

## The Harrold Centre Redevelopment Project

The following list of ideas is by no means exhaustive but may give you some inspiration in devising schemes to raise funds for your group.

- **Abseil** - scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block
- **Aerobics** - organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops
- **Afternoon tea** - put the kettle on and get baking; entertain the guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas and live music
- **Auction of services/promises** - auction services of people and businesses; anything from dinner for two to half-a-day with a handyman
- **Bad tie day** - charge your colleagues £1 to come in wearing their loudest tie; prize for the winner
- **Balloon race** - sell balloons that are filled with helium with the purchaser's name and address written on a tag fixed to the balloon; the balloon that travels the furthest wins a prize
- **Barbecue party** - selling food cooked outside
- **Board game evening** - invite friends over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, etc; charge an entrance or game fee
- **Buy a brick** - sponsors are invited to purchase a brick as a contribution to the funding of a building or an extension
- **Calendars** - design and sell a pictorial calendar of your organisation; companies may sponsor pages
- **Car wash** - car owners pay you to wash their cars
- **Coach trips** - coach trips to London, theatres, local events, etc are popular; sell tickets and hold a raffle
- **Copper collection** - ask people to donate their one and two-pence coins
- **Dinner and cabaret** - hire a popular and spacious restaurant; entertain ticket holders with music, comedy or magic
- **Directories** - compile a community Businesses and Services Directory; raise funds through advertising
- **Dog show** - charge pet owners to show *off* their canine friends; ask pet shops to sponsor the event
- **Duck race** - sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge; the first duck to finish wins a prize
- **Easter egg hunt** - Charge an entry fee and hunt for chocolate eggs; ask local shops to provide the eggs
- **Eating marathon** - get sponsored to eat as many pies/baked beans/grapes as possible
- **Eyebrow shave** - get sponsored to shave your eyebrows; they grow back eventually!
- **Egg rolling competition** - roll hard-boiled eggs down a slope
- **Fashion show** - use stock from local charity shop; charge admission; hold a raffle
- **Film evening** - show classic films; ask the audience to dress up in keeping with the theme of the film; prize for best outfit
- **Flower show** - boost funds with side stalls, raffles, competitions, etc
- **Fun day** - arrange games, music, competitions, stalls at a community centre or church hall

- **Fun run** - teams/individuals race each other over an arranged course/area and you raise money through entry fees, sponsorship, collections and sale of refreshments
- **Game show** - host mock versions of Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Stars in Their Eyes or The Weakest Link
- **Gardening** - offer gardening services for a price
- **Garden open day** - open your garden to the public for an entrance fee; sell refreshments, plants, etc
- **Glamorous gran** - find the area's most glamorous gran; charge contestants to enter
- **Guided tours** - organise local guided walks
- **Hair beading** - offer hair beading as part of a larger event
- **Ironing** - offer an ironing service at a price
- **It's a Knockout** - teams in silly costumes playing silly games
- **Jailbreak** - dump teams in the middle of nowhere with no money or transport; see who gets back first; charge entry fees
- **Judo** - organise a competition or display
- **Jumble sales** - second-hand clothes sales
- **Karaoke** - organise your own version of Pop Idol
- **Kites** - have a competition for the best-made kite, or a kite-flying contest
- **Line dancing** - you will need to have a caller
- **Line of coins** - see how long a line you can make by asking people to donate their coins
- **Lottery** - put numbers on chocolate to make a Choco Lotto
- **Medieval evening** - themed evening in fancy dress with medieval food and entertainment
- **Mini-Olympics** - compete in traditional sports and silly games
- **Midnight party** - start at midnight
- **Nature trail** - guided walks at local beauty spots
- **Night-time hide and seek** - using torches
- **New Year resolution** - get sponsored to keep to your New Year resolution
- **Old-time music hall** - an evening of old-time music hall entertainment; charge an entrance fee but you could also make it a competition to see who has the best act
- **Pancake race** - charge teams to enter; sell pancakes to spectators
- **Pick a cork** - pick a numbered cork out of a board; if the number is a winner, claim a prize
- **Pictures** - sell pictures of a local scene, or relevant to your organisation
- **Panel games** - organise a social evening with games
- **Quizzes** - themed or general knowledge
- **Raffles** - buy tickets for the chance of winning a small selection of prizes
- **Ramble** - mass walkabout in the countryside; could be in fancy dress, themed, three-legged, etc
- **Rapping contest** - could be a show or sponsored event
- **Safari dinner** - a meal with courses taken at different venues
- **Scavenger hunt** - similar to treasure hunt but participants have items to collect
- **Sit in the bath** - get sponsored to sit in a bath of baked beans, tea, etc
- **Sponsored activities** - individuals pledge to collect money for activities achieved
- **Stalls and sideshows** - eg Guess the Number of Sweets, Splat the Rat, Fishing for Ducks, Balls in a Bucket, Coconut Shy, Hoopla etc
- **Strawberry and cream tea party** - could be held during Wimbledon
- **Street collections** - collecting donations from the public in the street