

Press Call

Generous Billericay Round Table members respond to Dame Judi Dench plea for local maternity support in Basildon – Tuesday, 3rd March at 4.30pm – Maternity Hospital (meet at reception)

Dame Judi Dench – Vice President to Baby Lifeline, the mother and baby charity, has launched, and is supporting, a national maternity equipment appeal.

Maternity and special care baby units nationwide have requested various amounts of equipment to help care for pregnant women and their unborn and newborn babies, totalling circa £1.6 million.

Billericay Round Table responded very quickly to a request for the purchase of 2 dopplers for Basildon Maternity Hospital. These are hand held devices for monitoring the unborn baby's heart rate, and are used by health professionals – especially midwives, in the hospital antenatal and labour wards as well as the community.

The equipment will be presented to the midwives at the Basildon Maternity Unit by Round Table officials including Will Fraser.

Baby Lifeline's Founder Judy Ledger said 'Organisations such as Billericay's Round Table are tremendous for the community. Not only do members generously support the community with various projects, but their comradeship and networking is very valuable and caring. I am delighted that Billericay Round Table has supported this important appeal, and their donation will help to care for many of the local mums to be and their babies in this area for the future. As a mother of three, and having founded Baby Lifeline after the loss of three babies who were all born prematurely and died shortly after birth, I cannot express enough how dedicated maternity health professionals are and how much donations like this will help their work to care for our mums and babies.'

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