

List of Fundraising Ideas in Support of Swindon Foodbank

Do you want to help local people in "Food Crisis"? If so you can choose to raise funds for Swindon Foodbank. Many people want to do so, but sometimes struggle to come up with a fundraising idea or two, so we've put this list together to inspire you. If you have any other ideas that you think may be useful for us to add to the list, simply drop your idea in an e-mail to: office@swindonfoodbank.co.uk



Let us know what you are doing as it may be appropriate for us to publicise it via our website, facebook page or newsletter. You may also wish to contact the local media: Swindon Advertiser, Link Magazine and radio stations.

Once you have completed your event(s), you can donate the money raised by either visiting our website and doing so via the Virgin Money Giving, or PayPal links that you will find there, or send a cheque made payable to: "Swindon Foodbank" at...

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Whitbourne Avenue
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Or perhaps your event has been such a success and you would like to give us an opportunity to thank the fundraisers personally by handing over a cheque to the project management team, providing a photo opportunity for all? We can be contacted on: 07932 108732

Thanks for deciding to support us by raising much needed funds. Have fun doing it 😊

A

- ◆ Aerobics: Organise a sponsored aerob-a-thon with the help of your gym, leisure centre and sports shop.
- ◆ Afternoon Tea: Put the kettle on and get baking! Entertain guests with raffles, auctions and live music.
- ◆ Arts/Crafts Stall: Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors etc to sell on a stall.
- ◆ "As New" Sale: Hold a market stall and sell "as new" items.
- ◆ Auction: Auction off original items, get your local businesses to each donate a prize.

B

- ◆ Bad Tie day: Charge your colleagues a £1 or 2 to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner.
- ◆ Bag Pack: Organise a group to pack shopping bags in return for a donation at a local supermarket.
- ◆ Barbeque: Organise an outdoor party, bring along a stereo, football and bats and balls to make a day of it.
- ◆ Barn dance: Hired a caller and band. Serve food and drinks.
- ◆ Bingo: Hold a one-off evening or make it a regular date.
- ◆ Board games night: Invite friends over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo etc. Have an entry fee or game fee. Serve food and drinks.
- ◆ Boat Trips: Organise a cruise or boat trip, with entertainment and refreshments. It doesn't have to be at sea; it can be on a river or canal.
- ◆ Book Sale: Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may even buy left over stock.

- ◆ Bowling: Arrange a day out for Lawn Bowls with teams. Have a BBQ to raise extra funds. Or arrange a Ten Pin Bowling night with teams too.

C

- ◆ Car Boot Stalls: Arrange for a stall at the local car boot sale – sell anything from cakes, old things from the garage, books or clothes.
- ◆ Cake Stall: Hold a traditional cake stall, but make sure you check health and safety regulations first.
- ◆ Car Wash: Wash cars at churches, office blocks or market days.
- ◆ Carnival: Arrange a street carnival in your local area, with entry fees for floats raising funds.
- ◆ Carol Concert: Host a festive concert for your local community. Earn extra by selling Christmas themed food and wares.
- ◆ Casino Evening: No gambling allowed....hand out “free” chips to play roulette, craps, poker, black jack etc at a ticketed event with drinks and nibbles.
- ◆ Charity Dinner or Luncheon: Organise a dinner and sell tickets, perhaps get a guest speaker, inviting friends, family, colleagues and local community. Boost your fundraising by holding a raffle or an auction.
- ◆ Children’s Party: Organise children’s parties or activities, but be sure to check relevant child care practices.
- ◆ Christmas Draw: Sell tickets and ask local businesses to supply prizes.
- ◆ Chocolate Boxes: Either buy from a wholesaler and make them up or even make your own (make sure you check health and safety regulations first). Sell the charity chocolate boxes to your workmates, neighbours and friends.
- ◆ Cinema Screening: Arrange with your local cinema to hold a charity screening of a new movie. Hold a stall in the foyer with raffles etc.
- ◆ Classic Car Show: Are you a member of a car club or just love cars? Well organised car and bike shows are great crowd pleasers and fantastic fundraisers.
- ◆ Coffee Morning: Raise extra funds with a raffle. Bring along some cakes and muffins to sell too.
- ◆ Cricket Match: Get two teams or lots of teams together for a friendly competition.
- ◆ Cycle for Charity: Arrange a bike ride and get sponsorship. Alternatively, join a cycling event and get a team together.

D

- ◆ Dance Nights: Barn dances, discos, salsa night, ballroom...your choice.
- ◆ Dinner and Cabaret: Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy and magic.
- ◆ Dine at Mine: A dinner party with a difference! Hold a dinner party for friends and family with guests bringing along a donation for the privilege of your gourmet cooking.
- ◆ Dog Show: Charge proud pet owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.
- ◆ Donate a Day's pay: Encourage workmates to donate a day's pay.
- ◆ DVD nights: Invite your friends to over for a dvd marathon night and get them to make a donation for the privilege. How about the entire 12 hours of “Lord of the Rings”!

E

- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt: Edible hide and seek. Charge an entry fee and ask a chocolate supplier to donate the eggs.
- ◆ Exhibitions: Encourage local artists to get together and hold an exhibition. Include an entry fee to raise funds. Perhaps serve drinks and nibbles?
- ◆ Easter Basket Raffle: Ask each workmate to donate 1 Easter egg, and then raffle off the basket full of eggs.

F

- ◆ Face Painting: get creative with face paints at local markets, fairs and at your next party.
- ◆ Fancy Dress: Jazz up your event or a work day with a fancy dress contest with an entry fee.
- ◆ Fashion Parade: get some local designers/students involved to show off their talent.
- ◆ Fete or Festival: Reach the whole community by holding a local fete or festival in your area with stall holders, food, arts and craft.
- ◆ Football Game: get local teams together to play for charity. Organise a BBQ to keep the hungry players going.
- ◆ Fun Day: Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club.
- ◆ Fun Run: Organise a corporate or community run. Or participate in a registered run and gain sponsorship. Get your friends together and get sponsored as a team.

