

## Fundraising Ideas

There are so many ways you could support our vital care. Listed alphabetically below are over 280 ideas to get you started but this is just the start - the possibilities are endless! For further ideas, information and advice, please do not hesitate to contact the Fundraising Team on **01485 542891**.

### 100 CLUB

All members pay a monthly or yearly fee into the club. There are monthly and annual draws with cash amounts as prizes. In addition, a good club also organises trips and other events that are exclusive to "members" and in some cases it is possible to gain discounts through local businesses for members.

### 24 HOUR MARATHON

This is any form of sponsored event that is continual over a 24 hour period. It may consist of a rota system or the challenge may be for individuals to gruel over the full 24 hours. Suggestions for a marathon include a 24 hour cycle ride, 24 hour walk, 24 hour drive, 24 hour swim or 24 hour roller-coaster ride.

### ABSEIL

An abseil can take various forms, from an abseil down a scaffold wall to the abseil down a tower block of offices. This is a real challenge to many people who wish to conquer (or face up to) a fear of heights!

### ACTIVITIES DAY

Organise an activities day, an opportunity to let people take part in a range of activities that your organisation takes part in or bring in new and challenging activities for members to enjoy. You may even be able to organise a competition to find the best "newcomer" or "beat the master".

### ADOPT A ?????

Encourage people to Adopt a ????? of your organisation. This can be almost anything in your organisation, and the adopter pays towards the upkeep or running costs of the item.

## **ADVERTISING BOOKLET**

This is a booklet that is primarily an advertising and information booklet for your local area. It normally works best in small towns or communities and local companies pay for you to advertise their business in it. The advertising booklet will normally contain general information on the local area and other topics. An excellent example detailed a vast range of household tips - from removal of stains to putting up shelves and each one was sponsored by a local company that was relevant to the tip or piece of advice.

## **AIR MILES**

Collect Air Miles and collate them together. Either raffle or auction the Air Miles.

## **AIR RIFLE SHOOTING**

This is offering people the opportunity to go air rifle shooting and shoot targets. The best performer will win a shield or cup.

## **ALUMINUM COLLECTION**

Collect Aluminium cans and tins and sell on for re-cycling.

## **ANNUAL APPEAL**

This, for a very large number of organisations, is the pinnacle and often only fund raising event of the year. A good Appeal with vast coverage, both local and national, can raise a vast amount of funds. Linking the Appeal in with a national company or festival can heighten the awareness and mean that the appeal is even more of a success. The Appeal may be run from a single day to a whole week, although month long Appeals and Awareness Months begin to lack control and emphasis. It is better to concentrate all of your efforts into a week than it is to spread them over a month.

## **ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW**

Open up a hall to the specialists and collectors of the antiques trade. Your local antique dealers and specialists will thrive at the opportunity to show off their knowledge. In addition, you may be able to include a valuation service, or even bring in the television professionals.

## **ARTS AND CRAFT SALE**

The Arts and Craft Sales tend to be mainly organised in the autumn and winter to capitalize on the Christmas present market, although they can be held throughout the year. The opportunity is to either make all of the crafts yourselves or rent out pitches to the many local talented craftsmen in order for them to sell direct to the public.

## **AS NEW SALE**

An "As New Sale" is really a "posh" jumble sale. The event tends to be better suited to an evening and organised to resemble a clothes shop rather than a jumble sale. Time and commitment dedicated to sorting the clothes, and, where necessary, wash and iron will greatly enhance the price. You may also offer a commission system to sell people's clothes on their behalf.

## **AUCTION**

Original auction of items that are donated or sold on behalf of the vendor where you take a fee or percentage for the sale of the item.

## **AUCTION OF PROMISES**

A variation of the auction theme, where you auction off promises made by people or local businesses. These can consist of anything from being chauffeur driven for a day to a meal for two.

## **BADGE MAKING**

Make a range of badges to sell that support your organisation. Have a badge machine at an event for children to make their own badges.

## **BALL IN BUCKET**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to throw a ball into a bucket a distance away, a ball in the bucket wins a prize.

## **BALLOON RACE**

Sell balloons that are filled with helium, with the purchasers name and address written on a tag fixed to the balloon. The balloon that travels the furthest wins a prize.

## **BALLOON RIDES**

Up, up and away! Organising balloon rides and taking a commission or offering a balloon ride as a prize are always big attractions and good fund raising exercises.

## **BARBEQUE**

An evening's barbeque is always a great family entertainer. On a summer's night in a large open field, the smell of a barbeque is always a real tempting event. Couple this with games of family rounders and cricket and a little background music, you are onto a winner!

## **BARN DANCE**

Swing your partner! The traditional county music that still draws in the crowd! A traditional Barn Dance was always held in the farmer's barn or yard, with plenty of hay and jugs of cider!

## **BEAT THE GOALIE**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to score a goal past a goalkeeper. Score a goal and win a prize.

## **BED PUSH**

Sponsored bed pushes are great fun and can be organised over a distance suitable to you. The "bed" could also be a wide range of items from a hospital bed to a four poster or how about pushing a washing machine or a 3 piece suite?

## **BEER FESTIVAL**

There is no better way than to raise funds at the same time as raising a glass! Beer festivals can range from a few extra beers at your local pub to a full weekend of beer from around the world. Do not forget to cater for the non beer drinkers and ensure that there is other entertainment to complement the festival.

## **BEETLE DRIVE**

A variation of bingo, where people compete by rolling a dice to build a beetle. The winner is the first person of team to build the beetle.

## **BINGO**

An evening's bingo is great way to put fun into fund raising. A regular morning session of bingo or a one off event will always bring in the crowds, especially as bingo is once again one of the fastest growing leisure activities.

## **BLANKET COLLECTION**

At a large spectator event, possibly a football match, walk round the perimeter of the pitch with a blanket held out for people to throw their money into the blanket.

## **BOARD GAMES EVENING**

Organise an evening of board games and crown the Monopoly Champion or the Mastermind of the Trivia.

## **BOAT RACE**

Organise a boat race where local organisations build model boats and race them on a river. Variations can also include full size boats, yachts, dinghy or canoe racing.

## **BOAT TRIPS**

Many of the best fund raising ideas are purely offering an event or occasion that draws a large number of people together. Organising a boat trip on the local river or canal is an ideal way to spend a summer evening. Many pleasure boat companies also offer the whole package that will include music and refreshments.

## **BONNY BABY COMPETITION**

Everybody likes a baby face and inviting people to enter a competition to put their baby into the limelight will always create a large entry. By linking in with a local photographer and the local newspaper you will gain maximum coverage and sponsorship.

## **BOOK SALE**

A book sale is always a great opportunity to raise funds. Everybody has great quantities of books tucked away that will probably never be read again! Selling these books that have been donated will raise substantial funds. In addition, many book dealers will purchase the left over bulk stock to relieve you of all the books.

## **BOOK STALL**

Traditional stall to sell donated books. Works best at a larger event such as a fair or coffee morning.

## **BOTTLE STALL**

Traditional stall to sell donated bottles and tins of food and drink. Works best at a larger event such as a fair or coffee morning.

