



**LONDON'S AIR AMBULANCE CHOSEN CHARITY
AT THE BIGGIN HILL AIR SHOW 7TH & 8TH JUNE 2008**

London's Air Ambulance (LAA) has been chosen as The Charity of Year at the Biggin Hill Air Show to be held on the 7th & 8th June this year.

Based at the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel, the LAA has flown over 20,000 missions. A familiar sight in the London sky, the LAA deals with major trauma incidents that need to be treated immediately at the scene. The LAA prides itself on the speed and efficiency of the service and takes no more than 15 minutes to reach any accident within the M25 orbital, bringing a Trauma Doctor, a Paramedic and vital surgical equipment to the scene.

Each day costs the service almost £4,800 with the annual cost totalling over £1.85 million.

The LAA has been involved in all major incidents in the capital over the past few years, including the train crashes at Cannon Street, Southall and Paddington, the Soho Bomb and the terrorist attacks on London's transport system on July 7th 2005, when it carried out 26 missions and helped treat many people on the ground.

London's Air Ambulance would to thank Andrew Waters, Chairman of Biggin Hill Airfield for agreeing to waive the landing fees for the helicopter. This is very much appreciated and will certainly help us to achieve our fundraising target of £750,000 every year. A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE TEAM!

For further information and to apply, please visit
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Notes to editors

- The London's Air Ambulance is a registered charity (no. 801013)