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Thirteen-year-old Charlie Fox tries out the Massey Ferguson 35 tractor. His runner-up prize money will go towards a tractor, he said

## Tractor helps farm charity to raise more than £13,000

More than £13,000 has been raised since March this year by members of Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust (BOAT).

The red Massey Ferguson 35 tractor, which was the top prize in the draw, was restored in a 24-hour rebuild operation by Bicton College engineering students in March.

It is a 1963 multi-power model. In its restored condition it could fetch between £6,000 and £8,000 in the right sale.

The winning ticket belonged to Mary Sims, from Lincoln. She bought it at the National

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Ploughing Match in Lincolnshire in October.

She said: "I'm over the moon to have won. I've been trying to win a BOAT tractor for several years now."

Second prize of £250 went to 13-year-old Charlie Fox. He will be saving the money towards buying a tractor, he said.

Third prize of £100 went to Arthur Bulled, from Lower Pool, North Devon.

BOAT chairman Bill Velacott said: "Raising this fantastic amount of money has only been possible because of the support received selling

tickets at the shows, and of course that of our sponsors who make the event possible.

"Tractor & Machinery magazine donated the tractor and has featured the rebuild in the magazine. The Vaporomatic Company of Exeter provided more than £7,000 worth of parts and paint into the rebuild and Firestone donated a complete set of new tyres.

"Thanks to the expertise of Chris Jaworski and the Bicton College team of staff and students the magnificent tractor restoration project was made possible."