## **BOUNCY CASTLE**

Traditional children's sideshow for fairs, festivals and almost any other fund raising event. If you organise a lot of events that appeal to families or children, it is worth looking at investing in a bouncy castle - you will be amazed at how many events you can increase funds by just having a sideshow for children.

## **BOWLING**

There are many bowling clubs across the country and organising a competition between clubs or offering the opportunity to try the sport can raise funds.

## **BRING AND BUY SALE**

Blue Peter made Bring and Buy Sales famous! The concept is simple: that people bring an item and donate it to your stall and make a purchase of another item. It is important that you have some surplus items (non clothing jumble is normally sufficient) so that you do not run out of products to sell.

## **BUNGEE JUMP**

You will never get me jumping of a bridge or a crane, and now people even jump out of helicopters! Bungee jumping is all about fear - the fear of falling and never hitting the floor! A fantastic way to gain sponsorship by inflicting fear, but a real good money spinner!

## **BURNS' NIGHT**

Hold your own Burns' night and base the theme on the Scots (naturally). This can become a great theme for an event and create an element of rivalry!

## **BUS PULL**

This challenge could consist of pulling a bus a set distance, say a mile, and being sponsored for the event. Alternatively, it could be a competition with numerous teams pulling the bus against the clock over a shorter distance.

## **BUY A BRICK**

Ideal method of raising funds to build a new building or an extension to the existing headquarters. Individuals or companies purchase a quantity of bricks to help finance the project.

## **CAKE STALL**

Traditional stall to sell donated cakes and other delicatessen delights. Works best at a larger event such as a fair or coffee morning.

## **CALENDARS**

Produce and sell calendars that give a pictorial year of your organisation. These can be from a very simple one-page calendar to a page a month. Be careful though because this is dated product and therefore there is an element of risk.

## **CANDLE MAKING**

Why not make candles and sell them at craft fairs or coffee mornings? There is a great increase in the fancy candle market and they are really very easy to make. With a little artistic flair, you can create very elaborate and colourful candles that look stunning.

## **CAR BOOT SALE**

Organise a Car Boot Sale in the community and sell the pitches. This is also a great opportunity to raise funds by including other stalls and sideshow e.g. refreshments, bouncy castles, tombola. Alternatively, sell your left over jumble and donations at car boot sales.

## **CAR THROUGH A BUCKET**

This is an achievement in itself, but it really is as it sounds. Challenge a couple of teams to completely dismantle a car and pass it through a bucket with a hole in the bottom. If the challenge is in a public place, (superstore car parks are ideal) not only do you receive the sponsorship of the teams but you also gain the donations from the public. This is an amazing feat and when two teams are racing against the clock it becomes an even greater spectacle.

## **CAR TREASURE HUNT**

Rather than a traditional treasure hunt around the local town, this is a treasure hunt where you drive from clue to clue and find the treasure! A real challenge and good fun, as well as a sound fund raiser.

## **CAR VALET**

A car valet service is a little more complicated than a standard car wash service because normally the owner of the vehicle will need to be around at the time. This service may be suitable for office car parks where the people are available most of the day.

## **CAR WASH**

Set up a car wash service. This is best run from a local car park (supermarkets are ideal) where you wash your clients car whilst they do their shopping!

## **CARNIVAL**

Most towns hold a carnival of some sort and there can be many different themes, from a musical carnival to a traditional float carnival. If you are luckily enough to be near a river, then water carnivals are becoming very popular.

## **CAROL CONCERT**

Hold a Carol Concert in a local hall. The Concert can consist of musical talents and a whole range of choirs. Many concerts also include official ceremonies to turn on the Christmas Lights or annual presentations.

## **CAROL SINGING**

A traditional method of raising funds during the Christmas period. In order to collect from private residence you may require a license. Carol

singing in large groups is much safer and you gain a much better response.

### **CASINO EVENING**

There are many companies who offer the facilities to set up a casino in a hall or local meeting place. You can organise a range of games including blackjack, roulette and other card games. Alternatively, you can organise and supply the games yourself.

### **CHAIN MAIL**

Why not set up a "kind" chain letter requesting donations and support. This can prove to be a very quick way to spread the word about your organisation and appeal to a large number of people who have not heard of your Charity or organisation. Be careful though because some chain letters have created bad publicity and under no circumstances make threats or offer "get rich quick schemes"

### **CHARIOT RACE**

Hold a chariot race between local organisations. The Chariots can be as imaginative as you like, from a very traditional "horse and cart" to a "Sedan chair"!

### **CHARITY BALL**

The most elegant evening's entertainment, an opportunity to put on your gown and turn yourself from rags to riches (even if it is only for one night!) An elegant evening brings enormous funds!

### **CHARITY PUSH**

Sponsored pushes are great fun and can be organised over a distance suitable to you. The push could be a wide range of items from a bed to a shopping trolley from a car to a bath tub!

### **CHARITY SHOP**

This is serious fund raising and needs a real commitment, both financial and time. Only enter the commercial fund raising if you can guarantee success.

### **CHARITY WEEK**

Hold a full week raising money for Charity. The Charity Week is often organised by schools and commercial organisations to raise funds for external Charities. It may be though that you can organise a week to focus on raising funds for your Charity or organisation.

### **CHILDREN'S PARTY**

Organise children's parties or activity sessions. This is an ideal fund raiser if you are close to a beach and you occupy the children while the parents sun bathe! Be careful of child-minding and make sure that you check out the relevant childcare practices.

### **CHRISTMAS DRAW**

The best time to hold a draw for any organisation is at Christmas. Firstly, most companies increase sales towards Christmas; the more sales the better the prizes! Secondly, during the season of giving and goodwill, it is much easier to sell draw tickets. Finally, if you are selling direct to the public, there is a greater volume of people to part with their money!

### **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

Sell Christmas Trees to the public. Real Christmas Trees are often a good fund raiser around the period of giving! Not only are you offering a product that is an absolute necessity at Christmas, but you are also raising funds for your organisation too.

### **CHURCH COLLECTION**

Organise a local Church Collection for your Charity or organisation. Most Churches change their collection recipient on a regular basis, so it is worth exploring this on a local basis.

### **CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

Organise a motor show for classic vehicles and motorbikes. The fascination in old historic vehicles draws massive crowds and, when promoted properly will attract a very wide and exciting range of vehicles.

### **CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING**

This is offering people the opportunity to go clay pigeon shooting and shoot "clays". The best performer will win a shield or cup.

### **CLEARING SNOW**

Offering a service to clear snow from people's driveways and paths for a set charge! Reliant on hard work, and an awful lot of snow!

### **CLOCKS**

Build clocks and sell them at craft fairs. The clocks can be novelty or based on local attractions, made from wood or "recycled" products and materials.

## **COACH TRIPS**

Why not take your members on coach trips? Traditional favourites such as London, Blackpool, Bath, Flower Shows and Exhibitions always appeal to a wide range of people, and you can always organise a raffle on the coach as an extra fund raising opportunity.

## **COCONUT SHY**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to throw wooden balls at rows of coconuts. Use coconuts as prizes. This is a real aggression reliever!

