

# Fundraising Ideas

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- Raffles
- Tombolas
- Sponsored activities
- Organised sponsored events e.g. sponsored walk/ sponsored swim/ sponsored bike ride/ sponsored silence etc
- Charity Challenge events
- Sponsored Head shave/ bath of beans etc
- Treasure Hunt
- Wearing fancy dress to work/school
- Sponsored Bible reading
- Individuals doing something over a period – e.g. swimming a target distance over a few weeks/ walking or riding to a list of places/ collecting a number of items
- Buy a brick / donate a seat /etc
- Duck races
- Competitions (guess the name/guess the number of marbles in a jar/guess where I live etc)
- Cake sale/plant sale
- Open Gardens
- Table top sale
- Sports Day
- Barn Dance
- Wine Tasting (NB check licensing if charging for alcohol)
- Jumble sale / White elephant stall / Garage sale
- Music performances (NB check in case you need to pay any rights)
- Car boot sale – organise one and charge traders, or sell donated goods at one
- Flag day
- Bag Packs / Supermarket Collections
- Lucky Dip
- Coin Painting (people cover a pavement drawing with coins)
- Benefit nights – music gigs / dinner dances/ concerts / Karaoke Nights
- Charity Auction – various kinds of auction, various things can be auctioned from items of value to promises
- Beetle Drive/Whist night
- Scarecrow competition
- Bingo
- Quiz Nights
- Fetes & Fayres & Street Parties
- 100 Club
- Spot the Ball
- Duck Race
- Selling things you've made (cards/ arts and crafts / candles / music / calendar etc)
- Book sales
- Fashion Show
- Themed party events
- Spud in a bucket (give out seed potatoes & bucket, buckets brought back with potatoes growing in them and most potatoes wins)
- Coffee mornings
- Line Dancing/Tea Dances
- Wine and Cheese evenings
- Garden parties/Barbecues/Hog Roast
- Performances (theatre, comedy, music)
- Car Washing/ other errands
- Give something up and donate the money
- Open gardens
- Competitions – photo/art/singing etc – people pay to enter
- Spare change boxes at home/at work
- Open Days
- Sweepstakes
- Golf Days
- ...and variations on all of the above.

NB Take care – is your activity actually gambling? Will you be allowed to do it without a permit? Is your activity taking place in a public area where you will need a permit to collect and might need to check with the police/traffic wardens? Will your activity give rise to other legal considerations such as performance rights/ copyright/ trading standards/ data protection etc. Check the *Institute of Fundraising Codes of Practice* at [www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk) to be sure you are complying with the law and best practice.