

Derrick raises £550 for air ambulance

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Local man Derrick Tron has raised £550 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, exceeding his target by £50.

He set up an online donation, held a street collection and organised a charity meele at Wellington Pétanque Club.

Players enter a meele as individuals but play in randomly drawn teams of two or three players.

Games are timed and the teams are re-drawn for each game. The winner is the player who has scored the most points. On this occasion, Geoff Sully came out on top with Derrick runner-up and Maggie Milton third.

DSAA flew almost 3,000 missions in the last year and each mission costs approximately £3,500.

It receives no government funding, relying on donations to keep the service in operation.

It is also raising funds to purchase an urgently needed second aircraft.