

Ideas For Fundraising Events

Collections

aluminium cans

If your community does not have a bottle bank scheme it is worth getting one from the glass recycling companies and collecting round the doors after Christmas and New Year particularly or just locating it in your but car park. You can then sell the glass to the recyclers. Equally aluminium cans can be collected and sold to the recyclers.

irn-bru style bottles

Collect Irn-Bru Bottles Particularly from around industrial estates where refreshment vans sit at lunchtimes or from the various factories. "Borrow" a supermarket trolley or other suitable receptacle to gather them in.

waste paper

foreign coin collection

Competitions

beetle drive

crossword puzzles

photography

whist drive

word puzzles

Once a year these can be a bit of fun and raise reasonable amounts of money. Done too often they can be a nightmare in parents' places of work! Raise up to £250 a time.

Crafts

badge sales

badges

face painting

hair braiding

nail pictures

t-shirt printing/embroidery

t-towels

table decorations

Food

Donations of Foodstuffs Obtain donations of foodstuffs from local companies/ farmers for use at camps and fundraising events. Charge the same as usual and put the surplus into your funds.

baked taties

burgers

cake and candy

daffodil tea

drinks stall

homemade jam

ice cream

pancakes

sandwich stall

soup stall

tablet

wine tasting

Races

balloon race

duck race

horse (video)

pram race

raft race

Scalextric races

Reselling

miller cards

Webb Ivory

Webb Ivory The use of the catalogues and sale of cards and goods raised up to £1,000 from the Groups visited this year. Always popular.

Miscellaneous

advertising in group magazine

Annual Report/Newsletter Sponsorship The inclusion of adverts from local companies into the Group's Annual Report/ Newsletters enabled a higher quality production and raised substantial funds for some of the Groups visited.

bag packing

Groups benefited most from this method where they limited the number of times a year they visited the store, restricting it to busy periods at Christmas/ New Year, Easter and end of months. The use of older Scouts and Explorer Scouts only, increased takings and raising jointly for another charity was preferable to most supermarket chains. Up to £5,000 a year.

book selling

commercially such as campfire songs

car washing

Whilst washing at supermarkets and garden centres was popular with Groups, others did screen washes at Drive Thru fast food restaurants or petrol stations, the most profitable car-washing method was to go round industrial estates during school holidays, collect money and registrations in the morning, with the full day to wash cars.

carol singing

catering at events

A large number of Groups ran the food or refreshments stalls at local events and made up to £3,000 a time. This enabled them to invest in industrial catering equipment that they could use for camps. Care is required to comply with Food Hygiene rules.

clean up district

You can frequently get grants from local councils to clean-up local beauty spots or organise sponsorship from local businesses ?skips and gloves etc are often supplied free. Also try and get scouts involved with the T in the Park cleanup

diary sales

football coaching

Arrange for a local player or manager to donate a day or days training and sell places on a half-day course. Parents will pay and up to £1,000 can be raised very easily.

gardening

Garden Hit Squads Managed by an "expert", use the labour of older Scouts & Explorer Scouts to provide

a garden clearing service. There is always a call for regular grass-cutting or annual hedge-trimming by reliable personnel.

home-bakeing stall

in local high street (watch out for council)

printer toner cartridges

Check to see if local businesses, parents' places of work already have an arrangement ? if not then collect these and arrange for their sale to the various recycling firms. Found to be very profitable by many Groups.

leaflet delivery

Cheaper than the local newspapers or Royal Mail and with plenty of enthusiastic helpers, local Groups delivered leaflets and flyers for all sorts of local businesses. Particularly profitable if many can be collated and delivered simultaneously.

lorry washing

mile of pennies

Musical Concert/Recital

Sell tickets for events to be held in your own premises or some other local hall. Provide homemade refreshments to maximise profit.

pen/pencil selling (with group name)

scout post

Christmas Post Groups throughout Scotland collect cards from parents, places of work and local churches and shops. The easiest to organise schemes only have one sorting and delivery. Visited groups made up to 5,000 pounds using this method. In Edinburgh this is organised at area level.

story telling

Talks on scouting

Talks on Scouting to local clubs Talks on Scouting to local Rotary, Round Table, Lions, Speakers, Soroptomists, Chamber of Commerce etc can often result in much needed financial and material support.

Tuck Shops at Section Meetings

Try to ensure that sweets etc being sold are all home-made and all profits are going to Group funds. Sale of bulk supplies such as boxes of crisps to parents can also prove profitable. Find out how best you and they can benefit from collective purchasing.

windscreen washing

Sales

auction

book

Book Stall or tombola Stall in local Shop Sell books or run a tombola stall in the local shopping centre or foyer of supermarket. It also ensures that Scouting is seen locally.

bring and buy

car boot

If you have access to a car-park or centrally located hall you can raise funds regularly by charging cars/ tables for entry. You need to build up a clientele to be successful.

coffee morning

jumble

Thrift Shop/Jumble Sales/Auctions Many Groups collected articles from the public and sold them in a variety of different ways. Up to £2,000 per Group had been raised throughout Scotland.

