



## A-Z: Fundraising Ideas



Ripples of Compassion

## A lifetime commitment of help and support

Supporting children with cancer and their families, as well as parents that have experienced the death of a child, to make their difficult journeys easier wherever we can



## Ripples Of Compassion

Ripples of Compassion supports parents that have experienced the death of a child.

We understand that there is no time limit on grief, particularly when it relates to the death of a child.

Our aim at Ripples of Compassion is to provide free bereavement therapy and counselling for as long as it is needed.

We do not exclude any parents and also support those that have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of an adult child.



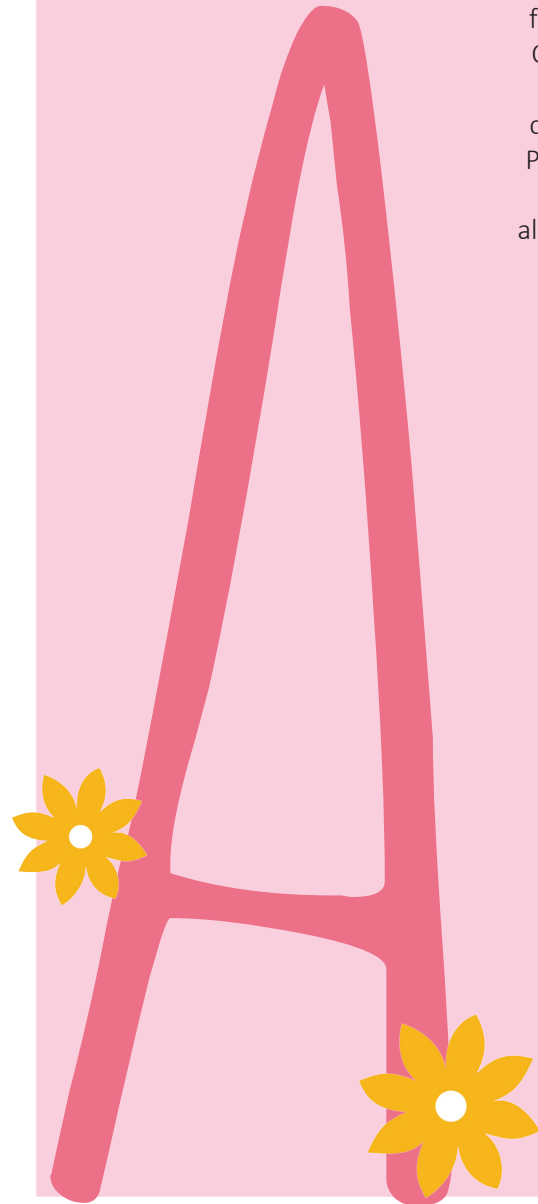
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You can see full details of the services that we provide at [www.ripplesofcompassion.com](http://www.ripplesofcompassion.com)

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## AFTERNOON TEA

This can be a small afternoon tea that you arrange with friends and ask for a donation from them to attend. Or you can arrange a larger themed afternoon tea and sell tickets, you could do a Mad Hatters Tea Party or Princess Afternoon Tea, and arrange decorations and activities to go alongside it to raise additional funds.



## ARM WRESTLING COMPETITION

Arm wrestling competitions can create a fun, and sometimes competitive atmosphere. Set up an arm wrestling competition at a local pub. Choose people to compete. To raise the stakes (and funds) you could consider pitching sports teams against one another to find out which team comes out on top!

