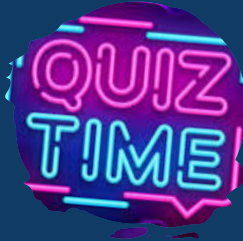


Supporting your local hospice in the face of coronavirus



We appreciate how difficult it is for your business during the current climate. These are uncertain times and whilst we may all be facing the same global threat from coronavirus, our individual circumstances are all very different, with a lot of uncertainty for the future.

One thing we can be sure of, is that North Devon has an incredible business community, many of whom have been in touch to ask how they can help ensure the care provided by North Devon Hospice continues at a time when it is needed most.

Anything you do for North Devon Hospice will be directly helping local patients and their families during these already anxious times. Whether you're working from home, or having to socially distance in the workplace, we hope these ideas will allow you to take the time to have a bit of fun with your colleagues, whilst making a real difference to local families. Thank you.



Working from home? Why not...

Raise a glass

Missing the traditional work social? Why not host a virtual 'happy hour' and get your team together at 5pm, donate the money you would have spent on your favourite tipple. Social distancing won't be a problem in your virtual workplace pub.

Cook up a treat

Are you a budding Mary Berry or Michel Roux Jr? Why not task your colleagues to a virtual cook-along. Send out the ingredients list a couple of weeks prior and have your colleagues log on via your preferred video conferencing channel. They'll be only too pleased to donate for the Masterchef course they are about to embark on. Who's creation will turn out the best?!

Contribute your commute

Why not donate what you are saving from not having to commute to work? By doing this, you will be making sure that the hospice community nurses can continue to travel across North Devon to see patients, at a time when they are feeling more isolated and alone than ever. By contributing the cost of your commute you will be making sure no one has to feel alone.

Bake away

There's nothing better than an office bake off and, for many, lockdown has meant bettering their baking skills. So why not host a virtual bake off, get the scoring cards out and score on presentation, design, colour, creativity...everything but the taste of course! On the plus side you get to enjoy an entire bake to yourselves (or share with friends or family of course!) Don't forget to set up a Just Giving page and charge an entry fee, we would suggest £5 each.

Search high and low

Why not make your team calls a little more interesting, charge an entry fee and set your colleagues a scavenger hunt to find a list of things around their home. A paper clip, a magazine, elastic band, something that's blue...the possibilities are endless. Choose one object to find per round. The first person back to their screen with the object in their hand, wins a point. The player with the most points at the end of your game, wins.

Socially distanced fundraising in the workplace. Why not...

Challenge on

Whether it's completing a 10k, 10 miles, 100 miles or 1,000 miles set your team target and away you go. You can walk, run, cycle or even space hop your way to the finish. You might even want to challenge your colleagues to complete 20 press ups each, a 1 minute plank or a Zumba class a day for the next month. Don't forget to set up a Just Giving page and share your latest updates with your colleagues.

Swear to care

We all know how popular swear jars can be in the office. Well now here's one with a slight difference. Every time someone mentions the word 'Coronavirus' pop a pound in the swear jar. The yield after day one may be quite high...!

Place your bets

With TV favourites Strictly Come Dancing and I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of here set to return this Autumn, why not reignite the office sweepstake and donate the monies raised.

Look who's talking

Display baby photos from your colleagues and charge £1-£2 to match names to faces – why not offer a small prize to the person who gets the most right?

Get quizzzy

Why not use your lunchtime to get your team together (socially distanced of course) for a good old fashioned quiz. Enjoy being quizmaster for the day and charge colleagues just a couple of pounds to enter. If you have a large workforce or teams on shift work why not email out the quiz and ask colleagues to email back their answers by a certain date.

If you're looking for alternative ways to help support the patients and families of North Devon Hospice, don't forget to check out our website for the latest updates on our hospice organised events and challenges. You could also join our hospice lottery, host one of our new digital collection boxes or even donate through payroll giving.



We miss all of our wonderful business partners and can't wait to get working with you in person again, but in the meantime if you'd like any support or to chat through a fundraising idea call Claire Paine on 07909 116 026 or email clairepaine@northdevonhospice.org.uk