

NETBALL CLUB ATTEMPTS TO BREAK WORLD RECORD AND RAISE £50,000



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ASHBY Netball Clubs attempt to break the world record for the longest game of continuous netball, which currently sits at 72 hours and five minutes, as well as raise £50,000 for Kids Village, is currently underway.

At Ivanhoe School in Ashby this Thursday, February 20, at 10am, Ashby Netball Club began the daunting task of playing netball for 75 hours to beat the world record.

The attempt, which is set to finish at 1pm on Sunday, February 23, and break a number of other netball related world records including most goals scored in 60 min-



utes and most goals scored in three minutes, will see over 250 people join in including 10 corporate teams and 11 external netball clubs.

If the club succeed, they will add these world records to the two they already have under their belts as in early February 2023 they claimed the world record for most amount of goals scored in 24 hours after scoring

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securing the world record for the number of goals scored by a team in one hour - smashing that record by 120 goals.

Both world record attempts have been to raise money for Kids Village after Ashby-based mum of five, and event organiser, Carla Garey, was inspired by her three-year-old daughter Evelyn who suffers from Hirschsprung, a rare and incurable birth defect in which nerves are missing from parts of the intestine.

Carla previously told the *Times*: "The whole fundraising started because I was inspired by my daughter, Evelyn, who was born with a really rare genetic condition. She had to be in intensive care for around four and a half weeks when she was born and then had major surgery at three months old.



"The condition she had got is a life long one, it's made better and more manageable with surgery but she had got to live with the impact of that for life. "We chose Kids Village to support on both our world record attempts because we thought there are loads of children with various illnesses and we just wanted to do something that helped. We think what they are building is incredible and we just really wanted to support it."

Kids Village, who provide much need holidays breaks for seriously ill kids, received a

£22,000 donation from the netball club following their last world record event. This time around however the club have gone above and beyond with their fundraising efforts and have already doubled what they raised last time, at the time of writing their JustGiving page sits at £45,645 raised, with the club hoping to reach £50,000. This would mean the club have raised over £70,000 for Kids Village in just two years.

They were able to raise such a large amount this time around thanks to the meticu-

lous planning and months of work put in by Carla and her team which included selling merchandise, cake sales, quizzes, a Bonkers Bingo night which raised £1,720 and a Broadway Ball held just last week that raised over £9,000 in a single evening.

Anyone wishing to support the club in their world record attempt can head down to Ivanhoe School right now to show their support, visit their specially made website at: www.netballmarathon.co.uk or donate to their JustGiving page at: www.shorturl.at/xOs1k.