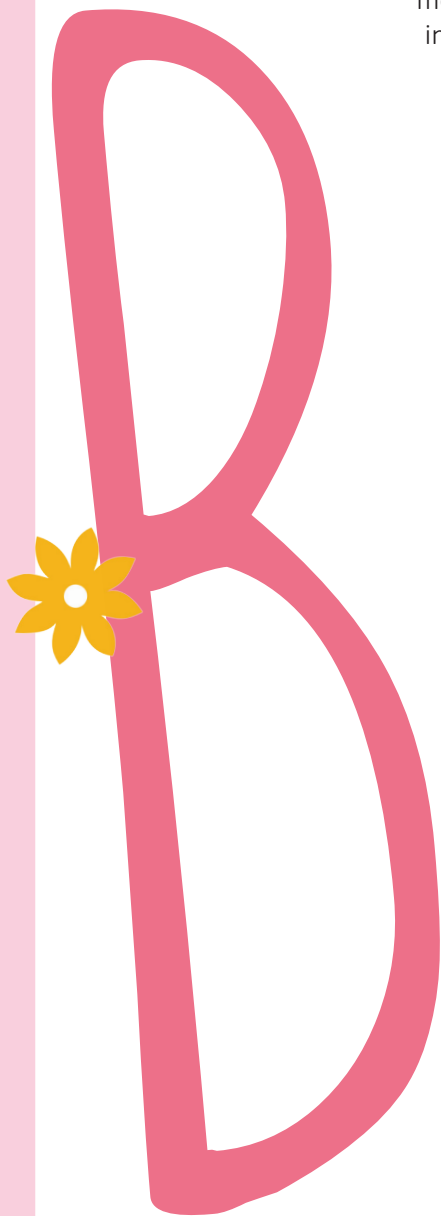
## AUCTION

Ask local businesses to give donations that you can use as auction prizes; arrange a lot of goodies and advertise the event. You can arrange a venue, sell tickets and refreshments as part of the event or do the auction entirely online, the choice is yours. It may seem like a lot to do, but when you see the amount of donations that pour in, it is certainly worth it. Our most successful auction so far raised £3,080 – what do you think you could raise?



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## BINGO NIGHT

It's a super idea for having fun and raising money at the same time. If you can, try roping in a few local entrepreneurs for sponsorships. There's nothing like a bit of bingo for a little excitement and some healthy competition. Charge for tickets and ask around locally for donations you can give as prizes.

## BUSKING

Do you play an instrument, sing, or can you entertain? Then perhaps busking is the fundraising activity of choice for you. Find a well populated area (and make sure you have a licence, if needed), make a sign, and start fundraising!



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## BAG PACK

Join us for a scheduled bag pack at a local supermarket or arrange your own. You'll need to contact your local supermarket to check availability. Once you have a date and volunteers let us know and we can support you with advertising and collection buckets.

## BARBEQUE

Rain or shine, everyone loves a BBQ. Invite friends, family, neighbours, and ask for a small donation in return for your event. Decorate with bunting or pick a theme for the barbeque for a unique twist.

## BIKE RIDE

Decide how far you want to cycle and ask for sponsorship for your efforts to give you the extra motivation to get through to the end.

## BIRTHDAY

Donate your birthday! Ask your friends and family to donate to Ripples of Compassion instead of giving you presents or buying you a pint. Set up your own Facebook Fundraiser or Just Giving page and collect your donations online.



## COFFEE MORNING OR BAKE SALE

Organise a coffee morning and/or bake sale to help raise money. Ask friends and family to donate cakes and then sell them at work, a local community centre or event to raise money for Ripples of Compassion.

## CAR BOOT SALE

If you have enough items hiding away in your attic you could fundraise at a car boot sale or bring and buy sale and donate the money raised to Ripples of Compassion.

## CAR WASH

Offer to wash cars for a reasonable charge and donate the proceeds to Ripples of Compassion. You can do it on your own or get together a group of volunteers and choose a community place or parking lot for the day to have lots of fun.

## COMEDY NIGHT

Host a comedy or open mic night at a local venue. Charge for entry and donate the proceeds to Ripples of Compassion.



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## COME DINE WITH ME NIGHT

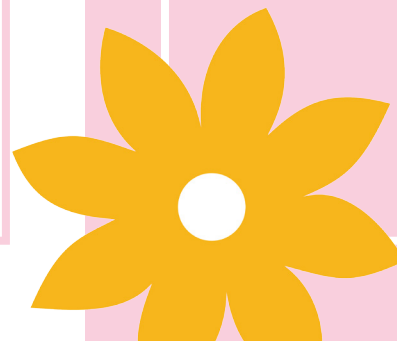
Invite a group of friends to set themselves against each other in a Come Dine With Me competition. You can run it as a small one-off event between friends or a larger competition with a grand finale. Ask everyone to put in £25 to compete. For a small group, split the winnings 50:50 between the winner and Ripples of Compassion. For a larger competition, aim for four groups of four people. The winner from each group of four then plays in a grand finale with the winner receiving £100 and the rest going to Ripples Of Compassion. We would love to see updates on your competition, including photos and any kitchen disasters or triumphs!

## COCKTAIL NIGHT

Invite your friends over for a cocktail night and ask for a donation to join. Find some new recipes in advance, or be creative and create your own cocktails. You could even see if you could find a local mixologist willing to donate some time to teach you some tricks of the trade.

## COLLECTIONS

Bucket or tin collections can be a quick and easy way to raise money. Please get in touch and we can arrange sending you our Ripples of Compassion branded buckets or tins.







## DINNER DANCE

Organise a dinner dance or charity ball. Many hotels offer charity packages for arranging such events, add a theme, such as James Bond or Orient Express for extra ideas and activities. These events work great with a charity auction running alongside.