G

- ◆ Garage Sale: get your friends and family to get all your unwanted furniture and knick-knacks together and sell them to raise funds.
- ◆ Garden Party: Sell tickets or invite guests to give a donation at a garden party.
- ◆ Gardening: Offer to spruce up local gardens for a donation.
- ◆ Gala Ball: A black tie evening with raffles, entertainment and auctions.
- ◆ Go Karting: Arrange a go karting day and charge a little over the entrance price. Include prizes for fastest lap etc.
- ◆ Golf day: Organise local businesses and community to enter teams in a charity golf day, raising extra funds by holding a raffle.

H

- ◆ Hat Day: Have a competition to see who wears the silliest hat to work.
- ◆ Head Shave: If you are bold and brave enough why not shave your head and ask friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you.

J

- ◆ Jail Your Friends: Set up a jail at work or organisation and have people pay to put someone in "jail" charging different amounts depending on the length of their "sentence". Jailbirds can also post "bail" to get out early.
- ◆ Jazz Festival: Play your own brand of jazz, or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments.

K

- ◆ Kilometre of Coins: Make a km of coins in your main shopping square, company reception or car park – ask; shoppers, colleagues, visitors or passersby to help by donating coins.

L

- ◆ Line Dancing: Arrange a line dancing night with a caller and live music.
- ◆ Long Lunch Day: get everyone to pay for the privilege of having an extra long lunch.

M

- ◆ Marathon: get sponsored to run/ride/walk/ a marathon, half-marathon, 10km or 6km event or perhaps a triathlon!
- ◆ Medieval Evening: Themed evening of medieval food and entertainment.
- ◆ Mini-Olympics: Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional and silly sports with an entry fee.
- ◆ Muffy Day: Come to work in your casuals – Charge your colleagues a £1 or 2 to leave those suits at home!
- ◆ Music Concert: Entertain the crowds with your own concert or get some like-minded musicians together!

N

- ◆ Name the Baby competition: Get each Work colleague to bring in a baby photo and charge a fee for each guess to correctly identify each baby. Have a prize for the person who gets the most correct.
- ◆ Nature Trail: Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots. There are loads of great places around here!

O

- ◆ Open Garden: Open your garden to visitors: Sell tickets, refreshments and plants.
- ◆ Opera night: Stage an opera evening in your area, or arrange a trip to see a big production at an Opera House.
- ◆ Outward Bound: Go climbing, hiking, camping and gain sponsorship. Arrange a group and train together.

P

- ◆ Pet Show: Charge proud pet owners to show off their cats, dogs, rabbits and mice. The cutest/fastest etc wins.
- ◆ Plant a Tree: Plant sponsored trees to raise funds. Get a group together.
- ◆ Puppet Show: Pull in the local crowds with a traditional Punch and Judi show, or something more innovative.

Q

- ◆ Quiz night: Test your colleagues' knowledge and ask your employer or church to donate prizes for the winners and/or a raffle and refreshments to be purchased during the event. Alternatively persuade your local pub to help by donating the takings from a regular quiz night.

R

- ◆ Raffle: Be innovative: Why not use the car spaces in the office car park as a valuable prize?
- ◆ Recipe Book: Ask each family member/work colleague or friend to supply their favourite recipe and put them into one book to sell.

S

- ◆ Silent Auction: Offer donated items for auction at an event or at work. The highest written bid wins.
- ◆ Slimming Contest: Arrange with your local slimming clubs, with participants being sponsored a £1 for every kg/lb lost.
- ◆ Sports Competition: Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets and organise stalls, raffles, BBQ.....

- ◆ Staff Olympics: Organise a week of fun – play hall cricket, office putting competitions and office chair races. Remember health & safety!
- ◆ Swap Shop: Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes – charge swappers a fee to participate.
- ◆ Swear Box: Spend £1 for every “#@**!” uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub!
- ◆ Swimathon: get sponsored per length, km, mile, minute or hour that you can swim.

T

- ◆ Talent Competition: discover Britain’s next big thing with your own talent competition. Charge entry and offer prizes.
- ◆ Toy Sale: In the run up the Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers.
- ◆ Treasure Hunt: Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the ‘hidden treasure’. You can do it on foot, on bike or by car!

U

- ◆ Unwanted Presents: Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts.
- ◆ Uniform Day: Wear a uniform to work day. A £1 or two entrance fee.

V

- ◆ Valentine’s Day function: Arrange a dinner or party to celebrate Valentine’s Day.
- ◆ Variety Show: Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers and acrobats all under the same roof.

W

- ◆ Walkathon: Arrange a walkathon in your local area. Get sponsors for each km/mile covered.
- ◆ Walks: Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest.
- ◆ Windscreen Wash: Charge to wash windscreens at service stations—ask permission first.
- ◆ Wine and Cheese: Ask supermarkets to donate the wine and cheese. Sell tickets and enjoy the event.

X

- ◆ Xmas Evening in the Summer: Stock up on crackers, pudding and mince pies.
- ◆ Xmas Hampers: Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers.

Y

- ◆ Yacht Racing: Participate in local or national events. Seek sponsorship from local clubs and businesses. Our check out lake sailing at South Cerney? Yes we did struggle with “Y”!

Z

- ◆ Zany Hair-dos: If you can’t bring yourself to shave your head, colour it a crazy, bright colour using temporary hair colouring and get your friends to sponsor you. And with “Z” too...lol!

THANK YOU