

## Staff smash target to raise over £600,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support

The money has been used to help over 3,000 cancer patients heat their homes

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From head shaving to sheep racing, climbing a training pylon and zip lining – employees from National Grid have pushed themselves to the limit to help fund energy bills for thousands of cancer patients.

The final figure has smashed the original target and the company generously matched every penny raised by employees in 2015.

Some £89,000 of the total was raised by the company's big coffee mornings where employees across the UK baked and ate thousands of cakes.

Staff members have also taken part in a total of 40 fitness challenges, including the BUPA 10km run, Wolf Run and the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge bringing in almost a quarter of a million pounds.

National Grid's Director of Gas Distribution Chris Train has led the Macmillan partnership. He said: "I am incredibly proud of our employees. No-one should face cancer alone and through this magnificent achievement our employees have shown that we are a company that cares.

"Thanks to their tireless fundraising efforts, people living with cancer and their families will receive the vital support they need. All the money raised will be used for Macmillan's emergency fuel grants, which mean those living with cancer can keep warm without worrying about heating bills."

Describing the partnership with National Grid as one of Macmillan's 'shining stars', Macmillan's Head of Corporate Partnerships Alix Wooding said: "We would like to thank National Grid and all its employees for their enduring support and for helping us make sure no-one has to face cancer alone.

"When families are at breaking point and have nowhere else to turn, we help. Being warm, is a fundamental part of the recovery process and the impact of our work funding heating grants is immediate, profound and long lasting."

Among the fundraisers going the extra mile is Iwan Hughes who works in the company's London office in The Strand.

Last week he set off on record breaking attempt to row 4,700 km across the Atlantic with his seven crew mates. They are hoping to complete the journey in less than 32 days.

The 35-year-old became a dad shortly before taking on the challenge which has already raised over £35,000 for Macmillan.

He said: "It is important for me to raise as much money as possible. Being tired and hungry on a boat is really nothing compared to all those incredible people and their families who are fighting cancer on a daily basis."

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#### About Macmillan Cancer Support

When you have cancer, you don't just worry about what will happen to your body, you worry about what will happen to your life. Whether it's concerns about who you can talk to, planning for the extra costs or what to do about work, at Macmillan we understand how a cancer diagnosis can take over everything.

That's why we're here. We provide support that helps people take back control of their lives. But right now, we can't reach everyone who needs us. We need your help to make sure that people affected by cancer get the support they need to face the toughest fight of their life. No one should face cancer alone, and with your support no one will.

To get involved, call 0300 1000 200 today. And please remember, we're here for you too. If you'd like support, information or just to chat, call us free on 0808 808 00 00 (Monday to Friday, 9am–8pm) or visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk)

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