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FUNDRAISERS in Oswestry are set to smash through their £100,000 target just seven years after launching.

The Road Racing Legends organisation has already handed out just under £85,000 to various charities and their next event - An Evening With TT Magic - planned for February is a sell-out, just 12 days after tickets went on sale.

Road Racing Legends is a group of motorcycling enthusiasts who set themselves the ambitious £100,000 target after forming back in 2004.

Their next event is a 400 ticket sell-out at The Wynnstay Hotel on February 17 when some of the biggest names in the motorsport will be heading to Oswestry.

The success of the event is certain to see the organisers smashing their target and provide more funding for local charities.

Phil Morris, one of the group founders, said: "Ticket sales have been amazing and there is no doubt now that we will smash our target, which is incredible in such a short period of time.

"We are bringing some of the biggest names in motorcycling to Oswestry and tickets have been snapped up from all over the country from as far afield as Scotland, Norfolk and Devon.

Economy

"This is great news for Oswestry. People will be coming here from all over the country and many of them will be looking for accommodation and spending money in the town.

"It should prove a real boost for the local economy," he added.

"The £100,000 target has been getting closer and closer and I am certain that this year's event will see us pass that figure and then we will be looking at a new target.

"Despite the economic crisis more and more people have been seeking the £20 tickets and we are grateful to our many sponsors who have continued to give generously.

"Road Racing Legends take a friendly and casual approach to the work we do and the events we stage. We pride ourselves on being able to provide a welcome atmosphere to those who wish to take part in the charitable activities we are involved with," he said.

Exclusive by Graham Breeze

The Oswestry event will be compered by Sky TV presenter Jamie Whitham, the six times British Superbikes Champion and patron of the Legends.

Taking part will be Jenny Timmouth, the first woman to compete in the British Superbike championship and the fastest woman ever to go around the Isle of Man TT course.

TT racer Guy Martin has been popular with road racing fans for many years but he is now getting recognition outside of the sport.

The Lincolnshire man, who is one of the stars of TT3D: Closer To The Edge film about the TTs, featured in the top 10 nominations for Sports Personality of the Year by Talksport Radio.

He was the only man nominated not to come from the world of football.

Ryan Farquhar, who has consistently been Ireland's best motorcycle road racer and Ian Hutchinson, who holds the distinction of winning the most races in a single Isle of Man TT meeting, when he achieved a clean sweep will also be present.

And organisers are promising that there will be a surprise guest from the motorcycling world attending.

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£100,000