Lego

linen party

nearly new

plant

silent auction

toys

Tupperware party

Sponsored Events

Sponsored Events Avoid the normal and hold the sponsored cream cracker eating, sponsored wheelchair pushing, sponsored speaking, sponsored dog-dirt flagging, jail-break etc. And remember scout job week.

abseiling down building

assault course

basket ball throwing

cycathlon

fill a match box

fill Smartie tube

hoopla

it's a knockout

jail breakout

ping pong

shave

darts/snooker/pool/bowling

Pin Bowling Organise competitions with reasonable prizes for either youngsters or adults and charge an entry fee. A good, fun way to raise funds and good PR for Scouting locally.

Social Events

bar-b-que

beetle drive

bingo

Burns Supper

Burns' Supper/McGonnagal Night
Many Groups organised these events, with the older Scouts and Explorer Scouts acting as waiters. The McGonnagal night runs in reverse from normal with the coffee being served first and finishing up with the starter. Print the programme in reverse and introduce a few fun raffles and your night will be a success.

casino

ceilidh

Many Groups ran these primarily as social events, but were surprised just how much they raised, particularly from the bar. Older Scouts/ Explorer Scouts who would be benefiting from the funds could serve food, collect/wash glasses, run raffles.

cheese and wine

coffee morning

daffodil tea

dinner dance

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disco

Get the Explorer Scouts or Leaders to offer to run discos in your premises or other premises for local youngsters' birthday bashes. Full packages including catering can also be offered at a price. Always popular.

fancy dress party

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silence

slim

sponsored assault course

fashion show

fireworks display

five aside football tournament

gang show

highland games

it's a knockout

Karaoke Nights

Buy or borrow karaoke video tapes and organise a fun night for parents and friends.

linen party

mystery tour

mystery tour

pet show

pub crawl

puppet show

quiz

Quiz Nights Organise a quiz with teams from parents places of work, local pubs etc. Run it in your premises with donated prizes and refreshments provided by the Committee.

race night

Race Night Another highly popular social event that had raised up to £1,000 per night for local Groups. Many Groups owned their own equipment and hired this out to others.

Scalextric races

sportsmen's dinners

Invite some local sporting celebrities to speak and arrange suitable catering. A few games such as throwing money towards

swim

tallest sunflower

walk

the whisky bottle, hoopla etc will raise more.

swimming night

The local swimming pool for your exclusive use and then charge members and friends. It'll be cheaper than them paying individually and is a good social activity.

story telling

telly addicts

Organise a family telly addicts' quiz in your community. Entry fees chargeable and use of donated prizes (perhaps even a TV!) Great fun to watch as well as to participate in.

walking or cycling or car treasure hunt

Organise these for people locally. Get prizes and publicity donated and charge an entry fee.

Tupperware party

whist drive

Vimto or Vodka & Vol-au-vents Night

A popular alternative to Cheese and Wines and much more fun! Sell tickets and have lots of fun quizzes with little prizes at event.

wine and cheese

Always better when combined with something such as a slideshow of an overseas expedition or last year's summer camp. A good social event for the whole group.

wood cut

Stalls

See also: food. Community Gala Day Stalls Offer a variety of fun games and refreshment stalls. With a good parental rota and involvement of older Scouts/ Explorer Scouts much money can be raised. Scottish Headquarters own a popcorn and a candyfloss machine that can be hired by local Groups for use at such events.

autographed ball, football shirts

Obtain from popular teams and auction at a Group function near to Christmas. Always popular and will raise extra money.

basket ball throwing

beat the goalie

bouncy castle

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buzzer wire

coconut shy

cover coin in bucket of water

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darts

eating competition

fill Smartie tube

five a side football tournament

guess amount of sweets in jar

guess doll's birthday

guess time watch stopped

guess weight of cake

highland games

hoopla

lucky dip

mile of pennies

nail pictures

name the doll

pet show

pillow fight on pole

piano smashing

sponsored or charge per hit

pin tail on donkey

pin tail on donkey

plant sale

punch boards

raffle

rent fun fair rides

roll 10p at bottle

shove coin

simulator hire

simulator hire

slave auction

splat the rat

sponge throwing

sponsored shave

sponsored slim

table tennis

tombola

treasure map

tug of war

welly boot throwing competition

wheel of fortune