

Can you volunteer for Fundraising?

In 2024, many lovely events were organised as part of our fundraising. There was **a quiz, a talk, a car boot sale, a raffle**, wonderful **recitals, tea towel sales, marmalade sales** and much **more**. The Christmas Market, historically all in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care, shared its takings with the stained-glass windows repair fund, adding over £5000 to the windows fund taking us way above target. £6000 went to the Hospice. It was a great result.

This year we still have fundraising to do for our windows and also for charities we support. Perhaps you could plan an event of your own, or join a team trying to get an event off the ground. How about a Car Boot Sale in April? (there is a blueprint for this); another Quiz? a games evening? a Christmas Market in late Autumn? **All** these events need new people to start up or be in the team.

We often feel time poor, but any event can be broken down into tasks of different time values, using different talents and we would love you to lend us your enthusiasm and your interest for **as little or as much** time as you have to offer to see if we can put on other events and continue the Christmas Market.

The Christmas Market, in particular, is an established event which has earned a valuable reputation and is eagerly anticipated locally. It has become a unique opportunity for us to consistently raise significant funds for charity and it engages with the community. It is a lovely mix of fundraising and outreach. However, the team is now depleted with many well earned retirements, so we need new team members with some time to give, to step in.

Let's not allow opportunities like this to slip away and fizzle out. Please look within and then look around. You will be able to make a difference and help events to flourish.

Email Mo: mo@thebourne.org.uk if you are interested or would like to chat further about helping with or organising any aspect of fundraising.

Many thanks, we look forward to hearing from you.