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**North  
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# Forty Fundraising Ideas!



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- Abseil** Rope in your local climbing club, find a tall building you can descend from and collect sponsorship for being brave enough to go over the edge!
- Aerobics** With help from your local gym organised a sponsored aerobathon - participants can pay to join or get individually sponsored for their participation.
- Afternoon Tea** Everyone loves a cuppa and some cake. Gather together friends, family and colleagues for an afternoon tea where you charge for refreshments.
- Arts & Crafts Stall** Lots of people make wonderful things in their spare time - ask around, gather stock and sell on a stall at a local market or fete (you might even find that you can secure a charity stall for free).
- Art Exhibition** Stage a pop-up exhibition for local artists. Take commission on sales (most galleries take up to 50%, a little less might get more artists on board!).
- Auction** Get out your gavel and take a percentage of sales. As well as selling for others why not ask local businesses and contacts to donate items you can sell for 100% profit.
- Auction of Promises** Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.

**Barn Dance** A wonderful, upbeat fundraiser. Why not go the whole hog, serve a ploughman's and invite people to come dressed as a farmer?!

**Beetle Drive** A cheap and easy fundraiser - perfect for kids but adults will have lots of fun too. Read about how to run one at [www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/beetle-drive.html](http://www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/beetle-drive.html)

**Bingo** A real crowd-pleaser, and once you've got the equipment you can make it a regular thing! Also a lovely way of bringing people together.

**Board Games Evening** Gather people together to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and more. Charge entrance or game fee.

**Book Sale** Collect old books from friends, family and neighbours for your very own book sale. Book dealers might buy leftover stock, or you could take them to a car boot sale.

**Cake Stall** Who doesn't love a piece of cake (or two)? Get baking and sell your wares at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations!

**Coffee Morning** Another winner. Charge for cake and drinks and make extra with a bring and buy sale or cake stall.

**Cycle Ride** Any distance counts - whether it's 5k or 100k, get people to sponsor you and get on your bike!

**Concerts** Entertain the crowds with your own recital or get some musicians to donate some of their time and talent - charge for entrance.

**Copper Collection** Ask people to donate their collections of one and two pence pieces.

**Donate your birthday** ...or Christmas. Ask for donations to Citizens Advice for your birthday or Christmas, instead of the usual presents, a wonderful way to share in your celebration!

**Flower Arranging** Make your own fresh, dried or silk arrangements to sell at local markets, craft fairs or fetes.

**Foreign Coins** Ask people to dig out and donate their leftover holiday coins. Change into sterling once you have enough.

**Give It Up** Got a habit you really want to kick? Get support, inspiration and motivation to finally kick it by asking for sponsorship - set a goal and when you hit it, cash in!

**Head Shave** Be brave and go for the chop! Set a sponsorship target and when it's reached, get out the clippers.

**Fun Day** Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club.

## **Mile of Pennies**

Create a mile of pennies in your town centre, school or sports club - a coil works best. Ask everyone around to help by donating their coins (and if they have pounds not pennies, even better!).

## **Music Concert**

Entertain the crowds with your own recital or hire bands of musicians.

## **Pancake Race**

Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter.

## **Race Night**

Place your bets....and they're off! Charge admission, put on some food for extra profits and enjoy the thrill of the race.

## **Skydive**

Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge.

## **Themed Quizzes**

If your local doesn't run a pub quiz, set one up. Test the regulars on pop, trivia or sport.

## **Spinathon**

Get on your bike at the local gym, perhaps get a team involved for a relay and ask for sponsorship and donations for your efforts.

## **Spare Change**

Down the back of the sofa, in a jar on a kitchen shelf - we all have spare change knocking about the house. Ask supporters to dig out & donate theirs.

## **Sport Club Event**

Whatever your sport - be it football, netball, hockey, rugby, athletics, elephant polo.... gather your team mates and do something sponsored!

## **Sweepstake**

Always a winner - for one person at least! Be it football, the Grand National or who's going to win X Factor there's options for groups, big or small.

## **Table Top Sale**

Indoor variation on the car boot sale. Charge for table hire.

## **Tombola**

Pick a raffle ticket out of a barrel and match it with a ticketed prize. Fair & fete favourite!

## **Unwanted Presents**

Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.

## **Walkathon**

A really popular event, accessible to those who prefer something less physically demanding than a marathon or long bike ride. Participants pay or get sponsored to enter.

## **Weight of the Cake**

Another cake theme! Pay to guess the weight - and win the cake if you're right.

## **Christmas Draw**

Sell tickets and ask local firms to supply prizes. Check regulations about public draws & raffles.

## **Christmas Gift Sale**

On the run up to the most wonderful time of year, run a gift sale! As for donations of unwanted presents, makes and bakes.