

Village shop celebrates 50 years



From left, Violet Chandler, Mark Chandler, Alan Chandler, Christine Beck, Ed Howkins, Michelle Hammond and Alex Mundell in party mode.

VALE Furnishers in Wharf Road, Ash Vale, marked its 50th anniversary last weekend with a four-day birthday bonanza.

Customers celebrated with a glass of bubbly and a slice of birthday cake at an in-store event from September 17-20.

With every purchase made over the four days, customers were invited to pick from a lucky dip to win a Vale birthday gift. Prizes ranged from discount vouchers and leather recliners, to donation pledges to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and Cancer Research UK.

Mark Chandler, director at Vale Furnishers, presented £1,715 to the hospice and £1,285 to Cancer Research UK.

He said: "A huge thank you to all our customers for coming along to celebrate with us and to all our staff for their loyalty and commitment over the years."