

National Grid raises £3,800 for Macmillan coffee morning

National Grid marks fund raiser's 25th coffee morning anniversary

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- **Another National Grid bumper collection for its chosen charity**

A feast of cakes made by National Grid staff has helped raise £3,800 towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

All the departments across the Hinckley site in Leicestershire took part in the fun events – and hundreds of staff found time to have a coffee and slice of home-made cake. But instead of doing just one day it went for five.

The competition for the best cake – not just in taste but also design – was very tough.

And, once again, National Grid's own Great Bake Off team of willing volunteers produced some magnificent cakes that left people wanting more.

Leanne Thomasson, a National Grid organiser and Macmillan champion, said: "I'm sure some of our women – and men – could win the Great British Bake Off. The cakes they made were simply excellent. Some were so light you had to hold them down on your plate!

"We are very proud of all our efforts and we're delighted to have raised so much money for a charity that's dear to our hearts. Macmillan is such a worthwhile cause and its work is important to so many people."

The fun-day also offered home-made savoury snacks, including samosas, henna tattooing, raffles and a "dress down" and wear something green.

Macmillan Cancer Support is the chosen charity for National Grid; its generous employees have tirelessly championed the fundraiser for nearly two years.

There are currently 2.5 million people living with cancer and by 2020 almost one in two people will get cancer at some point in their lives.

The first Macmillan Coffee Morning was dreamed up by Joan Evett, who worked for Cancer Relief, and held in her local church in Sussex. Since then it has become one of the UK's biggest charity events. In 2014 it raised a record breaking £25 million.

This year it's estimated that 220,000 people in the UK held a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday September 25th – getting through six million cups of coffee and 12 million slices of cake.

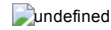
National Grid has a strong partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support. The company company has raised more than £400,000 for Macmillan over the last 18 months, and hopes to meet its target to raise £500,000 for the charity in two years.

The money will be used to provide 2,500 'warmth without worry' emergency fuel grants to people who have cancer.

Macmillan improves the lives of people affected by cancer by providing practical, medical and financial support.

Picture caption

A fundraising feast of coffee and cake in support of MacMillan. Pictured left to right: Kimberley Duckworth, National Grid organiser Leanne Thomasson, Jonathon Taylor and Sue Godfrey.



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