



## Competition Fun Raises Over £1000 for Appeal

Over 250 people enjoyed an evening of catwalk fun at a modelling competition to raise funds for Sophie's Appeal on 21 September 2008. 70 people of all ages applied to become models for a Fashion Show to be held at The Botley Park Hotel on 19 October 2008.

The event, organised by Sarah Beattie, a patron of the trust, proved a huge success raising over £1000 for the Appeal which provides support, treatment and research in childhood cancer care.



The competition was judged by James Beattie, Sheffield United and England footballer, Ewan Thomas, European and Commonwealth 400m champion, Rick Jackson, Ocean FM presenter, Lin Barringer, founder of the Trust and the Bournemouth Modelling Agency who will offer a modelling contact to the successful male and female winners of the Fashion Show. Mike Osman was compere for the evening ensuring that the evening ran smoothly putting the models at ease whilst entertaining the spectators with his own distinct sense of humour.

The models had a long day with practice for the evening starting at 3pm. After a whirlwind training session with the modelling agency and Sarah Beattie putting their minds at rest, the competition started at 7.30. The evening ended at 10.30 and the judges selected 12 female and 4 male models following long deliberations.

The successful models will join James Beattie, Francis Benali and Matt Le Tissier on the catwalk in the Fashion Show.

After the event Sarah said, 'It's been a fantastic evening. I am overwhelmed by the support we have had from models and spectators alike. I'm really looking forward to the Fashion Show which promises to be a spectacular night.'

Tickets for the Fashion Show are £25.00 and can be reserved by contacting Lin on 07811 626872 or Ed on 07969 771524.

