



## MEDIA INFORMATION

Media release for Fareham Protyre

# Fareham Protyre backs drive to Bangladesh

A LEADING tyre specialist in Hampshire is backing a team hoping to drive approximately 8,000 miles from Fareham to Bangladesh for charity this month (August, 2010).

Fareham Protyre is sponsoring Tam Ambia and his co-drivers Abir Ambia, Gulam Ambia and Iqbal Khan, who will be setting out on their journey to Sylhet in Bangladesh on Thursday, August 5.

Paul Wright, Manager of Fareham Protyre, which is located on Russell Place in Fareham, explained: "Tam will be completing this amazing challenge along with his three co-drivers to raise money for the Hampshire Autistic Society.

"He is a good friend of mine so when he contacted us to tell us about his journey we were more than happy to help.

"We managed to secure servicing parts and a timing belt free of charge from our suppliers and gave Tambir's Mitsubishi Pajero, which he will be using for the drive, a complimentary service. We also fitted it with four new tyres at cost price."

Tam, Abir, Gulam and Iqbal hope to complete the sponsored drive in around 17 days. People who wish to sponsor the team can do so by dropping into Fareham Protyre or by visiting [www.virginmoneygiving.com/indiancottage](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/indiancottage).

The Hampshire Autistic Society is a regional charity, which helps people cope with the effects of autism. It provides support to hundreds of families through its autistic-specific school and adult services.

Tam said: "My brother Abir, my Dad Gulam and my brother-in-law Iqbal and I decided to complete this challenge because we thought it would be an exciting and unusual way to support a very worthy cause. We have already raised more than £2,900.

"I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Paul and his team for helping us prepare our vehicle for the trek."

Fareham Protyre specialises in providing tyres for cars, vans and motorcycles. It also offers a mobile tyre fitting service, exhausts, batteries, servicing, suspension, brakes, wheel alignment and nitrogen tyre filling.

For more information, please visit Fareham Protyre, which is located on Russell Place in Fareham, Hampshire, call 01329 220 743 or visit [www.protyre.co.uk](http://www.protyre.co.uk).

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**Photo caption:** (From left to right) Tam Ambia, who will be completing the sponsored drive to Bangladesh, with Paul Wright, Manager of Fareham Protyre.

**Find your nearest Protyre outlet, please visit [www.protyre.co.uk](http://www.protyre.co.uk).**

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**Notes to editors:**

For more information about Hampshire Autistic Society, please visit [www.has.org.uk](http://www.has.org.uk).

**About Micheldever Tyre Services & Protyre**

Micheldever Tyre Services (MTS) was founded in 1972 as a part-time venture providing car servicing and tyres. Today, the company is the largest independent wholesaler, distributor and retailer of tyres in the UK. Selling six million tyres in 2009/10 – 20 percent of the total UK market – annual turnover for 2009/10 is forecast to be over £283 million. In addition to offering MTS car, motorcycle and off-road tyres MTS also fits exhausts, brakes and shock absorbers.

MTS has two main business units:

- The Protyre retail chain, currently with 48 outlets including Protyre Motorsport, continues to gain geographic coverage in the UK through new acquisitions.

- MTS has established a wholesale distribution network of 12 sites around the UK supplying over 4,500 retailers nationwide. This activity has resulted in significant profitable growth for the company.

MTS is managed by a team headed by Paul Fox and Richard Sawney with backing from Graphite Capital and Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS).