

Football stars help raise cash for city-based spina bifida good cause

ENGLAND football star Danny Mills has helped to raise £33,000 for a Peterborough-based charity.

The Middlesbrough player was joined by Gareth Southgate, ex-Leeds striker Alan Smith and Leicester City goalkeeper Ian Walker in a celebrity golf tournament.

All proceeds from the event were donated to Asbah – the Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Danny Mills tragically lost his baby son Archie to spina bifida and hydrocephalus in 2002.

He said: "Luckily, I have a supportive family, but Asbah was a huge help and was able to answer many questions.

"Every spina bifida or hydrocephalus case is different and we want to raise awareness of these

conditions and raise vital cash for Asbah."

Fourteen teams took part in the event in Warwickshire.

Asbah is based in Park Road, Peterborough, and currently works with more than 15,000 children and adults with spina bifida or hydrocephalus.

Danny added: "If we can ease anyone's pain by any percentage then all the work will be worthwhile."

Spina bifida literally means split bone and affects the development of the spinal cord in unborn babies.

It can result in paralysis below the fault in the spine.

Hydrocephalus happens when fluid produced in the brain cannot drain away into the bloodstream.

□ To make a donation to Asbah, call 01733 555988.



TRAGIC LOSS: Footballer Danny Mills.