## **COFFEE MORNING**

There is nothing like sitting down on a morning with a nice cuppa! By having an open house and organising other stalls such as a bring and buy or a cake stall and raffles you can make a substantial amount from a very social event!

## **COLLECTING TINS**

Probably the oldest method of raising funds. Locate prime sites where there is a large amount of pedestrian flow and hold out the collecting tins. Make sure that you gain permission with the relevant authorities and that you conform to their requirements. This is a guaranteed success when organised properly.

## **CONCERTS**

Concerts can vary widely. If your organisation has musical attachment then you may be able to put on your own performance, or alternatively, you could bring in entertainers from around the area to perform at a concert in aid of your organisation. The style and type of concert can also differ considerably from rock and pop to classic or opera!

## **COOKERY DEMONSTRATION**

Inviting a chef from your local restaurant to let you in on the secrets of the trade is a real crowd puller, especially when you get to sample the delights! You may even be able to attract some of the new found celebrities or hold your very own "Master Chef".

## **COPPER COLLECTION**

Rather than traditional collecting methods, why not concentrate all your efforts on collecting or persuading people to depart with their copper collections - most people have their own small collection of coins at home - just think how much you could collect!

## **COVENANT SCHEME**

Creating a covenant scheme in order for people to make regular payments and donations to your Charity means that you are able to claim back the tax that has been paid from the Inland Revenue. In addition, there are additional government incentives for donations to be made direct to Charities although this can change. To confirm the current tax regulations please contact your local tax office.

## **CRAFT FAIR**

Craft Fairs offer the opportunity for local craftsmen to sell their wares. The talents of these people will range from wood turning and wood carving through to embroidery and cross stitch. Your organisation may also produce crafts to sell at the fairs.

## **CRICKET MATCH**

Hold a cricket match and afternoon activity. Challenge your County team to a match or invite some star cricketers to join in your efforts. With the introduction of Kwik Cricket in schools you may be able to organise a competition based on this new form of the game.

## **CROCKERY SMASHING**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to throw wooden balls at rows of crockery. No prizes, but it is a real aggression reliever!

## **CROSS STITCH**

Cross-stitch is an increasingly popular hobby and handicraft, and making cross-stitch items and selling them at craft fairs and exhibitions will raise funds.

## **CROSSWORD COMPETITION**

Holding a crossword competition as a sideshow is a relatively new concept. Produce a very large crossword on a board and get people to pay to answer a clue. Hidden behind each number is a raffle ticket that could win a prize!

## **DANCE**

Dances can take many forms. One favourite dance is the old fashioned tea dance, an opportunity to have a leisurely afternoon's dancing and entertainment. (Perhaps for the older generation!)

## **DART THROWING**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to throw darts into a target and win by a number of ways - score over, score under, 3 in the black. Correctly matching the target wins a prize.

## **DARTS MATCH**

Put out the challenge to all the pub teams in the area to compete in a tournament for cash prizes, or a barrel of beer!

## **DEBATE EVENING**

If the Government can make a living out of debating, then surely we can raise funds through the same mechanism. People love to debate issues, and if they can be topical and entertaining, then you will be sure of a success.

## **DINNER AND CABARET**

What better way to spend an evening: a fantastic meal in a superb restaurant followed by a star-studded cabaret ranging from song and dance through to comedy and magic?

## **DIRECT MAIL (WASTE)**

Collect all of your direct mail for recycling. Due to the paper being of better quality, you are often able to receive a better recycle value than you get for newspaper. With the average household getting twelve direct mail letters a week, this could prove to be a real winner!

## **DIRECTORIES**

Publish a directory for your local community. This may include businesses and all other organisations as well as further local information. The directory should be funded by sponsorship and advertisements from local businesses.

## **DISCO**

The Eighties music scene was dominated by Disco Fever. A disco can be a compliment to another event or an event in its own right. Discos also appeal to a wide range of ages and can often cater for a wide range of musical tastes.

## **DISCOUNT CATALOGUE SCHEME**

There are many companies that offer a catalogue scheme for voluntary and charitable organisations. They often offer discounts to the consumer and pay the organisation a commission for introducing the client.

## **DISCOUNT VOUCHERS**

Many companies who produce money off vouchers will cash them in for Charities, although it does require persistence and is only really worth it for large sums on money. In addition, you can collect discount vouchers in order to save your organisation money when purchasing items.

## **DOG SHOW**

People love their pets! So offer them an opportunity to show them! They also say people look like their pets, so you could also have a category based on this!

## **DOLLS HOUSE ACCESSORIES**

Build dolls house accessories and sell them at craft fairs. These miniature items of furniture can command very high prices and can include a great amount of detail.

## **DONKEY DERBY**

The Annual Donkey Derby used to be held in a great many towns across the country, although it seems that they are getting fewer and fewer! This is an enjoyable way to have an afternoon's entertainment and raise plenty of funds.

## **DRINK A PUB DRY**

For all the heavy drinkers! Not recommended due to serious headaches and after effects!

## **DUCK RACE**

Sell numbered plastic ducks to people and launch them from a bridge. The person who "owns" the first duck to cross the finishing line wins a prize. This is an event in itself and with good preparation sales of hundreds of ducks can be made.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Children of all ages love Easter Eggs and having to hunt them out creates a great game of hide and seek.

## **EATING MARATHON**

A marathon can take many forms and an eating marathon is no exception. You may want to rise to the challenge of eating a marathon of one food, (maybe cold baked beans) or seeing how long you can eat for! A visit to a local burger bar and trying to eat everything on the menu is always a marathon that burger lovers enjoy!

## **EMBROIDERY**

Embroidery is an increasing hobby and handicraft and by making embroidered items and selling them at craft fairs and exhibitions will raise funds.

## **EMPTY BEAN TUBES**

Give out tubes of sweets and let the recipient eat the sweets in exchange for returning the tube full of coins. A favourite of children of all ages!

## **ENGRAVING**

Offer an engraving service to personalise items or mark them for security purposes.

## **EXHIBITION**

Organise an exhibition of your Charity or organisation in a public place and invite donations. This will also be an excellent publicity activity that may well increase your supporters or ongoing fund raising.

## **FACE PAINTING**

This is one of the most popular ways of fundraising and with the right paints nearly anyone can have a go at doing it. Kids love picking the picture they want printed onto their faces while waiting for their turn, though it's not so easy for parents to convince them to have it removed before bedtime.

## **FAIRGROUND**

A fairground at your annual festival will increase the attendance immensely. You can either hire the rides direct or organise a travelling fairground to set up and pay you a ground rent.

## **FANCY DRESS**

Kids love it, adults love it! Dressing up in fancy dress can add fun to any event, and holding a fancy dress competition for the children is an excellent arena event for a summer fair.

## **FASHION SHOW**

Many local businesses will support a fashion show in aid of Charities and local organisations. The business uses it as an opportunity to promote themselves and enjoy good local promotion by supporting such events. Any sales made on the day should include a commission to your organisation.

## **FESTIVAL**

A festival can be as big or as small as you make it and in addition almost anything can be made into a festival. Festivals do though normally run for longer than a day and normally have a large content of music and art in different forms.

