

SCRAP IS PRECIOUS METAL FOR KIDS

Generous dealer donates £1,480

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CRUSHED cars have equalled more than £1,000 for sick and disabled children across Coventry and Warwickshire.

Generous scrap metal dealer Morgan McGlinchey has donated some of the profits he made from crushing scrap cars to the Telegraph/Mercia Snowball Appeal.

The charity helps sick and disabled youngsters in the city and the county to pay for vital equipment to make their lives easier.

The 40-year-old owner of MJ Tyres and Recovery Ltd, in Holbrooks, raised £1,480 for the charity after donating £5 from each of the 296 vehicles he crushed at the European Metal Recycling centre in Stoney Stanton Road over the past month.

Explaining why he decided the Snowball Appeal was so deserving, he said: "I chose to support the Snowball Appeal because it's a local charity that helps local children.

"I'd heard about it through the Telegraph and had read stories about how it's helped local children so I felt I wanted to help in any way I could. I want to be part of it."

The company's regular adverts in the Telegraph promoted its fundraising efforts for the charity.

"People responded really well to it," he said.



HELPING HAND: Morgan McGlinchey, of MJ Recovery Ltd, raised £1,480 for the Snowball Appeal

"Although the majority were regular customers who may not have seen the advert, people liked the idea of helping local children and were happy to help when I told them."

The company raised £2,500 for two charities last year.

Some £1,200 was raised for the Warwickshire and Northampton-

shire Air Ambulance and £1,300 was raised for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Morgan hopes to raise even more for charities including the Snowball Appeal next year.

He said: "Scrap metal dealers are getting a lot of bad press at the moment but hopefully this shows that we're not all bad."

■ MAKE a donation to the Snowball Appeal at the Coventry Telegraph, Mercia, any branch of Coventry Building Society, or send cheques and postal orders payable to the Snowball Appeal to: Margaret Nelmes, Snowball Appeal, Coventry Telegraph, Corporation Street, Coventry, CV1 1FP.

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Recycle your Xmas tree... for free!

RYTON Organic Gardens is offering a free Christmas tree recycling service.

The service is running from Thursday January 5 until Monday January 9 at Webbs Garden Centre at Ryton Organic Gardens near Wolston.

Webbs executive chairman Ed Webb said: "People are much more environmentally aware and keen to recycle wherever possible.

"Having the tree recycling initiative right here on the doorstep makes it simple and hassle-free for local people to do their bit."

Last year hundreds of people took the chance to get rid of their trees.

For information on opening hours visit www.webbsdirect.co.uk.

Patients going online for winter health help

THE number of patients going online for health information has rocketed by more than 50 per cent this winter, new research shows.

There were 368,000 visits a day to the NHS Choices website from October to the end of December, compared with 235,000 visits during the same period of 2010.

Visits to the site now average just under 11 million a month, compared with 6.8 million last year.

Health minister Simon Burns said: "The internet is an increasingly popular source of health advice for millions of people, especially over the busy winter period."

Strange world

A MYSTERY man handed out envelopes containing £50 notes to shoppers as a Christmas gift after he came into some money.

Christmas came a day early for shoppers at a Tesco supermarket in Tiverton, Devon, who were handed the blank envelopes while browsing the shelves on Christmas Eve.

New Year warning over fake vodka

REVELLERS looking to buy cheap alcohol to see in the New Year have been warned about the dangers of counterfeit vodka.

Council trading standard teams have recently seized fake vodka with high levels of methanol, which is also used to make anti-freeze and can lead to blindness. Industrial solvents have also been found in the bottles.

One shopkeeper was fined £16,000 after Surrey County Council seized bottles of fake Glen's Vodka which was found to contain 235 times more methanol than the legal limit allowed. It comes after the Telegraph reported last week how some fake booze seized from Coventry shops was found to contain solvent Propan-2-ol.

Plumb Center takes on new apprentices

A PLUMBING and heating supplier has turned to apprenticeships to help safeguard its future and create growth. Wolseley UK has taken on 25 apprentices at its Plumb Center business - which has its headquarters in Leamington. The trainees have been hired through the Customer Service Apprenticeship programme.