## DOG WALKING

Talk to your neighbours and see who you can help for a small donation. As well as fundraising for Ripples of Compassion you would be helping your neighbours, and is a great chance to catch up or meet new people.

## DARTS COMPETITION

All you need is a dart board, darts and some space. A local pub might be willing to sponsor it, as it's likely to help with drink sales too. Or, if you find your own place you could raise further funds by charging for drinks and snacks.



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## EBAY

The online version of a car boot or bring and buy sale. Sell your unwanted items and donate all or some of your sales to charity.

## EXTREME CHALLENGES

Extreme challenges are not for the faint hearted, but perfect for those who want to push themselves out of their comfort zone – or just love the adrenaline of the activity! Ask for sponsorship for completing your extreme challenge. Some ideas of activities include: abseiling, bungee jumping, paragliding, tough mudder, sky diving as well as the many more ideas that you might be able to come up with.





## FILM NIGHT

Choose your favourite film and organise a movie night at home or at a local venue. Fundraise with entry donations, selling movie snacks or donations to come in fancy dress as your favourite character.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Find a space, arrange face paints, bouncy castle, magicians and lots of other family friendly activities to turn your family fun day into a hit. Charge local businesses a small fee to bring a stall to the event, you could even find a local celebrity or bands to add to the entertainment.



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## FASHION SHOW

Arrange a fashion show. Sell tickets to your friends and family to see you and your friends on the catwalk. You could link up with local fashion students for some unique items to display and with local businesses for sponsorship.

## FRISBEE TOURNAMENT

Arrange an ultimate Frisbee tournament for your friends and family. Ask all teams to donate an entry fee to Ripples of Compassion to enter and then battle it out to see who wins both the tournament and the spirit prize.

## FACEBOOK

Set up your own facebook fundraiser to help raise money for Ripples of Compassion and share it with friends and family to collect donations online.





## GOLF DAY

Golf clubs often hold charity tournaments throughout the year. Ask your local club to hold one for Ripples of Compassion for their next event or even arrange your own tournament. Charge for entry and refreshments to raise money for Ripples of Compassion.

## GAME TOURNAMENT

Gaming is absolutely huge, so there shouldn't be a shortage of people to approach to take part. You'll have to find an appropriate video, board or card game and put a competitive edge on it, decide the tournament structure and have people compete for a prize. By having contestants pay an entry fee, you'll be able to fundraise.

## GIFT AID

Gift Aid gives a charity the right to claim back tax that is collected on their donation. It makes sure that every penny of what you raise actually goes to the charity and is not taken away by the government. Find details of how to gift aid your donation on our website.

## GUESS THE BABY PHOTO

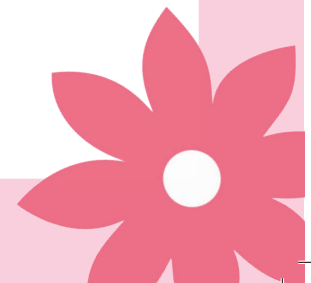
This has been the source of hilarity in work places for many years. Willing participants pay an entry fee and bring in a photo of themselves as a baby. Everyone taking part then tries to guess who each baby grew up to be. The person who gets the most correct wins. It's amazing and very funny just how different (or similar) our baby selves were!

## GIVE SOMETHING UP

It might be alcohol, smoking, junk food, or whatever else you think is bad for you. Convince the people of your community to sponsor you, and the ones who are with you in this, to denounce a vice. The sponsorship might also help you to kick a habit for good. What are you waiting for!



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## HIKING

Get sponsored for a hike. It could be anything from a small hike around your local woods or a more ambitious trek up Snowdon, the three peaks challenge, Lands End to John O Groats or even more daring. What will you choose?

## HEAD SHAVE

Instead of shelling out on a fancy new haircut consider shaving your head for a cause. Ask for sponsorship for shaving it off. You could even ask more for unique sponsorships of hairstyles to shave it in as part of the process. Feeling nervous – try to convince a friend to do it with you.

If you have long hair you could also consider donating it to The Little Princess Trust as part of the event increasing the support you give to charities.



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## INDOOR ATHLETICS

Set yourself a personal challenge or have fun tackling a long distance as a team with friends, family and colleagues. Ask for sponsorship for your efforts. You could pick cycling, rowing, running, crosstraining or something different entirely. Ask a local gym to get on board or set up the equipment at a local shopping centre to encourage extra donations from the public.





## JUST GIVING PAGE

Set up your own fundraising page for Ripples of Compassion and share it with friends and family to collect donations online.