## **FETE**

Annual fetes and fairs are the biggest event for many organisations. The village or school fete is also a key community event that is enjoyed by the whole community. To ease the organisation you may be able to join forces with another local organisation to assist.

## **FILM EVENING**

Before the introduction of cinemas in towns and cities people would congregate in the local hall to watch the latest blockbuster! Why not recreate an evening of film, popcorn and ice cream!

## **FIREWORKS**

Remember, remember the 5th of November. Organised firework events are becoming more popular due to the safety aspect. There is a massive opportunity to raise an awful lot of money at a fireworks display although the weather is never guaranteed!

## **FLOWER ARRANGING**

Floral arrangements are an ideal item to produce for craft fairs and other events such as Harvest Thanksgiving. Dried and silk flowers are most suitable because they will not wilt or die!

## **FLOWER SHOW**

A flower show and horticulture show is a great way to raise funds and is a real crowd puller. When organising such events you should hold a competition and displays as well as an area for advice. Further sideshows will add to the amount raised.

## **FOOD STALL**

Everyone needs to eat and a food stall is a sure success! From donated tins of food to homemade pies and cakes you will be onto a winner.

## **FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Organise a football tournament for local clubs to participate in. Organise a range of stalls for the participants and spectators to spend their money to help raise your funds.

## **FOREIGN COINS**

Collecting foreign coins and then exchanging them is an easy way of raising funds. Many people now travel abroad and although banks are willing to exchange notes, they are not interested in coins. Therefore by collecting them and getting foreign coins exchanged in bulk, it makes the proposition profitable.

## **FORFEITS**

Why not introduce forfeits for those who do not co-operate or participate? Make the forfeits fun and challenging and if they are not carried out then punish them further with a fine! All in good fun, of course!

## **FORTUNE TELLER**

Lots of people enjoy a visit to a fortune teller and they are an ideal sideshow for a fete or fair! Just think, they may even be able to predict the best way to raise funds!

## **FRUIT MACHINE**

Install a fruit machine in your meeting place or other suitable location and receive the revenue from the machine. In addition, you could also install games machines, pinball or a jukebox.

## **FUN DAY**

A fun day is as it says! Plenty of fun, games and entertainment for the family.

## **FURNITURE SALE**

Organise a furniture sale in a large hall and take a commission from the price of the sale. In addition, you can also sell donated items of furniture and surplus office equipment.

## **GAME SHOW**

Following the success of the wide and varied game shows on television why not organise an evening of game shows. Lots of imagination can re-create some of the best shows on television.

## **GARAGE SALE**

A garage sale is a good way to raise some quick money. It doesn't take long to organise once you've had a real good sort out of all that unwanted stuff. As long as you can let as many people as possible know when it's going to happen it should be a success. It is very important to check that the items you are selling are no longer needed by any member of the family before you sell them! A tip is to let the children of the neighbourhood know too; they can bring their saved money to buy themselves something or a present for their mums.

## **GARDEN PARTY**

An open garden or garden party is a very sociable occasion to raise funds. Either sell tickets to a strawberries and cream garden party or hold an open garden to encourage people to visit the garden and make a donation.

## **GARDENING**

Offer a service for gardening. This may be as simple as lawn cutting or patio cleaning or you may be able to provide a more complete service.

## **GIVE AS YOU EARN**

A great way to get donations direct from individuals is by getting people to participate in the Give As You Earn scheme. In addition to a regular donation being made, you are also able to gain tax relief on some donations.

## **GLAMOROUS GRAN**

Everyone's Gran is glamorous, but why not hold a competition to find the most glamorous!

## **GLASS BLOWING**

Glass blowing is a craft that takes a lot of skill and patience to make figurines and items out of glass. They are ideal items to sell at craft fairs.

## **GNOMES AND PIXIES**

The artistic members of your organisation could make and decorate garden gnomes. Personalizing each one or basing them on famous characters or even members of your organisation can raise your funds.

## **GO KART GRAND PRIX**

Organise a Go Kart Grand Prix at the local track. Many of the indoor circuits assist with groups that are fund raising and some will even organise the whole event for you!

## **GRANTS**

There are thousands of grants available to Charities and Organisations for a whole range of reasons. Local Authorities normally have access to grant making organisations and with the success of the National Lottery, there is even greater opportunity to secure some of these grants.

## **GREETING CARDS**

Why not create your own brand of greeting card? There is massive profit in greetings cards, and the Charity card sector is at present restricted to the Christmas season. By producing your own cards you will be able to boost your funds and make the cards appeal to members and the general public.

## **GROUP SHOP**

Many groups and organisations may benefit from running a group shop. This benefits your members and raises some money for your organisation. Donations of outgrown uniforms or equipment may mean that you can then sell them on to other members. This works extremely well if your organisation supports activities for children because as children grow out of their clothes very quickly, many of them remain in good condition.

## **GUESS THE ??????**

Traditional fair game where the competitor guesses the number of sweets in a jar, or the name of the teddy bear etc. The list is endless as to what can be guessed and the person who guesses correctly or closest wins the prize.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Inviting a guest speaker and selling admission tickets is a solid way to raise funds. In addition, you can organise raffles and refreshments to boost the funds raised.

## **GUIDED TOURS**

Organising tours to local places of interest for visitors or to tourist destinations for local residents can both boost funds. Coach trips are enjoyed by all and can prove to be very successful.

## **GUNGE TANK**

A tank of the week's left overs and other horrible coloured gunge! Made famous by a party in a house, it is a great sideshow at the local fete by enticing people to pay to gunge a friend, enemy or even their parents!

## **GYMKHANA**

The Gymkhana is a great attraction for horse lovers and the sideshows and stalls will raise a great deal of money. A well organised and promoted event will attract participants and spectators from quite a distance.

## **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

A very scary occasion that is always well attended. Plenty of traditional party games can be played including bobbing apples and trick or treats.

## **HANDICRAFTS**

Enticing all of your artistic members to create craft items is a great method to raise funds by selling them at your craft fairs.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

A Harvest Festival can be organised to boost funds. If items of produce have been donated then you can sell them, or you may be able to invite local growers in order for them to sell their own produce and pay you for attending.

## **HEAD SHAVE**

Just for the brave! A very quick, but often immensely successful way of raising funds.

## **HIRE SHOP**

If your organisation has a supply of equipment then why not consider hiring it out. Many Scout Groups have large marquees that only get used for a very short period of time during the year. By renting items out you can gain some revenue from your assets.

## **HOLE IN ONE**

A simple sideshow that the competitor tries to hit a hole in one over a short putting area.

## **HOOK A DUCK**

Traditional fair game where the competitor hooks a duck that has a number on the bottom of it. Matching the number on the bottom wins the corresponding prize.

## **HOOPLA**

Traditional fair game where the competitor throws hoops over prizes. Successfully landing a hoop completely over a prize entitles that person to win it.

## **HORSE RACE NIGHT**

Race nights bring a whole new meaning to horse racing. Many companies organise the whole evening or just supply the props. The "punter" places their bet on a horse and after all the bets are placed, the race is run on a large screen. The people who bet on the winning horse take their winnings and another race starts. There are normally around eight races a night and there are now variations on the theme including greyhound racing and motor sports.

