

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Enchanted Floodlit Gardens Charity preview night Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Abbotsbury Gardens are holding a charity preview night of their Enchanted Floodlit Garden in aid of the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. The lights will be turned on by actor and local celebrity Martin Clunes.

During the evening visitors will take a magical stroll along candle lit pathways through enchanted glades, listen to local jazz band 'Friday Four' and there will be a chance to buy plants at a discounted rate.

Director of Fundraising, Caroline Nickinson said: "To my shame, last year was the first time I have visited the floodlit gardens and I really could not believe what I have been missing. They were magical and I would urge everyone to visit them. They are the ideal setting for this spectacular fundraising event for the Trust. The evening starts at 6pm and you will be assured of a most enjoyable evening."

Tickets available at the Trust office (01305 215315) and at Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens (01305 871130). Advance tickets are £10, tickets on the night are £12 and season ticket holders £5

#### **Notes to Editors:**

The charity was formed from the merger of the Joseph Weld Hospice, Trimar Hospice and Cancer Care Dorset.

It cares for patients in north, south and west Dorset with cancer and other progressive and life-limiting conditions that need specialist help.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust cares for over 1000 patients each year, 24 hours a day 365 days a year whether at the in-patient unit, Joseph Weld Hospice, Trimar Day Hospice or at our satellite day care centres in Dorchester and Sturminster Newton, or those cared for in the community or their own homes by our team of specialist palliative care nurses.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust offers support and advice to patients and families but also work with district nurses, GPs and health professionals.

The charity has a family support team as well as more than 200 volunteers working in the community and in the hospices.