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COUNTRYFILE CHILDREN IN NEED WALK IN MARKET WEIGHTON

'Walkers are Welcome' town Market Weighton, East Yorkshire organised a walk on Sunday 7 October in aid of BBC Countryfile's Children in Need.

Organiser, Barry Sedgwick - a Walking for Health Walk Leader - thanked the Town Council and local Tesco Store for their sponsorship and managed to persuade lots of knitters in the months before to make over 80 Pudsey Bear beanie hats, which were extremely popular with walkers and children on the day (see photos). A massive thanks is sent to all members of Carers Groups, Knit & Natter groups, St John's Church and All Saints Church ladies for making this possible, and helping to increase our final donation to the charity.

The day before, 6 walkers had offered to pack shoppers bags in Market Weighton's Tesco's either freely or for a donation towards the Countryfile charity. Many local people were very generous - even if they didn't trust our bag-packing abilities! We made £175 on that day alone and especially thanks go to one disabled lad who got his baskets packed and gave us £10. How kind was that! Our thanks to Tesco Supermarket for allowing us this opportunity.

Next day 46 walkers arrived with their donations and 5 dogs to walk either 4.5miles or 2miles, kitted out with knitted hats and big smiles and collecting £330 more donations en route on that day.

Well done Market Weighton - you raised approximately £600 for Children in Need this year.

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