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## STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR HELP FOR HEROES

A group of second year BTEC National Certificate in Business students at Yeovil College have raised a total of £886.75 for *Help for Heroes*. The five students, Hollie Martin (Yeovil), Stacie Streeting (Yeovil), Becki Bryan (Yeovil), Janey Lacey (Merriott) and Amy Clark (Yeovil) are all employed at AgustaWestland and organised the event as part of the *'Managing an Event'* unit of their course to raise the funds.

The event, a disco and raffle, which took place at the West Coker club, only took four weeks to organise as the group only had Wednesday mornings when they were all together. Over 80 people attended the disco where *Help for Heroes* merchandise was also on sale. This was challenge in itself as other BTEC groups usually have a year to complete the unit. They decided on *Help for Heroes* as it was a charity close to home. Stacie's husband is serving with the Fifth Rifles and has seen active duty in Iraq.

Hollie said ***"This event has been a challenging but a very enjoyable and rewarding experience and it would not have been possible without the support of David Howell, our lecturer. We are now thinking for organising another event nearer Christmas."***

David Howell, BTEC National Certificate course lecturer said, ***"These students have organised an excellent event and are a credit to the College and AgustaWestland, their employer."***

Richard Lupton, Somerset County Co-ordinator for Help for Heroes commented; ***"What a fantastic effort by these young ladies; pulling together such a successful event in only a few weeks. Over £54 million has been raise by Help for Heroes so far, and it is largely because of the enthusiasm and dedication of young people like this who really care about our brave young service men and women. I know they did it from the heart - thank you! "***

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### Notes to Editors

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Photograph shows from l – r: Becki Bryan, Stacie Streeting, Richard Lupton (Help for Heroes County Co-ordinator), David Howell (BNC Business lecturer, Yeovil College), Hollie Martin, Amy Clark and Janey Lacey.

**About Help for Heroes** Help for Heroes (H4H) was founded by Bryn and Emma Parry after a profoundly moving visit to Selly Oak Hospital in the summer of 2007. Bryn and Emma met some extraordinarily brave young people who had been badly wounded and they just wanted to do something to help. The charity was launched in October 2007 and, with the backing and support of celebrities, including Jeremy and Francie Clarkson, the Royal Family, the media and countless ordinary decent people, it has raised over £1m a month since then. The money that is raised at Help for Heroes is used to support wounded Servicemen and women of every colour and creed.