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DISABLED EDINBURGH YOUNGSTERS SET TO RECEIVE NEW LORD'S TAVERNSERS SPORTS WHEELCHAIRS

Representatives of the Lord’s Taverners and Lady Taverners will visit Edinburgh’s Forrester High School this Friday (28 March) to present five new sports wheelchairs to Basketball Scotland and a further two to pupils from Craigmount High School. Media are welcome to attend the presentation at 9.00am for interview, photography or video opportunities.

Receiving seven additional sports wheelchairs for young Scottish players provides Basketball Scotland with a timely boost ahead of its Wheelchair Basketball Scottish Cup Final on 5 April.

The Lord’s Taverners, the UK’s leading youth cricket and disability sports charity, will donate over £3 million this year to help give disadvantaged and disabled young people a ‘sporting chance’. Over the past 10 years the charity has donated nearly 1,000 sports wheelchairs to clubs and individuals, providing opportunities for 2,700 disabled young people to participate in wheelchair sport every year.

Sports wheelchairs are supplied to individuals who require a starter chair or a bespoke chair for more advanced players under the age of 25. Clubs can apply for up to five multi-sports wheelchairs to enable youngsters to try out a sport before committing to purchasing their own wheelchair.

Paul Robin, chief executive of the Lord’s Taverners, said: “The Lord’s Taverners believes that sport and recreation are essential for all young people, regardless of ability or background. The sports wheelchairs that we provide are essential for allowing disabled youngsters to access to sport. We are proud to present these new sports wheelchairs to Basketball Scotland that will enable even more young people to enjoy wheelchair basketball.”

Address: Forrester High School, 212 Broomhouse Road, Edinburgh, EH12 9AE.

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Notes to Editors – Lord's Taverners

The Lord’s Taverners is the UK’s leading youth cricket and disability sports charity whose objective is to give disadvantaged and disabled young people a sporting chance.

Every year, the Lord’s Taverners donates over £3 million to help young people of all abilities and backgrounds participate in sporting activities. In 2013 alone the Lord’s Taverners gave 7 million sporting chances across all of its charitable programmes.

The Lord’s Taverners benefits hugely from the support of its highly regarded members, many of them drawn from the world of sport and entertainment. The list includes Alastair Cook, Andrew Strauss, Greg James, Will Greenwood, James Haskell, Miles Jupp, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, Jonathan Agnew and Mike Gatting.

To see the many different ways you can get involved with the Lord’s Taverners, from volunteering, fundraising or even playing cricket for us, please go to www.lordstaverners.org for more details.

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