

A TO Z FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Listed below are further fundraising ideas – if you can offer any more tips and advice on these or any other events that you think may be helpful to fellow fundraisers, please send them to Mary, treasurer@astrofund.org.uk, who will arrange to have the details posted on this site.

A bseil

Aerobics – sponsored marathon/competition

Antiques fair or roadshow - local auction houses are often keen to help you organise this type of event.

Art & Photographic Exhibition and/or Picture Frame Sale - does a local gallery or college want to publicise their new artists?

Arts/Crafts stall

Ascot Ladies' Day - coffee or champagne celebration with a hat competition and a big screen to watch the races.

Auction, not just of physical lots but also of promises.. babysitting, car washing, gardening, hairdressing, photography, decorating... how talented are your friends?!

Bad hair / tie / shirt / dress day makes a change from a normal Dress Down Day; maybe a bottle of bad sparkling wine instead of champagne for the winner?

Balloons in a car - you've heard of guess the number of sweeties in a jar, well this is just a larger version!

Barn dance

BBQ

Beautiful baby competition - gather baby photos of family, friends & work colleagues and charge people money to guess what beautiful adults they have grown into!

Beat the Goalie - football, hockey, basketball, netball or any other sport you can think of!

Beetle Drive or a **Bingo evening**

Bike rides - check out these [giant bikes](#) and ride with a gang of friends.

For organised cycling events throughout the UK check out www.bike-events.com; we can supply you with all the help that you need to turn a great day out into a valuable fundraiser.

Book sale

Bouncy castle

Bridge party

Bring and Buy sale

Bucket collection perhaps after a concert or sports match.

Cake sale - at school breaktime, or afternoon tea at work on Fridays. Bake or buy a cake, divide it into 8 slices to sell at 50p each; in six months you will have raised over £100 and become very popular too!

Car boot sale, or Out tray sale on your desk for small items.

Car washing

Carol singing

Catalogue commission - if you have lots of friends and family who like to buy products by mail order, why not apply and put us forward as your chosen charity or donate the proceeds?

Christmas cards

Cinema screening - movie and popcorn at home for friends, but at cinema prices.

Clay pigeon shoot

Coffee morning

Concerts

Cook book

Cookery contest

Dance show or marathon - Salsa, Line, Square, Ballroom, what are you fabulous at?!?

Darts & Dominoes Tournament

Dinner Dance / Disco/ Ball / Party Night - contact us for themed ideas, and guidelines for making your event a huge success

Dinner Party at home but at restaurant prices... or a themed **Takeaway Night** with a small extra donation on top of the cost of the food & drink.

Drag Race - not quite what you expect, this is a sponsored race for men in womens' clothes; it has been done!

Dress Down Day at work or school.

Easter Egg Hunt

Egg rolling competition

Extreme haircu

Face & Nail Painting, Hair beading

Fairs, Fetes

Fancy Dress party or Fancy Dress Theme Days - Colourful, Historical, or characters from TV & Literature.

Fashion Show

Film Show - see cinema screening.

£5 raffle - each person writes their name on a fiver, and puts it into the draw. Winner gets 25% of the total, runner-up gets their £5 back. With 40 participants, that's £50 to the winner and £145 to the charity.

Flower/Fruit & Veg show

Football Tournament

Gift Wrapping Service in the run-up to Christmas, if you love all those ribbons and tags.

Golf Day

Guinness Book of Records attempt

Gymkhana

Hair Beading/Plaiting

Halloween Party

Horse show

It's a Knockout competition

Jail Breakout - get as far away from work or home as possible within a day & be sponsored for every mile - provided all participants stay within the law and spend no money!

Jazz evening

Judo competition/display

Jumble Sale

Karaoke competition

Kite Flying

Longest chain of coins

Lunch - with or without an invited speaker

or simply

Lunch run at work - offer to pop out and buy lunch for your colleagues for a small sponsorship amount. At just 20p a go, 5 lunches a day will raise over £20 per month.

Marathon or sporting events - not just the classics, there are plenty of ideas for Half Marathons, 5K runs and more at www.runnersworld.co.uk

Midsummer Masked Ball

Mufti Day

Murder mystery evening

Musical evening

New Years Eve Party

Night-time Hide & Seek using torches

No work day

Non Uniform Day

Old Time Music Hall

Pancake Day race

Panel games

Parties – birthdays/anniversaries

Penalty shoot out competition

Penny mile

Pet show

Photographic competition

Plant sale

Play with ticket proceeds donated

Pram push

Quiz night or quiz sheets - sell at £1 each

Races

Race night

Raffles - how about a Weekend Meat & Wine or Flowers & Chocolate Draw in the office on a Friday?

Rowing machine races - could you win the Oxford & Cambridge boat race, given the chance?!

Santa's Grotto

Scalextric Grand Prix

School fair

Scoff a hotdog competition

Shakespeare marathon

Sponsored silence through a football match....and so many other possibilities!

Silly games afternoon

Skateboard display

Slave for a day - auction or raffle your services for a day to clean, iron, garden, cook or dog walk.

Soap episodes show or theme day

Sponsored events - abseil, swim, run, walk, toddle for toddlers, diet, shave, stay silent, leg wax, baked bean bath.. old favourites but they still work.. or how about being sponsored to use the stairs instead of the lift at work for a set period?

Sports contests and tournaments with entry fees being donated or an additional donation as an option on the entry form for events that are already established.

Sports Day for children or adults - all those classics such as sack races, egg & spoon races which seem much harder when you are grown up!

Stalls at Fairs

Stars in Their Eyes karaoke competition

Strawberries & cream tea party

Student/Teacher swap day

Swim a Mile

Tea party

Teddy bears' picnic

Theme days

Tombola

Treasure hunt on foot or in cars.

Triathlon events

Tuck shop; at an existing event or during break-times at school or work. Buy in bulk and split the packs to make your profit!

Uniform/Non uniform day

University Challenge

Variety/talent Show

Wacky Race

Walk or cycle to work then put the money you would otherwise have spent on public transport towards your fundraising... and help your health and the environment at the same time!

Whist drive

White elephant stall

Wild West evening; bangers, mash & beans for food, line dancing and a bucking bronco (not straight after dinner), or real pony rides for the kids.

Who's that baby?

Wine and cheese tasting

Wimbledon day; strawberries & cream whilst watching the tennis on a big screen. Maybe swingball in the garden to get you in the mood!

Xmas fair / Panto / Party

Yacht race

Zany parties (hey, it's Z, can you think of anything else?!)