Frank Clayton, the company's operations training manager, said Wolseley decided to take the apprenticeship route because it wanted to employ young, enthusiastic people.

In the courts

THE following case was heard at Coventry Magistrates Court on December 17.

Tomasz Tarka, 30, of no fixed address, was convicted of a breach of the peace. He was bound over for 12 months in the sum of £100.

THE following cases were heard at Coventry Magistrates Court on December 19.

Abdul Majid, 38, of Cobden Street, Foleshill, Coventry, admitted stealing perfume worth £217 from Boots. He was fined £280 and told to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Simon McTigue, 37, of Pinley Fields, Wyken, Coventry, admitted stealing a bottle of wine worth £4.99 from Nisa. He was fined £95 and told to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Robert Morgan, 41, of Chace Avenue, Willenhall, Coventry, admitted trying to cash a fraudulent cheque for £815 made out to himself. He was given a 12-month community order.

Lee Tarn, 31, of Mawnan Close, Exhall, admitted

drink-driving, driving with no insurance, driving with an incorrect licence, driving without a test certificate, and possession of cannabis. He was fined £440, banned from driving for 22 months and told to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

James Bowman, 26, of Riverslea Road, Binley, Coventry, admitted driving while disqualified, driving without a test certificate and driving with no insurance while on bail. He was jailed for 20 weeks.

Satinder Johal, 52, of Richmond Street, Stoke, Coventry, admitted drink-driving, driving with no insurance and driving with an incorrect licence. He was jailed for 20 weeks, suspended for 18 months, banned from driving for five years, placed on probation and told to pay £60 costs.

Kevin Costello, 45, of Deegan Close, Stoke Heath, Coventry, was convicted of failing to comply with a community order. He was placed on curfew for 14 days

and told to pay £50 costs.

Guy Mitchell, 27, of Foleshill Road, Foleshill, Coventry, admitted stealing a box of diazepam worth £7.80 belonging to Boots while on licence. He was jailed for eight weeks.

Kevin Topping, 47, of Terry Road, Stoke, Coventry, admitted stealing wine worth £18.99 belonging to Marks and Spencer while on licence. He was jailed for 28 days.

Rachel Anderson, 27, of Lawrence Saunders Road, Radford, Coventry, admitted stealing meat worth £38 belonging to Heart of England Co-op while on licence. She was jailed for 28 days.

Christopher Barnes, 33, of Euston Crescent, Willenhall, Coventry, admitted driving without due care and attention. He was fined £95, was given three points, and told to pay £40 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Jamal Vincent, 19, of Bowness Close, Radford, Coventry, admitted being

drunk and disorderly. He was fined £85 and told to pay £40 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Richard Warmington, 47, of Buckshill, Nuneaton, admitted drink-driving, driving without a test certificate, driving with no insurance and driving with an incorrect licence. He was fined £115, banned from driving for 16 months, and told to pay £40 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Karl Webb, 27, of Winston Avenue, Henley Green, Coventry, admitted criminal damage. He was given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay £85 costs.

Owen Cook, 22, of Dorlescote Road, Nuneaton, admitted driving with no insurance. He was fined £200, given six points and told to pay a £15 victim surcharge.

Zara O'Neill, 26, of Sedgemoor Road, Coventry, was convicted of using a mobile phone while driving. She was fined £45, given

three points and told to pay a £15 victim surcharge.

Scott Patterson, 20, of Monkwood Crescent, Henley Green, was convicted of riding an off-road motorbike with an incorrect licence, riding with no insurance, riding without a helmet and riding without a test certificate. He was fined £525, given eight points, and told to pay £80 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mukhdar Shariff, 22, of no fixed address, admitted stealing two bottles of alcopops worth £6.38 from Cross Road News, causing harassment, alarm or distress to the shopkeeper, and assaulting a police officer. He was jailed for eight weeks.

Robert Lines, 46, of Potters Green Road, Potters Green, Coventry, admitted failing to produce his driving licence, and driving with no insurance.

He was fined £290, given six points, and told to pay £105 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.