus golfing events are popular and offer companies and individuals another way in which to become involved.

"It's an ideal networking opportunity for businesses as well as golfers who would like to play on this prestigious course while helping to raise much needed funds for a lifesaving local charity at the same time.

"As there is a maximum of 25 teams, I would urge people to enter as soon as possible to avoid disappointment."

John Jacobs, head PGA professional at Cumberwell Park and England Boys' coach, added: "I'm so pleased that the charity is holding a fundraiser at Cumberwell.

"I have seen first-hand how the air ambulance makes a difference when players are taken seriously ill on the golf course. It would be impossible for a land ambulance to get to anyone needing help.

"I hope that the day goes well and we have many teams supporting Wiltshire Air Ambulance and enjoying our course at Cumberwell."

To enter a team visit www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk and complete the application form, or you can register your interest by email to claire@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk.

The closing date for entries and full payment is August 1.

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