## **HOUSEHOLD SALE**

From the same stable as the garage sale this can either be run from home or you can organise it in a local hall - a jumble sale without the clothes!

## **INDOOR MARKET**

Creating a market offers local traders the opportunity to set up a stall outside their normal shops with your organisation taking a cut of the takings or a rent for each stall.

## **INFLATABLE**

In addition to the bouncy castle, there are many different types of inflatable that you can rent out including water accessories, fly walls, boxing rings and gladiator courts. All of them offer great opportunities to add value to your summer fete.

## **INVEST A POUND**

Hand out a pound to every member and set the challenge for them to come back with a greater amount. A prize can go to the person who raises the most from that single pound.

## **IT'S A KNOCKOUT**

A revival of the 80's game show where teams compete in the most ridiculous games in the most ridiculous costumes. This will make you laugh and raise a few eyebrows as well as funds!

## **JAIL BREAK**

Although escaping from jail is not recommended, it is a great way to raise funds. Participants are dumped in the middle of nowhere and have get back to headquarters with no money or mode of transport.

## **JAZZ FESTIVAL**

A jazz festival is a great evenings entertainment and it pulls together the key elements of fund raising - music and food.

## **JEWELLERY MAKING**

Making items of jewellery and selling them at craft fairs is an excellent way to raise funds. There are a wide range of items that you can make such as bead bracelets and necklaces as well as charm bracelets, earrings and rings.

## **JOB SWAPPING**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to do your boss's job, or is there a job you have always wanted to do? Why not swap for the day and pay a Charity or organisation for the privilege!

## **JOB WEEK**

The Scout Association has always held a job week to raise funds. Small jobs are undertaken in return for payment.

## **JUGGLING COMPETITION**

This can be used as a sideshow where people compete to juggle for the longest period or with the most number of balls.

## **JUMBLE SALE**

The oldest idea in the book!

## **KARAOKE**

Karaoke evenings are a great opportunity to raise funds and it enables people to perform and act out their favourite pop stars and bands.

## **KEEP FIT**

Keeping fit can assist in the fundraising. Why not run a sponsored keep fit session or organise a session at your next fair or fete. Even if you don't raise money it will make sure you are fit for all the other fund raising events you are organising.

## **KIDNAP**

How about kidnapping a key local figure and holding them to ransom. On receipt of a set amount, you agree to release your hostage. Make sure that you promote it well in advance and agree with the hostage beforehand!

## **KNITTING**

Knitting is a popular hobby, and often you are able to encourage knitters to make items that can then be sold at craft fairs.

## **LAND'S END TO JOHN O'GROATS**

The trip between Land's End to John O'Groats is no mean feat and there are many ways you can complete the course. Why not try public transport, driving, cycling, hitch-hiking or walking. Whatever the way, a great sponsorship opportunity!

## **LINE DANCING**

The popularity of line dancing is on a very fast increase at present and therefore if you can organise a fund raising event around a 'marathon' or record breaking attempt you should be sure of success.

## **LITTER COLLECTION**

Everyone detests the volume of litter around towns and public places. By organising a litter collection and being sponsored by a large local company you should be able to return the donations you receive for improving the local area.

## **LIVE BAND**

There is nothing like live entertainment! There is an immense amount of local talent around that you can capitalise on and organise events and music nights presenting these bands.

## **LOCAL KNOWLEDGE BOOK**

Local books are a great way to raise funds. Produce a small concise local guide to the history, facilities and features of the local area and then sell them through the local tourist information office. In addition, you may also be able to produce a book on the history of your Charity or organisation.

## **LOCAL PAINTING**

There are many local artists and painting groups that enjoy displaying their pictures. Why not create a display of local artists and their works? In addition, you may also be able to commission some artists to paint pieces for your cause.

## **LOCAL VIDEOS**

As many places have local interest, there is a great opportunity to produce a video of the local attractions and sell it to the local community and visitors to the area.

## **LOTTERY**

The National Lottery has been a greater success than even the organisers imagined and there is little point in trying to compete, but there are millions of pounds available in grants from the lottery. Details in the directory section.

## **LUCKY DIP**

A favourite with children. For a small fee the child picks a wrapped item out of a barrel. Everyone is a winner!

## **MAGAZINE**

Producing a magazine for the organisation is a big commitment although it can prove to be a very successful form of fund raising. Circulating it to other local organisations or Charities will also increase the awareness of the Charity.

## **MARATHONS**

The traditional marathon is a great event to get sponsored to complete the 26 mile race, although there are many variations on the marathon and you can make it almost anything you want.

### **MEDIEVAL EVENING**

A medieval banquet followed by jousting and entertainment is an original and entertaining way to enjoy an evening, and having a themed evening assists in the raising of funds.

### **MILE OF PENNIES**

In a local shopping area, try to make a mile of pennies. Get shoppers to lay their pennies next to each other until they stretch out to a distance of a mile.

### **MINI OLYMPICS**

Invite all your members and their families to participate in a Mini Olympics with a range of sports, whether they are normal or purely just for fun! Try the egg and spoon race or the sack race along with throwing the welly or doing the limbo!

### **MINIATURE HOUSES**

Miniature houses are a fast growing collectable item and there are many variations. Perhaps you could make models of famous local buildings and sell them at craft fairs.

### **MODEL MAKING**

Model making can include a vast array of items from model boats and cars through to matchstick models and buildings. There is a fascination about models, and many can include exact detail from the original. Organising model and collectors fairs or selling locally made models can boost funds immensely.

### **MOUNTAIN CLIMBING**

The Three Peaks Challenge has been a great event to raise funds although just one mountain is enough for most people! If you are really experienced there are a few larger mountain ranges that could challenge you more - the Alps and Himalayas spring to mind!

### **MOUSE RACE**

A mouse race is great fun at a fete or fair. Build a race track with individual lanes and tempt them with a little cheese! As an alternative, you can always use clockwork mice!

### **MUFTI DAY**

Mufti days are greatly accepted by pupils in order for them not to wear their school uniform for the day. You can also widen this to the workplace where people change from their normal work-wear to an alternative for the day.

## **MUSIC CONCERT**

There are two sure ingredients to attract people. One is food, the other music. Music concerts are a great method of raising funds and the style and content of music can suit any age or culture.

## **MYSTERY TOUR**

The Mystery Tour can be organised very easily and the destination can be as obscure as you wish.

## **NATURE TRAIL**

Plan a local nature trail and offer guided walks that highlight the key areas of natural beauty. Alternatively produce leaflets with the walk detailed on and request a donation from the walkers.

## **NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS**

Many people make them, but how many keep them? Challenge people to get sponsored to keep their resolutions for a little longer than normal!

## **NEWSLETTER**

Produce a newsletter to inform your members and the local community of the efforts that your organisation, and cover the costs through sponsorship. This is also a great opportunity to promote future events and raise the profile of your organisation.

## **NURSERY RHYME QUIZ**

A great idea to run as a sideshow or as a stand alone quiz. Challenge people to sing nursery rhymes and dress in costume for even more fun!

## **OPEN DAY**

An open day for your Charity or organisation will not only increase donations and funds but also raise the profile your Charity in the local community. This will in turn increase your fund raising efforts in the future as people will be able to understand the reasons for the efforts.