## JAZZ NIGHT

Book a local venue, find some great musicians (or run it as an open mic) and charge for a night of great music donating the proceeds to Ripples of Compassion.



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## KNITTING

Craft some cosy items to sell at local craft fairs or jumble sales donating the proceeds to Ripples of Compassion. Ripley's favourites were woolly hats and soft toys, but any homemade items always go down well. You could even challenge your friends to a competitive knit-off.

## KARAOKE

People of all ages love karaoke. All you have to do is rent a karaoke machine, and hold a fundraising event in a local pub, or even in your backyard. Sell tickets for people to enter the contest, raise extra funds with refreshments and have a great time whilst raising money for a good cause!



## LIFT SHARE

Arrange to share a lift with a friend or colleague for a week (or longer). Donate the money that you save to Ripples of Compassion. If you want to raise more encourage your friends to join in too.

## LOTTERY

Play our lottery for £1 a week to support us. There are chances at weekly cash prizes of up to £25,000. Join here for your chance to win.  
[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ripples-of-compassion](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ripples-of-compassion).

## LADIES WHO LUNCH DAY

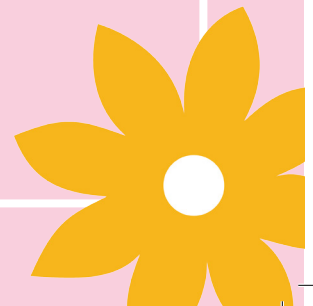
Arrange a lunch date for you and your friends with all your favourite treats. Ask for a donation in return and enjoy a relaxed lunch date catching up in good company.

## LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

Ripley loved collecting pennies and what better way to raise money for her charity than to collect up your loose change over a period of time and donate it in her memory. You can even purchase one of our amazing RoC savings frames for an extra charitable donation from our supporters page.



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## MUFTY DAY

Also known as non-uniform or dress-down day. If you have to wear a uniform to school or work, see if you can arrange a day where people can wear what they like. Each person who does this will pay a small fee that is contributed to Ripples of Compassion.

## MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Get your friends round for a delicious meal and solve the mystery. Ask for donations to attend the evening then enjoy trying to guess the murderer.

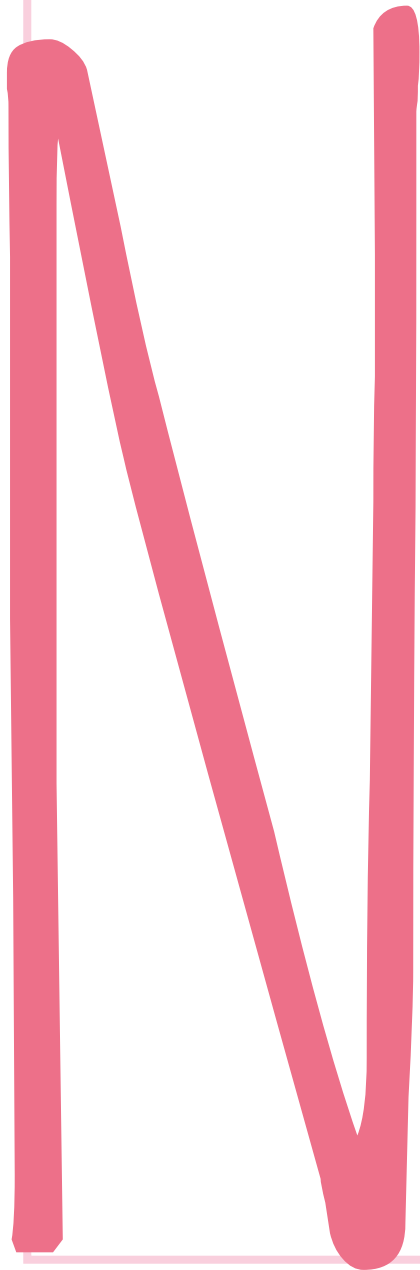
## MARATHON EVENTS

We don't mean running a marathon (although you can do this if you would like to raise money for Ripples of Compassion)! We are talking about marathons for any other events.

- 1) Pick an event, football, table tennis, rowing or feeling less energetic, choose a film, tv or game marathon
- 2) Pick a time or distance to keep going for – if you're feeling brave keep going for as long as the sponsorships come in!
- 3) Get sponsorships to raise money for Ripples of Compassion!







## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

A great fundraiser as a match between friends or for something bigger, ask everyone to enter teams of colleagues to turn it into a tournament. Charge for entry into the tournament to raise money, you could even arrange charity team kits.



