

Caritas Portsmouth fundraising tips

Thank so much for fundraising for us! Your donations will go towards supporting people in need across our diocese by helping to fund projects in our local schools and parishes. These ensure people have food to eat, support they need and know that they are loved. We are very grateful for your support.

Here are some tips to help your event run safely and successfully. Do let us know if we can support you in any way.

- **Tell people what you are doing!** Share on your socials, contact the local papers and radio stations, and let your friends and family know—they will love to support you. Don't forget to tell us too or tag us in your posts ([Instagram](#), Facebook)
- **Set up a fundraising page** on our Give As You Live [page](#). We're already there so you can easily link to us, while having your own page to tell your story and see the donations come in. Encourage people to giftaid if they can as it's an extra 25% with no extra cost! Contact Caritas Portsmouth for other ways to give (caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
- **Keep it safe.** If your event involves food, make sure you are following food hygiene rules. A fitness event should include a medical check recommendation and give people an idea of how strenuous it is. If it involves lots of people, make sure you have enough helpers on hand and you'll need to decide if you need public liability insurance too. All events should have a risk assessment to highlight potential problems. For more information on safety visit www.hse.gov.uk
- **There are specific laws** about raffles, lotteries and competitions and street collections (or any in a public place) require permits from your local city/borough council. Check with your local council for specific rules for your area
- **Enjoy your event!** the funds you will raise will go to support improving the lives of people in our communities and will be so appreciated.

Thank you for your support!