## **OPEN GARDEN**

Offer to open your garden to visitors and request a donation from visitors. You can also organise refreshments and sales of plants and vegetables.

## **OPERA NIGHT**

A night at the opera is a great way to raise funds and bringing opera to the local community gives an exciting and cultured evening of entertainment.

## **ORIENTEERING**

There are many orienteering competitions, and they can be organised to raise funds by charging entrants and running additional fund raising activities.

## **ORNAMENT SALE**

Ornaments and collectables are always a successful combination, and organising fairs where you receive a commission or a rent from each trader can raise money.

## **ORNAMENTS**

The artistic members of your organisation could make and decorate ornaments. Personalising each one or basing them on famous characters or even members of your organisation can raise your funds.

## **OUTWARD BOUND**

Outward bound is a scheme that is run to give people the opportunity to experience outdoor adventures including climbing, hiking, camping and other sports. Many people raise money to attend and gain further sponsorship to complete the many challenges they will face.

## **PAINTBALL COMPETITION**

Paintball is an exciting game of "soldiers"! This game is professionally run and you can organise challenges to raise funds where people contribute to your funds.

## **PANCAKE RACES**

Shrove Tuesday is full of Pancake races through many towns. Why not organise pancake races at work, school or in your shopping centre. Ask for sponsorship for teams and donations from spectators.

## **PANTOMIME**

Christmas is the time for Panto and this gives every organisation the chance to perform and entertain its supporters.

## **PARACHUTE JUMP**

Another idea for the daredevils of fund raising! This method of fund raising is definitely not for the faint hearted and most funds are raised through individual sponsorship.

## **PARTIES**

Parties, parties and more parties. There are so many variations of parties that every party can have a different theme. Many parties can be organised in order to raise funds either by charging an entrance fee or by having other activities within the party.

## **PERSONALIZED GIFTS**

Offering a service to personalise items of property or to sell gifts that are unique or have personalisation on them is an excellent way to raise funds. There may be a special occasion that your organisation is celebrating and this again can create opportunity to sell unique gifts.

## **PET SHOW**

People love their pets! So offer them an opportunity to show them! They also say people look like their pets, so you could also have a category based on this! This is a great fund raising event as both the exhibitionists and the visitors will be "ooh-ing" and "aah-ing"!

## **PETROL TOKENS**

Collect petrol tokens and trade them in for gifts that you can then use as raffle prizes or for your organisation or Charity.

## **PIANO SMASHING**

Great fun for entertainment and taking aggression out! Challenge a number of teams to locate and then smash a piano to small pieces.

## **PICK A CORK**

Traditional fair game where the competitor picks a cork out of a board, each cork has a number on the end. Pull a cork with a winning number then you win a prize.

## **PICK A TICKET**

Traditional fair game where the competitor picks a numbered ticket from a bucket. If the ticket number matches a winning ticket then you win a prize.

## **PICTURE FRAMING**

Offer a framing service of pictures, photos or prints of local scenes or relevant topics to your Charity.

## **PLANT A TREE**

A "plant a tree" scheme can raise funds for almost any organisation by getting people to sponsor a tree.

## **PLANT SALE**

Organise a plant sale where people either donate plants for you to sell, or they purchase a pitch to sell their own produce. A plant sale can also include a fresh produce sale as well.

## **PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT**

Traditional fair game where the competitor plays the game of higher and lower through a series of playing cards. If you correctly get six consecutive guesses correct then you win a prize.

## **PLEAD LETTER**

It really is not as bad as it seems. A simple letter requesting a donation from local businesses is not as crazy as it sounds. By writing a letter and explaining your needs, and pointing out that companies get tax relief on some donations, can create generous donations.

## **PLEDGES**

Gathering pledges of support, donations and services can greatly aid your cause. A pledge of help with redecoration work or administration may prove to be more valuable than any donation that individuals can offer.

## **PONTOON TICKETS**

Traditional pontoon tickets are sold and the purchaser has a series of games that they play by rubbing off areas on the card. Winning tickets normally have a cash value.

## **POP CONCERT**

Organise a pop concert with local bands. There are a great many music festivals that raise vast sums of money for national causes, and linking up with the local bands and music organisations can prove to be really successful.

## **PORCELAIN DOLLS**

Why not make and dress porcelain dolls and the clothing for them? There is a growing demand for collector dolls and the uniqueness adds to the value. These dolls can then be sold at events and craft fairs.

## **POSTAGE STAMPS**

Postage stamp collecting was highlighted by Blue Peter and since then many Charities and organisations now collect postage stamps to sell onto dealers. Foreign and unusual stamps command the best prices and you get paid by the kilo of stamps. (That is quite a lot of stamps!)

## **PRIVATE TUITION**

If you are lucky enough to have talented people in your organisation who can offer private tuition then you could encourage them to do so. The tuition can range from the normal academic tuition to outdoor activity such as canoeing or rock climbing.

## **PRIVILEGE CARD**

Produce a privilege card for your members where businesses either pay a commission to your Charity when people purchase or it entitles your members a discount on products or services.

## **PROGRAMMES**

Producing a programme for an event is an added source of income. Businesses can pay to advertise in the programme and you can sell the programme on entry. Another incentive is to use the programme as a prize draw and number each copy.

## **PROMOTIONAL GIFTS**

Sell promotional items that have your Charity or organisation's logo on them. All towns and cities promote themselves in this way as a memento of your visit and the same can be done for Charities and organisations to promote yourselves.

## **PUB GAMES EVENING**

Organise a championship of traditional pub games. There are many different ways in which this can be organised, although the key games to include are darts, skittles, shove ha'penny, dominoes and card games.

## **PULL A STRING**

A peg board has lots of pieces of string coming out of it. One is connected to a bell, if you pull the correct piece of string and ring the bell then you win a prize.

## **PUPPET SHOW**

A puppet show for children can always draw a crowd, and donations can be collected. How about traditional Punch and Judy on the beach or why not try some of the newer characters and stories in your local shopping centre?

## **QUILT MAKING**

One method of raising funds is to make quilts. Many people can make squares and they can all be sewn together to make the quilt. These can then be donated to Charities who require them, sold on at craft fairs or why not try making the biggest quilt ever?

## **QUIZZES**

Everyone loves a quiz and they are great fund raisers. Holding a quiz on a regular weekly basis in your local pub or meeting place will keep a consistent flow of funds coming in. Many public houses are willing to support this type of event as it also brings them custom as well.

## **RACE NIGHT**

Race nights bring a whole new meaning to horse racing. Many companies organise the whole evening or just supply the props. The "punter" places their bet on a horse and after all the bets are placed, the race is run on a large screen. The people who bet on the winning horse take their winnings and another race starts. There are normally around eight races a night and there are now variations on the theme including greyhound racing and motor sports.

## **RAFFLES**

One of the oldest, one of the best and easiest to organise fund raising ideas. Always a winner and a trusted addition to any event.

## **RAFT RACE**

A group of teams complete in a raft race over a set distance. Part of the challenge is to build the raft and be able to sail it over the course. A very wet and exciting activity.

