

Raise Funds, Change Lives

Your guide to making a difference in Northamptonshire.



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Thank you for choosing to fundraise for Northamptonshire Community Foundation. Every penny you raise will help us to keep making a difference to the lives of those in need.

Fundraising should be fun and meaningful; however you choose to do it, we'd love to hear your ideas. To help get you started, here are some ideas that are easy to organise and a great way to engage your local community.



Take on a challenge

You could run, cycle, walk, swim, or even dance. Set up a fundraising page and encourage friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you.

Bake for a cause

Bake sales are always a winner - organise one at work, school, or for an event and get friends involved in baking and selling delicious treats.

Become a quizmaster

Host a quiz at a local pub, community hall, or online. Charge an entry fee per team and include a raffle or auction for extra fundraising. Ask local businesses to donate prizes.

Dress to donate

Organise a themed fancy dress or dress-down day at work or at school. Participants donate to take part and you could even offer prizes for the best outfits.

Fundraise at film night

Host a film showing, or even a movie marathon, with an entry fee. Do it at home, in a community hall, or even online.

Dine and donate

Host a dinner party or afternoon tea at home, inviting guests to donate instead of paying for a meal. Add a theme, quiz, or small auction for extra fun.

Buy preloved for a purpose

Organise a sale or swap event for pre-loved clothes, books, or household items. People can donate items, and others can purchase them, with all proceeds going to charity.

Share your skills

If you have a skill—such as painting, yoga, photography, or baking—offer a workshop in exchange for donations. This can be in-person or online, making it accessible to more people.

Spread the Word

There are so many ways that you can spread the word about your fundraising efforts.

Social media is a great place to start, to share news and photos about the build-up to your fundraising activity before you celebrate completing it. If you're hosting a fundraising event, consider creating an event page to share your story and keep your guests in the loop.

Connect with local organisations to get the word out; they might share your social media posts, or any posters or flyers that you've created.

Speak to local radio stations to see whether they'll share your news, or maybe host an interview with you that would encourage their listeners to donate to your cause.

Keep talking about it. Let all of your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues know what you're doing, so that they can cheer you on, tell their friends and hopefully send some donations your way!

Share the outcome of your efforts. You could share live updates of your fundraising event or activity online, in real time, and make sure you send thank-you messages to all your supporters so they know the impact of their generous contribution.

What's Next?

If you have any photos of your fundraising activity, we'd love to see them and to share them on our own social media channels.

If you set up a JustGiving page, you can sit back and relax as all the money you raised will be sent directly to us. Otherwise, you can transfer donations to us by BACS transfer or cheque, whichever is easier for you. Just let us know and we'll give you the relevant details.

We are so grateful for your support. Your fundraising helps us to support community-based action which improves the lives of our county's most disadvantaged people and communities.

We couldn't do what we do without you!

Who are you helping?

From food banks and community larders to counselling services and wellbeing support; from youth theatre groups and kids' play sessions to learn-to-read coaches for adults, we're committed to improving the lives of all Northamptonshire residents.

During the 2023/24 financial year, 3 in 20 local residents were impacted by our charitable giving. When you fundraise for Northamptonshire Community Foundation, you're supporting the life-changing, and often lifesaving, work of small charities across the county.



Higham Ferrers Gateway Club support adults with learning disabilities.



Dancemind opens up contemporary dance to people from all backgrounds.



Spring Charity is a key provider of advice and crisis response for families with young children.



In Music In Media use the power of music and media to open new horizons for young people.



Northamptonshire Mind has been working to improve mental wellbeing for 60 years.



Outside in Theatre promotes health and wellbeing through the arts.



Family Support link give free support to those affected by substance misuse.



The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation is committed to alleviating hunger and providing essential supplies to those in need.



The Albanian Cultural Association helps Albanian residents to celebrate their culture & heritage.

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