

£1,700 raised: That's jazzy

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A SUMMER evening of jazz music in the grounds of Holme Hale Hall raised more than £1,700 for Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice Support and other local charities.

About 150 people attended the three-hour Jazz in the Garden event, which was organised by Swaffham and District Lions Club, supported by the Icen Partnership and held at the home of the hospice group's chairman Simon Broke and his wife Delia.

The Just Jazz sextet provided traditional jazz music on the green at the front of the hall and the Lions ran a barbecue at one end of the award-winning gardens, which the visitors were able to stroll around.

Lions spokesman Steve Hudson said: "The weather was good and the crowds relaxed and took in the ambience of a wonderful setting."

The Lions quickly picked up on the current filming of Stephen Fry's new series, Kingdom, taking place in and around Swaffham, by auctioning a signed copy of his recent book. They also ran a raffle to boost the night's fund raising.

Mr Hudson said that about 1,200 would be going to the hospice group and the rest to the Lions' local charities fund.

He said the jazz evening followed the success of the Lions' Beaujolais and cabaret nights and was the prelude to what they hope will be a successful summer of activities, including Swaffham Carnival towards the end of August.