## **RAG MAG**

Universities have been the key publishers of rag mags, a form of joke book. Many Charities can also capitalise on this form of fund raising and learn from the experiences of these students.

## **RAMBLES**

Many people enjoy a Sunday stroll, although there are a great many who would prefer to join an organised walk. The ramble can take many different forms including a family ramble, fancy dress, singles, three legged, in fact, anything that takes your fancy!

## **RECIPE BOOK**

Produce a recipe book to include favourite recipes from the local restaurants and chefs. In addition, you can get famous television chefs to donate a recipe and culinary tips. This book can then be sold through your organisation and local outlets.

## **RECORD BREAKING ATTEMPT**

There is a record for almost every possible achievement, and gaining sponsorship while attempting to break one of these records not only raises a great deal of money, but it also boosts public awareness.

## **RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

There are now a great many items that can be collected and sold on for recycling. Offering a collection service for these recyclable products can also boost your funds.

## **REFRESHMENTS**

The refreshments at almost any event can make you as much money as the rest of the event put together! Selling the usual teas and coffees, along with a few sandwiches and biscuits can greatly improve your event and the money raised.

## **ROAD RACE**

If London can have the Marathon, then any town or city can have a road race. There are more and more people taking up running as a hobby, and offering an opportunity to compete in a town road race is an excellent way to boost funds. You could charge an entrance fee or request a sponsorship system.

## **ROLL A BALL**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to roll a ball through a hole at the end of an alley; a ball through the hole wins a prize.

## **ROLL A COIN**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to roll a coin down a chute; if the coin lands on a playing card on the board then you win a prize.

## **ROLL A DICE**

Roll six sixes and win a car! This is a fantastic fund raiser, but you will have to ensure that you are at an event with an awful lot of people and you have adequate insurance to cover the cost of a car should someone win! This really can make some serious money!

## **SAFARI SUPPER**

A safari supper is where you travel from house to house or restaurant to restaurant and have a different course of your meal at different places.

## **SALE OF FESTIVE GIFTS**

The lead up to the festive season offers a massive opportunity to raise funds. By offering a range of Christmas products from gift wrap to Christmas cards you can capitalize on this mass market. Many of these items are reasonably inexpensive to have personalised for your Charity or organisation. Charity Christmas Cards now make up over 35% of all Christmas Card sales and this figure grows annually.

## **SALE OF FREE GIFTS**

Collect free gifts from local companies and then sell them at summer fairs and other events. There are many special offers that retailers have that offer free gifts. If you can encourage them to give one of these free gifts to your organisation then you can use them for raffles or to sell on.

## **SANTA'S GROTTTO**

No Christmas Fair can go by without a Santa's Grotto and many shopping centres will organise a grotto to benefit local organisations and Charities.

## **SCAVENGER HUNT**

A scavenger hunt is enjoyed by both young and old. It is a form of treasure hunt where each team is given a list of items that they have to find and collect. The winning team is the one who collects the most.

## **SCRAP METAL**

Collect scrap metal and sell it to a scrap metal dealer or recycling plant. You will be amazed how much you can raise through other people's junk and scrap!

## **SCRATCH CARDS**

The National Lottery Scratch Card has shown how popular scratch cards can be. There are many different scratch card games that you can organise and there are a vast number of companies who are able to supply the tickets and other items.

## **SEASONAL DRAW**

Large events can normally always command a draw for either a major or cash prize. It is best if you can run draws with the seasons to clearly distinguish the draws.

## **SHELL FIGURES**

Make figures and models out of sea shells and sell them at craft fairs.

## **SHOE SHINE**

Organise a shoe shine stall in your local shopping centre or railway station and charge to polish people's footwear. This is often more profitable during the week rather than the weekends.

## **SHOPPING COUPONS**

Collect the shopping coupons from major supermarkets and trade them in for goods or financial redemption. In addition, many

supermarkets and grocery manufacturers now offer vouchers for schools, books and computers. These are ideal to be collected through schools and organisations.

### **SILENCE**

Sponsored silences are favourites with teachers and parents! A donation in return for a little peace and quiet!

### **SILVER COLLECTIONS**

A collection of people's silver coins will very quickly boost your funds. A rich person's donation to your cause.

### **SING ALONG**

A sing along will always make a few pounds for your funds and really all you need is a piano, some voices and preferably a nice public house!

### **SIT IN A BATH**

Get sponsorship to sit in a bath of....beans, maggots, cold tea, in fact anything that takes your fancy, or not. Try to complete your spectacle in a large shopping centre to create maximum coverage.

### **SKITTLES**

Traditional pub game that you can easily make into an evening event to raise funds for your organisation.

### **SKYDIVING**

For those people who have done the parachute jump, this is the next step. Sky diving is free fall and as exhilarating as parachuting. The main revenue for this is through sponsorship.

### **SLIMMING COMPETITION**

Slimming has probably become the number one hobby! Why not organise a competition to see who can slim the most, or get sponsored for every pound they lose!

### **SLIPPERY POLE**

Traditional fair game where the competitor fights against another player on a wet pole with pillows. The one who stays on the pole the longest is the winner. People pay just to have fun, but you could also have a knockout competition.

## **SPINNING JENNY**

Traditional fair game where a large board has a spinning arrow that points to a series of numbers. People purchase a numbered card and if the arrow points at their number when it stops then they win a prize.

## **SPLAT THE RAT**

A fair game where a bean bag rat is dropped through a pipe and the competitor tries to hit the rat with a baton as it comes out the bottom of the pipe. An awful lot harder than it sounds!

## **SPONGE THROWING**

Traditional fair game where the competitor pays to throw wet sponges at a person who is normally in stocks. Often, people will pay to have a "friend" put in the stocks to throw their sponges at!

## **SPORTS COMPETITIONS**

Almost any sport can be turned into a fund raising event. Organising competitions and tournaments can support your fund raising activities. Remember to have lots of stalls, raffles and refreshments.

## **STAGE PLAY**

If you have a few amateur dramatists within your organisation you may be able to put on a staged play in your local theatre or hall.

## **STARVATION**

Organise a sponsored fast. For some, not eating for an hour is a long time, but try it for a day! Ensure that you drink plenty of fluid to compensate for the lack of food.

## **STATIONARY CYCLE**

The logistics of cycling to Paris are quite complex although you can easily cover the distance with a group of people cycling on stationary cycles. By measuring the mileage, you can aim to cover the distance to Paris without leaving your home town!

## **STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM**

Bring the taste of Wimbledon to your fund raising by offering strawberries and cream as part of your refreshments. You probably will not be able to command the prices that they charge at the heart of tennis but you will raise some funds!

## **STREET ENTERTAINERS**

Street entertainers can be seen in most large cities and many command high audiences while they perform their talents. Street entertaining is especially good if you have a show coming up and it offers the opportunity to promote the show as well as raising funds from donations.

## **STUDENT FUND RAISING**

Student fund raising is often organised over the period of a week and will raise money for specific Charities or causes.

## **SUNFLOWER GROWING**

People purchase sunflower seeds and plant them. The person who grows the highest sunflower wins a prize.

