Good morning everybody and welcome to the High Sheriff Youth Awards Charity Golf Day. I would like to thank you all for your support in being here today including our event sponsors Seymours and also Srixon and all the kind donors of auction prizes. I also would like to thank West Hill for their wonderful hospitality in hosting us today and I hope you all have a wonderful game of golf and my wayward slices do not decapitate too many of you before we enjoy a wonderful lunch and participate enthusiastically and generously in the auction. I look forward to seeing you on the other side.

Good afternoon everyone and I hope you had a great game of golf on this wonderful course and returned to the clubhouse with more balls and pride than I did. Similarly I hope you have enjoyed lunch and enjoyed each other’s company. I am aware that you receive many invitations to golf days so I am extremely grateful you have chosen to join Shahid and myself here today. As you may know the High Sheriff Youth Awards provides grants to sustain local charities that encourage young people to get involved in activities which provide structure, focus or enjoyment in their life that may have previously have been lacking. As a consequence this often leads to a reduction in anti-social behaviour and improves their life outcomes. Last year, we supported 15 local charities awarding some £53k and this golf event is our main fund-raiser; so I thank you again for being here, to Seymours for their wonderful support, together with Srixon for proving the ammunition, all our auction prize donors and the team behind putting this day together being Ken, Julian, Shahid, Chris and Ron. Also to Will Potts for stepping in today to help out as Julian is unwell. Finally will you join with me in thanking West Hill for hosting us today and their wonderful hospitality.

Please continue to bid enthusiastically in the silent auction and be unstintingly proactive in the live auction, as it will be short and sweet with just 6 lots and with that I will hand you over to Tony.