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# A

**Aerobics:** Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres & sports shops.

**Abseiling:** See if you can organise one.

**Afternoon tea:** Put the kettle on & get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas & live music

**Arts/Crafts Stall:** Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc.

**Art exhibition:** Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee & commission.

**Auction:** Auction off items, taking a percentage of sales. (10% 20 %)

**Auction of Services:** Auction services of people & businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.

# B

**Battle of the bands:** Contest for unsigned bands, where audience votes on the winner. Charge bands to enter, offer cash prizes. Sell tickets & set up a paying bar.

**Beat the Goalie:** Score a goal & win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.

**Bed push:** 'Beds' can be a hospital bed, a four-poster or even a 3-piece suite! Or make your own!

**Bingo:** One-off evening or regular morning sessions.

**Board Games Evening:** Invite friends to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo & more. Charge entrance or game fee.

**Boat Trips:** Organise a cruise down a nearby river or canal. Include refreshments & entertainment.

**Book Sale:** Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock. Make sure you don't give away a famous first edition!

**Bouncy Castle:** A great way to keep kids entertained at bigger family events. Bouncing fee.

**Bungee Jump:** Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear.

**Burns Night (25 January):** Scottish dancing, haggis, neeps & tatties.

# C

**Cake making:** Make & sell cakes at craft fairs or coffee mornings.

**Calendars:** Design & sell a pictorial calendar for your company. Departments/suppliers can sponsor pages.

**Car boot sale:** Cash in your old belongings, or sell pitches. Raise more with bouncy castles, raffles, etc.

**Car treasure hunt:** Drive from clue to clue in search of the 'treasure'. Teams pay to enter.

**Car wash:** Wash cars at shopping centre or office car parks.

**Carol concert:** Host a festive concert for your community. Earn extra by selling minced pies & mulled wine.

**Chariot race:** Teams race decorated 'chariots' - from a horse & cart to a sedan chair.

**Charity ball:** Raise sponsorship the sophisticated way. Organise a themed ball with DJ or live music at a hotel or nightclub. Charge for tickets, boost income with games & raffles.

