

Carol bus collection boosts charities

Gill Impey

CHRISTMAS Carol Bus fund raises handed over a £4,000 charity cheque as they began their latest seasonal tour of Stroud.

The Stroud Valley Buses volunteers presented the money, the lion's share of last year's proceeds, to the local group of hospitals as they started this winter's 24th annual trip.

HTV Television presenter Gill Impey, on board the gaily decorated bus, handed the donation over to hospital representatives.

The carol bus last year collected around £7,500 altogether.

So this Christmas the bus company volunteers are hoping to raise a similar amount to once more boost hospitals' and other charity funds.



■ TV presenter Gill Impey (right) hands over the proceeds of last year's collection to Jane Kirkpatrick, Matron of Stroud Hospital.