

National Grid caring colleagues help cancer sufferers

Jewellery day puts sparkle into people's lives

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- **Staff bake-off is the icing on the cake**
- **And, you're never alone wearing a Onesie at work**

National Grid work mates have held a special fund raising day to help two terminally ill cancer patients.

They organised home-made cake and jewellery stalls to raise more than £720 for Dave Smith and Alex Hopwood.

For an extra £1 people could wear their pyjamas and onesies to work – but nothing too revealing.

And no one had time for sleeping on the job as the charity team took over the canteen for five hours with its stalls. The canteen agreed not to sell its own cakes to help boost sales.

And at the end of the day there was a cake auction – with some tasty home-made efforts quickly going under the hammer.

Tanya Upton, National Grid organiser said: "This was a magnificent effort to help people who have become close to us. Dave is a colleague and his wife Amanda also works for National Grid. We hope the money will enable this lovely family to spend as much time together as possible.

'It'll go into "Memory Making" where mum, dad and their two little girls will spend a memorable day.

'And we'll help Alex with her "Gift to Lift" charity. It's important that we care and share, and make an effort to help all those less fortunate than most of us. Both these families have been dealt a cruel hand. We do our best to give them treasured memories.'

Nursery nurse Alex is aged 24 and has leukaemia. She has recently been told that further treatment cannot help her.

She lives in Hinckley and is well known to the National Grid at its nearby headquarters. She looked after many of their children at her school.

During long spells in hospital she started up her "A Gift to Lift" charity. It sells hand-made jewellery.

Dave Smith is aged 35 and married with two young girls, Molly and Jessica. He worked for National Grid at Warwick. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer 18 months ago.

Despite a course of treatment in Germany the illness has returned.

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