



Generous property agents in Bristol are celebrating after helping to raise more than £5,300 for Meningitis UK.

The Bristol Property Agents Association (BPAA) adapted Bristol-based Meningitis UK as its charity of the year and members dug deep in their pockets to raise £5,353 for the charity's Search 4 a Vaccine Campaign.

Andrew Hardwick, Past President of the BPAA, is meeting Meningitis UK's Development Manager Kate Rowland on Monday (April 21) to celebrate their success and hand over the cheque, along with BPAA members Nick Seary and Catherine Collis.

The money was raised through an Annual Dinner in February for 620 guests, which raised £4,590, and a golf day, which raised £763.

Andrew, who is also in training for the Bristol Half Marathon which he is running for Meningitis UK, said: ***"We are very pleased to be supporting such a worthy charity, which aims to put a stop to this devastating disease."***

Bristol Property Agents Association was formed in 1946 and aims to create a positive image of greater Bristol and to promote inward investment. Current membership stands at 280 and includes surveyors, solicitors, architects, engineers, developers and contractors.

Last year Meningitis UK launched its Search 4 a Vaccine Campaign to help raise £7million to fund vital research into developing a vaccine against Meningitis B - the most common form of meningitis in the UK. This accounts for almost 90 per cent of all cases in the UK and there is still no vaccine.

Meningitis UK's Development Manager Kate Rowland said ***"We are extremely grateful to Bristol Property Agents Association for choosing us as their charity of the year."***

***"Meningitis UK has a single focus – to find a vaccine to eradicate meningitis. The majority of the research we fund adds value to work already being undertaken by industry to ensure we reach our goal even faster and save more lives.***

***"Every bit of help is so important in enabling us to continue our vital work and will take us one step closer to finding a vaccine."***

For more information about Meningitis UK, or to support the charity's Search 4 a Vaccine Campaign, call 0117 373 7373 or visit [www.meningitisUK.org](http://www.meningitisUK.org)