

The Hummingbird Ball takes to the dance floor this week



This Friday at the George Hotel The Hummingbird Ball will raise funds for Diabetes UK once more.

The charity's local Edinburgh fundraising group have already raised £340,000 for research into the disease with money being ploughed into Scottish projects.

Chair of the Diabetes Scotland Edinburgh Local Group, Craig Cameron, said: "The Hummingbird Ball is always a fantastic night that's enjoyed by all, with funds being raised for an important cause. Diabetes is a major health issue, with 38,800 people living with the condition in Lothian. Diabetes UK is leading the way in cutting edge research, including some ground-breaking projects across Scotland, which will have a positive impact on the lives of people affected by the condition.

"When we arranged the first Hummingbird Ball in 2001 we thought it would be a one off event. No one could have imagined in those early days that we would reach 16 years and raise in excess of £340,000. We are so grateful to everyone who has supported this incredible achievement.

"Our regular supporters have once again responded magnificently but there are still a small number of tickets available for those keen to come to the event. We would be delighted for the support of local and national businesses to help us raise even more money by donating prizes for the raffle and auction."

The evening will include dinner, entertainment a charity auction and a raffle. Natasha Raskin of TV's Bargain Hunt and

Antiques Road Trip will lead the way on winkling money out of guests for auction items.

Pam Taylor, Diabetes UK National Fundraising Manager for Scotland, said: "The success of the Hummingbird Ball over the past 16 years is truly amazing given that the event is organised entirely by volunteers and we're delighted that it is planned to go-ahead this year. Over £340,000 raised through the event is testament to the volunteers' commitment to funding Diabetes UK research in Scotland. It's a fantastic achievement and we're truly grateful."

Tickets for the event, priced at £60 each – or £600 for a table – can be purchased by contacting Diabetes Scotland office on 0141 245 6380 or scotlandfundraising@diabetes.org.uk. Tombola, raffle and auction prizes can also be donated in this way.