**CONCOURS OF ELEGANCE 2015 TO CONTINUE EVENT’S SUCCESSFUL CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING**

* **Concours of Elegance 2015 to raise money for three charities: Walking With The Wounded, Action on Addiction and Springfield Motor Racing’s Club for Young People**
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* **Walking With The Wounded will be funding a Scotland-specific project to retrain wounded soldiers at a facility in Glasgow**

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For 2015, Concours of Elegance will be working with Walking With The Wounded, Action on Addiction and Springfield Motor Racing’s Club for Young People.

Walking With The Wounded is a charity that aims to retrain service veterans with physical, mental or social injuries and provide them with the skills and qualifications necessary to gain employment outside of the military.

The charity also works on a Scotland-specific project called Home Straight – Scotland. In partnership with Scottish Veterans Residences, this project will assist veterans in finding a new career pathway, organise work placements and source funding for any required training.

Action on Addiction is the only charity that works across the whole addiction field; that includes research, prevention, treatment, professional education, campaigns and support for families and children.

The charity aims to act on ways of preventing addiction in the first place by developing and testing interventions to help protect society from substance misuse. It also aims to rehabilitate and educate people at its treatment centres throughout the UK.

Springfield Motor Racing’s Club for Young People is a charity based in Hackney, London, with Sir Jackie Stewart as its President. Springfield offers opportunities and inspiration to London-based youths by opening doors for them that they wouldn’t normally have access to.

Sir Jackie Stewart, President of Springfield Motor Racing’s Club for Young People, said: “It’s a fantastic place that really does a lot for the people that visit. Our members find it difficult to get out of London so we take them on summer breaks and we also run a really successful evening with guests like Geri Halliwell, Greg Rutherford, Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.”

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**About the annual Concours of Elegance:**

Established in 2012, the inaugural Concours of Elegance was held within Windsor Castle to mark the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen’s reign. Organised by Thorough Events, the first Concours of Elegance set a new global benchmark for a classic car concours; winning prestigious awards in the process; unheard of for a ‘start-up’ event in its first year. The second Concours of Elegance was held in 2013 to equal fanfare and acclaim at the historic Royal Palace of St James in London, with the widely acclaimed third Concours set the stunning grounds of Hampton Court Palace this September. Only the highest caliber of cars are invited to the Concours of Elegance, event, with the rarest cars in the world, from all over the world, painstakingly selected by the Concours Steering Committee; a respected team of authoritative historic car experts. A key objective of the annual Concours of Elegance is to raise significant sums for charity.

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