

## National Grid powers to fantastic fundraising sum for Macmillan charity

▪ More than £3,600 raised by staff for Macmillan charity ▪ Bakers rise to cake-making challenge ▪ A fun-filled week of quizzes and games across Hinckley and Leicester sites

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A fun-filled week of fundraising by National Grid staff across Leicestershire has collected more than £3,600 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Hundreds of people in all departments across the Hinckley site and the Leicester contact centre took part in the five fun days.

They baked cakes in all shapes and sizes, played desk top games – how many coffee beans in a jar – and tackled quizzes.

The dress down day was very popular, with people wearing what they liked for a £1.

And, local companies near both sites generously donated prizes for a raffle.

Despite all the fun and games, both sites ensured that it was business as usual for the national energy network supplier.

Liz Roberts, a National Grid co-ordinator, said: "We have a fantastic relationship with Macmillan, a charity close to the hearts of our staff across Leicestershire. We went all out to raise as much as possible for this worthwhile cause. And we did!

"It's been a brilliant team effort and we'd like to thank everyone who contributed. We're very proud of how we've made a positive difference to those coping with cancer."

The money raised by this week's efforts will go towards the general support of cancer patients and their families.

The strong bond between National Grid and Macmillan, cemented by a two-year partnership during 2014 and 2015, was to raise money to support people living with cancer and their families.

Over those two years, with National Grid agreeing to match every penny raised by their caring staff, £600,000 was donated.

The money was used to pay for more than 3,100 emergency fuel grants to help cancer patients struggling to heat their homes.

There are currently 2.5 million people living with cancer and by 2020 almost one in two people will get cancer at some point in their lives.

Macmillan improves the lives of people affected by cancer by providing practical, medical and financial support.

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