



JAILBREAK EVENT

13th and 14th July 2019

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We are taking part in a 24-hour Jailbreak event to raise money for The Friends of Erlestoke Prison.

The aim is to get as far away from HMP Erlestoke in Wiltshire, England within 24 hours! The further we go the more money we raise.

WHO ARE THE FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON?

The Friends of Erlestoke Prison helps to support prisoners with the challenges of resettlement and rehabilitation, and to keep in touch with their families whilst completing their sentence. The charity funds projects outside the scope of prison budgets such as yoga classes, art therapy, and drama sessions and a Transport Scheme for prisoners' families and friends which offers transport (provided by volunteer drivers) on visit dates from Westbury Station and Devizes to the prison and back.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

Most prisoners will be released back into our communities in the future; it is critical that they are rehabilitated whilst in custody to prevent the risk of reoffending. The recent 'A Sporting Chance' independent review of sport in prisons recognises that sport can play a key role in the rehabilitation process. Professor Rose Meek, the report's author says "participation can not only improve mental health and behaviour, but can directly contribute to efforts to reduce reoffending, particularly by providing a route in education and employment". The report has been endorsed by the Government who recommended that prisons should devise an 'integrated physical activity and wellbeing strategy'.

The Friends want to support HMP Erlestoke to achieve this by raising £500k to build an all-weather sports pitch within the prison grounds for prisoners and staff. The pitch would:

- Improve prisoners' health and well-being
- Build prisoners' confidence in meeting people outside of the prison through sporting activities with the local community such as football, volleyball, circuit training and tennis
- Provide opportunities to strengthen relationships between prisoners and their children on family days.
- Enable the prison to offer sport/lifestyle qualifications to help prisoners obtain employment on release.

So far over £120,000 has been generated by other fundraising events or pledged for this exciting project.

PLEASE HELP US FUNDRAISE FURIOUSLY!

THANK YOU!