



BEFORE:
Matthew
Project staff
Sharon
Hulbert, Naomi
Bales and
Diane West
prepare for
take-off.

Cash boost for lifeboat

A north Norfolk lifeboat charity will be one of the first in the country to benefit from a new mobile phone texting service.

Palling Volunteer Rescue Service, which runs the independent Sea Palling Lifeboat, has its own text code to raise funds using the Vodafone JustTextGiving service.

Donations of up to £10 can be made by texting PVR501 and either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 to 70070.

Sending a text message will be free and all of the donation will be passed to the charity.

Becky Ingham, from the Sea Palling Lifeboat, said: "This is a wonderful way for us to raise money as it's speedy, simple and spontaneous. Most people have a mobile phone these days so we expect this to be very popular with our supporters, especially down on the beach where people don't often take cash."

The PVR5 has already undertaken two coastal rescues this summer and the lifeboat is run entirely on donations.

It has recently started to expand its service with the development of a junior crew.

Giant leap for charity funds

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Staff and supporters at a Norfolk drug and alcohol charity are set to raise more than £3,000 after a successful skydive.

Three staff and five friends of the Norfolk-based Matthew Project took the leap into a cloudless sky from 13,000ft over Beccles.

One of them, media and fund-raising manager Sharon Hulbert, from Dilham near North Walsham, said: "The nervy bit is just before you jump, but when I was out I didn't feel like I was falling, just floating, then the jolt of a chute opening caught me by surprise.

"The view right over to the coast was fantastic. It was amazing."

The Matthew Project supports people with drug and alcohol problems in Norfolk and Suffolk.



LANDING: Sharon dangles from her chute.



AFTER: Sharon Hulbert after the Matthew Project skydive.

The other staff who took part were Naomi Bales, a recovery worker at the charity's Junction service in Cromer and who runs a drop-in centre at Aylsham, and Diane West, a King's Lynn-based administrator at the Norfolk Recovery

Partnership, which the Matthew Project is part of.

The other jumpers were supporters Tom Cator, Vera da Cunha Borges, Andrew Partridge, Gemma Hammond and Kathy Grunnill. The skydive was organised by UK Parachuting.

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