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## SOLICITORS WITH A PASSION FOR EVERYTHING LOCAL!

'Why use a call centre when there are local Solicitors who will see you at home?' is the question raised by local Solicitor Francis O'Neill when we asked him this week about the benefits of going local for legal advice. 'In most cases the accident will have happened nearby and local knowledge can be vital in ensuring the case succeeds. And anyway, I don't know anyone who enjoys ringing a call centre- if I'd been injured I know I wouldn't!

O'Neill Injury Solicitors are the only specialist Personal Injury Solicitors in the Keighley and Skipton area. Francis, the Principal of the Firm, has over 20 years experience in this type of work, has lived in the area for all that time and knows it

well. 'I would like to think that if anybody has an accident locally they would make O'Neill Injury Solicitors their first point of contact.

We are proud of the local service we offer and passionately believe that even in the internet age Personal Injury Claims need a personal service.

**O'Neill Injury Solicitors can be contacted on 01535 958778 and out of office hours on 07821809843 as required.**



Every year hundreds of people come to Oxenhope to take part in the Straw Race. Teams of two make their way around the village, quenching their thirst with a pint in each of the five pubs along the route whilst carrying a straw bale!

On race day the village has a true party atmosphere with hundreds of spectators turning out, come rain or shine, to watch the 250 teams, mostly in fancy dress, complete the course. Teams can spend anywhere from 30 minutes to 4 hours plus completing the course although there are some 'serious' athletes who run the 2.6 mile course. The record finish time of 14 minutes is held by Will Smith and Ian Holmes.

The main purpose of the race is to raise much needed funds for local charities. Our main beneficiary is Manorlands in Oxenhope



but we also support many other charities including Haworth Riding for the Disabled; Oxenhope Preschool; the British Heart Foundation and the Parkinson's Disease Society to name but a few. Over the past 30 years we have donated over £350,000.

The race is organised every year by a small group of local people who rely on the generosity of the local pubs, the Social Club and several local businesses, most notably McDowell Transport, Wydean Weaving and Hodgson's Transport to make the day a success. On the day itself other local organisations, including scout groups, the police, St John's Ambulance and the Keighley Scout Service Team, join forces with us to pull pints, staff checkpoints, marshal the route and direct traffic and spectators to ensure the day runs smoothly whatever the weather.



We are always grateful for any help and support we receive. In fact the more the merrier so if you would be interested in getting involved then please contact the secretary, Jane Barrett at [janembarrett69@gmail.com](mailto:janembarrett69@gmail.com), on 01535 644796 or via [@StrawRaceFun](https://twitter.com/StrawRaceFun).

If you think you're up to the challenge of taking part in the race and raising sponsorship for our nominated charities then you can enter online at [www.strawrace.com/join-the-fun](http://www.strawrace.com/join-the-fun).

Whether you enter, volunteer to help or just come along and enjoy a great day out, we can't wait to see you on Sunday 7th July 2013.