**Charity push:** Get sponsored to cover a set distance in a bed, shopping trolley, and bathtub.

**Christmas draw:** Sell tickets & ask local firms to supply prizes.

**Coconut Shy:** Easily arranged for traditional fairs - a few coconuts & wooden balls.

**Coffee morning:** Make extra with raffles, bring & buy sales & cake stalls.

**Collecting tins:** Trusted fundraiser. See our information for collectors.

**Concerts:** Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.

**Cricket match:** Assemble a team & challenge your county team to a match. charge spectators.

**Crossword contest:** Compile huge crossword, so punters pay per clue, each number hides a ticket for prize draw.



# D

**Dance:** Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your boat.

**Darts tournament:** Challenge pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes or beer.

**Dinner & cabaret:** Hire a popular & spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy & magic.

**Disco:** Spin the decks or hire a DJ to stage a themed disco night.

**Duck race:** Sell numbered plastic ducks & launch them from a bridge.

# E

**Easter egg hunt:** edible hide & seek. Charge entry fee & ask confectioners to provide the eggs.

**Eyebrows:** Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually!

# F

**Face painting:** Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs & children's parties.

**Fancy dress:** Jazz up your event with a fancy dress contest, charge entrance fee.

**Fashion show:** Ask businesses to sponsor venue, outfits or catwalk. Charge admission & sales commission.

**Fete:** Reach the whole community by holding a fete, or team up with organizers of an annual event.

**Film evening:** Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films & musicals.

**Flower show:** Always popular. Boost funds with competitions, advice corners & side stalls.

**Football tournament:** Charge teams to enter. Ask local businesses for prizes.

**Foreign coins:** Ask for leftover holiday coins, change into sterling later.

**Furniture sale:** Hire a large hall to sell donated furniture & old office equipment. Take sales commission.

# G

**Garage sale:** Sell off all your unwanted belongings.

**Garden party:** Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation.

**Gardening:** Offer your gardening services to friends & family.

**Guess the???** Competitors guess how many sweets in the jar, a cake's weight, etc. The closest answer wins.

**Guest speaker:** Invite a guest speaker & sell admission tickets. Boost funds with raffle & refreshments.

**Guided tours:** Take tourists & visitors on locally guided walks or trips.

# H

**Halloween party:** Another excuse to dress up & party. Charge entrance fees & raise money trick or treating.

**Head shave:** Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for charity. Girls as well as boys!

**Hook-a-duck:** Fete & fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes.

**Hoopla:** Fete & fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes.

**Household sale:** Sell off all your unwanted belongings.



# I

**Inflatable:** Put a bounce into your summer fete with an inflatable fly wall, boxing ring or gladiator court.

**Ironing:** Offer your ironing services - at a cost. At least £1 per shirt. Get the boss to iron shirts!

# J

**Jazz festival:** Play your own or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets & Refreshments.

**Jewellery making:** Buy your own beads & get threading, sell your products at markets & craft fairs.

**Jumble sale:** arrange a sale in your local town hall, church or school.

# K

**Karaoke:** Arrange your own contest, with a machine, a room & a well-stocked bar.

# L

**Left-hand day:** Get sponsored to try doing everything with your left hand for the day.

**Line dancing:** It's all the rage. Just make sure you have a caller & plenty of drink!

# M

**Marathons:** Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race. Tried & tested - not just you!

**Mile of pennies:** In your town centre. Ask shoppers to donate coins, hopefully £1 coins.

**Mini-Olympics:** Traditional & silly sports. With entry fee.

**Mosaic Appeal:** Get together with your friends to buy a tile in the St Mark's Mosaic Appeal [www.mosaicappeal.co.uk](http://www.mosaicappeal.co.uk)

**Music concert:** Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire musicians.

# N

**Nature trail:** Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.

**New Year resolutions:** Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions.

# O

**Open garden:** Sell tickets to your garden visitors, refreshments, plants & vegetables.

**Opera night:** Stage an opera evening or arrange a trip to see a big London production.

**Ornament sale:** Set up a market/fair stall. Or plan your own event & charge for pitches.

**Outward bound:** Go climbing, hiking, camping, etc, in preparation for your trip. Seek sponsorship.

# P

**Paintballing:** Organise paintball challenges at locally run centres. Players pay to enter.

**Pancake race:** Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday, charge teams to enter, & spectators to eat.

**Pantomime:** Your chance to play the ugly sister with friends, family & colleagues.

**Parachute jump:** Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge.



**Parties:** Pick a venue, a date, a theme... & party on. Sell tickets & charge for food etc.

**Personalised gifts:** Sell uniquely personalised gifts for special occasions.

**Pick a cork:** Fair game. Pick a numbered cork out of a board. Some numbers win prizes.

**Pick a ticket:** Fair game. Pick a numbered ticket from a bucket.

**Plant a tree:** Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.

**Plant sale:** Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders.

**Playstation play-off:** Organise a league & compete on a certain game. Charge entrants.

**Play your cards right:** Fair game made famous by Bruce Forsyth. Guess higher or lower.

**Pop concert:** Hire a venue & invite local bands to play. Sell tickets & set up stalls.

**Private tuition:** Whether it's French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons.

**Prison Break Out:** Either lock up for the night or stranded with no cash, make your way home.

**Programmes:** Get businesses to advertise in event programme.

**Promotional gifts:** Sell promotional gifts with your Charity/organisation logo.

**Pub games night:** Stage a championship of traditional pub games - darts, skittles, dominoes, cards, etc.

## Q

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

## R

**Race night:** Run on a large screen after all bets have been taken. A typical evening consists of eight races. Props (& film) are supplied by race operators. Some gaming regulations apply.

