

Benfleet Running Club

CHARITY FOR 2007

This year we have decided to support two causes :-

1) St.John Ambulance.

St. John have supported our Benfleet 15 race almost every year since it started. They are a volunteer operation and rely solely on donations to fund their work. Our local group have recently had to retire one of their vehicles as the equipment inside was out of date and did not pass its annual inspection. They could not afford to replace the equipment. So it was decided that as they support us we would support them. (we could not get a permit to hold our race without medical attendance.

2) Mencap

There are two mentally disabled athletes that run for Havering 90 joggers. They are regularly chosen to run for England/Great Britain and have recently won gold and bronze medals in Spain representing our country. They have been chosen to go to the disabled world championships in Brazil in September but whilst they keep getting selected they get no financial backing from any governing body. They have to pay for their own flights, accommodation, food etc and even their Great Britain kit. To ensure that they can afford to go we have decided to support them. As individuals they are not a registered charity but we can collect the money under the Mencap umbrella whilst dictating where the funding should go to within that organisation.