## **SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS**

Collect the special vouchers from supermarkets to provide your schools, colleges and organisations to collect for free gifts ranging from books, computers and sports goods.

## **SWAP SHOP**

From the late 70's came the Swap Shop. The opportunity to swap your unwanted items with someone who wants them! The organisation can take a fee for putting the people together or charge an entrance fee.

## **SWEAR BOX**

Try getting the local pub or sports club to have a swear box at the bar area to boost your funds.

## **SWIM-A-THON**

Aquatic people may take up a challenge to complete a swim-a-thon and either swim for a set period of time or try to swim a certain distance.

## **TABLE TOP SALE**

A table top sale is a variation of a car boot sale. Unlike the boot sale, you provide a table for each stall holder and the sale is held indoors. This means that the event can be held throughout the year.

## **TALENT COMPETITION**

The talent competition is an opportunity for local performers to compete against each other to win the competition. It gives local people the opportunity to perform on stage and entertain the audience.

## **TEN PIN BOWLING**

Ten pin bowling challenges often raise lots of money for Charities and many centres will have special rates and evenings for Charity events.

## **TESTIMONIAL COLLECTION**

For the long serving or special member of your organisation you can honour their commitment and support by organising a testimonial event that raises funds for the organisation and recognises the support that the individual has given.

## **TIN CAN ALLEY**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to throw wooden balls at a stack of tin cans. If you knock all the cans down then you win a prize.

## **TOMBOLA**

Traditional fair game where the competitor picks a raffle ticket out of a barrel and tries to match it with the number attached to a prize.

## **TOY SALE**

Organising a toy sale is an excellent fund raising method. Children grow out of toys very quickly and if you organise it prior to Christmas you are onto a real winner.

## **TREASURE HUNT**

Teams compete against each other to complete a course to find the treasure by following set clues.

## **TREASURE ISLAND**

Traditional fair game where a map of an island is split into squares: under one of the squares is the hidden treasure. The winner is the person who selects the correct square.

## **TRIATHLON**

The toughest sports competition of all where athletes have to run, cycle and swim over set distances. The triathlon appeals to many athletes and attracts large spectators.

## **TRIPS**

Organising trips for your members can raise funds. Coach trips to popular places and theme parks are enjoyed by all and can prove to be very successful.

## **T-SHIRTS AND CLOTHING**

Members of clubs and organisations are proud to be members and therefore help them promote it by providing a range of clothing that they can purchase.

## **TUCK SHOP**

A tuck shop is a good fund raiser at events and organisations that cater for children. All children like to spend their pocket money, and providing a tuck shop it means that you can raise some funds as well.

## **UNDERWEAR PARTY**

For the adults! A variation on the party theme that can also become a fashion show as well!

## **UN-RIDEABLE BIKE**

Challenge people to ride a bike over a set distance. The bike should be specially made to pedal backwards and to steer the opposite way just to make it more difficult!

## **UNWANTED PRESENTS**

After the Christmas period you often see adverts for unwanted presents. Why not offer a place for everyone to sell their unwanted items and you take a commission of the sale price, or get people to donate them to your organisation?

## **VARIETY SHOW**

The Variety Show brings lots of performers together to create a wealth of artistic talent. They may be comedians, magicians, singers, dancers, musicians or part of a band but bringing them all together can make an excellent show.

## **VEHICLE RALLY**

Organise a motor show for classic vehicles and motorbikes. The fascination in old historic vehicles draws massive crowds, and when promoted properly will attract a very wide and exciting range of vehicles.

## **VICTORIAN EVENING**

Many towns now organise themed evenings and a Victorian evening is one that proves to be the most successful. It is possible to recreate almost any era in order to raise funds. Your evening may be restricted to one location or you may open the challenge to the whole town.

## **VISITS**

Organising visits to local places of interest for visitors or to tourist destinations for local residents can both boost funds. Coach trips are enjoyed by all and can prove to be very successful.

## **WALKS**

Town trails and local guides in many towns are on the decline, although visitors and residents like to know a little of the history of the place they are visiting or live. A short walk pointing out the main places of interest or variations including "ghost walks" can prove very popular.

## **WASTE PAPER COLLECTION**

Collect waste paper, mainly newspapers and magazines, for recycling.

## **WATER SPORTS**

Almost all water sports can aid fund raising, whether by tuition, sponsorship or just for fun!

## **WEIGHT OF THE CAKE**

Traditional fair game where the competitor tries to guess the weight of the cake. The winner of the cake is the person who guesses the correct weight.

## **WELLY THROWING**

A good competition to hold at fetes, where people compete to throw a wellington boot the furthest.

## **WET T-SHIRT COMPETITION**

Just for the (male) adults. But don't they part with their money!

## **WHISKY RAFFLE**

Sell raffle tickets at an event for a pound. For every 25 tickets sold you pick a ticket and the winner receives a bottle of whisky. This style of raffle means that people may have many goes throughout an event.

## **WINDSCREEN WASH**

A variation on traditional car washing services where you only wash the windscreen. This works exceptionally well at motorway services or filling stations during the summer months.

## **WINE AND CHEESE EVENING**

A very traditional and popular way to raise funds. A general get together and opportunity to socialise and support your organisation.

## **WINE TASTING**

Many wine companies offer tasting sessions for local organisations and they can assist in your fund raising efforts. Make sure that you receive a commission for every bottle sold, and organise additional raffles.

## **WISHING WELL**

If there is a well or a pool of water where you can see the bottom, there is a fascination about throwing money into the pool! Try to locate "wishing wells" in the local area. Visitor areas seem to be very popular for this type of fund raising.

## **WOOD CUTTING**

Why not offer a wood cutting service in preparation for the winter? This could take either the role of pruning trees or cutting wood for domestic fires.

## **WOOD WORKING**

Making items out of wood and selling them at craft fairs. In addition, wood turning and wood carving are both on the increase and as well as selling items, you may also be able to give demonstrations.

## **XMAS EVENING**

How about holding a Christmas evening! From carols and party antics through to Christmas Pudding and mince pies. Do not forget to invite Santa and his reindeer and rather than being traditional, why not have Christmas in July?

## **XMAS HAMPERS**

Christmas hampers are an excellent way of raising money. Many people like to save on a regular basis for their Christmas hamper in order to ease the financial burden. In addition, you do not have to restrict the hamper to perishables and food; you can always include toys and gifts.

## **XMAS POSTAL SERVICE**

Offer a local postal service for town residents. Many people are happy to have local organisations and Charities deliver their local Christmas cards. This type of scheme works effectively when you have a lot of members and supporters in one area although it can be costly to set up.

## **YACHT RACING**

Yachting is a fast growing sport and there are many ways you can enter into it. Yacht racing can take the form of a small yachting club holding an event or you can participate in National events by gaining sponsorship and business support. In addition, there is also land yachting that is popular on flat beaches.

## **YARD OF ALE**

Challenge people to drink a yard of ale. The fastest drinker wins a prize!

## **ZODIAC EVENING**

Why not look to the stars to help raise your funds! Holding a Zodiac evening that offers information on star signs and astrological information is an entertaining way to raise funds. You may even be able to find your ideal love sign or look to your future wealth.