**Raffle:** Ask local firms to donate prizes & sell tickets. Check raffle laws with charity.

**Raft race:** Teams compete by building their rafts & racing over a set distance. Teams pay to compete.

**Ramble:** Take to the countryside. Include a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), & charge for entry & refreshments.

**Recipe book:** Publish favourite recipes from local restaurants & chefs.

**Recycling collections:** Collect paper, aluminium, glass, etc, & sell on to recycling companies.

**Refreshments:** Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, cakes, etc, at any fundraising event.

**Roll the dice:** Roll six sixes & win a car! You need a big event... & car sponsor ...to make this worthwhile, and you must take out insurance to pay the cost of the car if won insurance can be £500 -£1000 so beware!!

## S

**Safari supper:** Travel from restaurant to restaurant, having a different course at each stop. Ask restaurants to support your efforts, but set cover charge to include all food & your donations.

**Silver collections:** Ask supporters to donate their loose change collections.

**Sit in a bath:** Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath of beans/maggots/tea, etc.

**Skittles:** Make an evening event out of this traditional pub game.

**Skydiving:** Free fall your way back to earth - for sponsorship.

**Slippery pole:** Fair game where competitors pillow fight while sliding along a slippery pole.

**Sponge throwing:** Players pay to chuck sopping wet sponges at whoever's in the stocks.



# T

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

**Talent competition:** Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry & offer prizes.

**Ten-pin bowling:** Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups & charity evenings.

**Tin can alley:** Traditional fair game. Knock down the stack of tin cans & win a prize.

**Tombola:** Fair & fete favourite.

**Toy sale:** In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers.

**Treasure hunt:** Teams compete to discover the 'hidden treasure'.

**Turn off your mobiles please-** ask everyone to turn their mobiles off then ask for £5 per mobile number –pick out the winner tell everyone to turn on their mobiles and ring the lucky winner. In a hall of 100 people everyone will know who has won, split the prize.

**T-shirts & clothing:** Market your charity, club, company by producing a range of promotional clothing.

**Tuck shop:** Sell sweets, crisps, cake, drinks, etc, at a children's event.

# U

**Underwear party:** One for the adults! Charge guests to come wearing it, or take commission for selling it.

**Uniform free day:** Pay £1 to wear your own clothes to school or work for a day.

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

# V

**Variety show:** Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof.

**Vehicle rally:** Well-organised car & bike shows are great crowd pullers & fantastic fundraisers.

**Visits:** Organise visits to local places or tourist destinations.

# W

**Walks:** Organise walks to historical spots & places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular.

**Waste paper:** Collect waste paper & sell to recycling companies.

**Water sports:** Teach water sports or get sponsored to take part.

**Waxing:** A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest.

**Weight of the cake:** Fair game. Pay to guess the weight - & win the cake if you're right.

**Welly throwing:** Fun for every fete & fair.

**Wine & cheese:** Ask supermarkets to donate the wine & cheese. Sell tickets, & produce.

**Wine tasting:** Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Charge commission on wine sold. Arrange a raffle.

**Woodcutting:** Offer to prune trees or chop firewood for friends & family.

# X

**Xmas evening:** Stock up on crackers, pudding & mince pies. Break with tradition by holding it in July!

**Xmas hampers:** Make up & sell your own Xmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys & gifts.

**X-Ray Slides:** Try to get a celebrity to give you a signed x-ray to raffle.



# Y

**Yacht racing:** Just a thought for 'Y'!

**Yard of ale:** Challenge yourself & others to a lengthy drinking contest. Charge entry fee.

**Yo-yo Competition:** See who can make theirs last the longest.

# Z

**Zodiac evening:** Invite a guest astrologer for a star-studded fundraiser. Charge for entry & horoscopes.

**Zzzzzz:** Organise a sleepover in a haunted house or castle all night. Breakfast in the morning.



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