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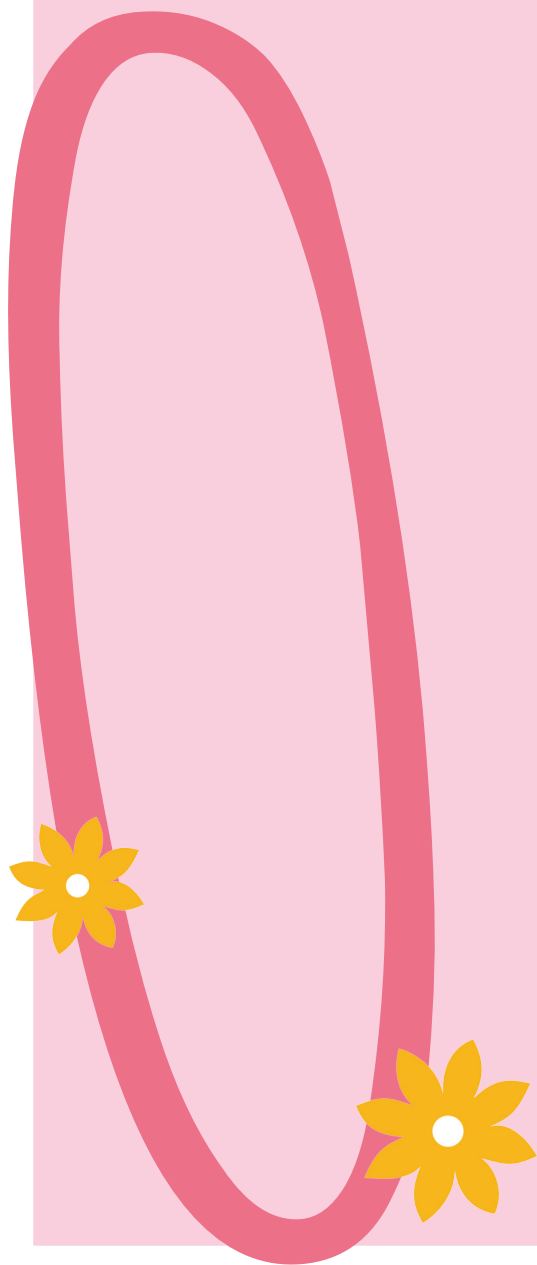
## NIGHT IN

Invite your friends around and ask them to donate the cost of a meal. Cook them up a delicious dinner and treat them to an evening of entertainment and great company.

## NAME THE TEDDY

Why not get a local business to donate a big teddy (or you or a creative friend could hand make one) and hold a 'name the teddy' competition. You could come up with a list of names where people can buy the name that they think it is called. You can then give the teddy as the prize.





## ODD JOB DAY

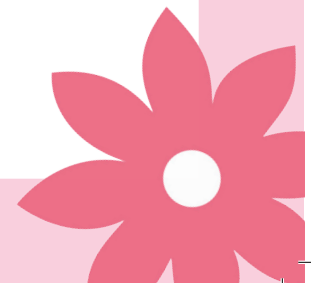
Help friends and family out by doing all the odd jobs around the house that need doing. You could offer to spring clean, babysit children or cook! Charge a fee for your services and donate the money raised to Ripples of Compassion.

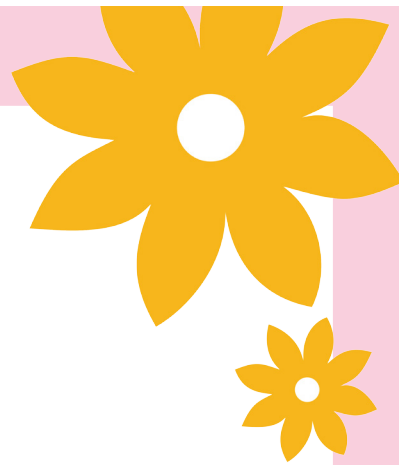
## OBSTACLE COURSE EVENT

This one is much more interesting than a standard race. It is a race, but at the same time it is much more than that – a real test of talent and timing that is more exciting and rewarding. You can run a small obstacle race as a local sports day and charge teams for entry or sign yourself (and your friends) up for a larger obstacle race and ask for sponsorship. The choice is yours!



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## PAMPER PARTY

Arrange for friends to come round for an evening of pampering with face masks and manicures and ask them for a donation. If you wanted to raise a bit more see if you can get local beauticians or massage therapists on board and turn it into a ladies night at a local pub. Charge tickets for entry and ask for donations from the businesses that attend to really increase the funds.

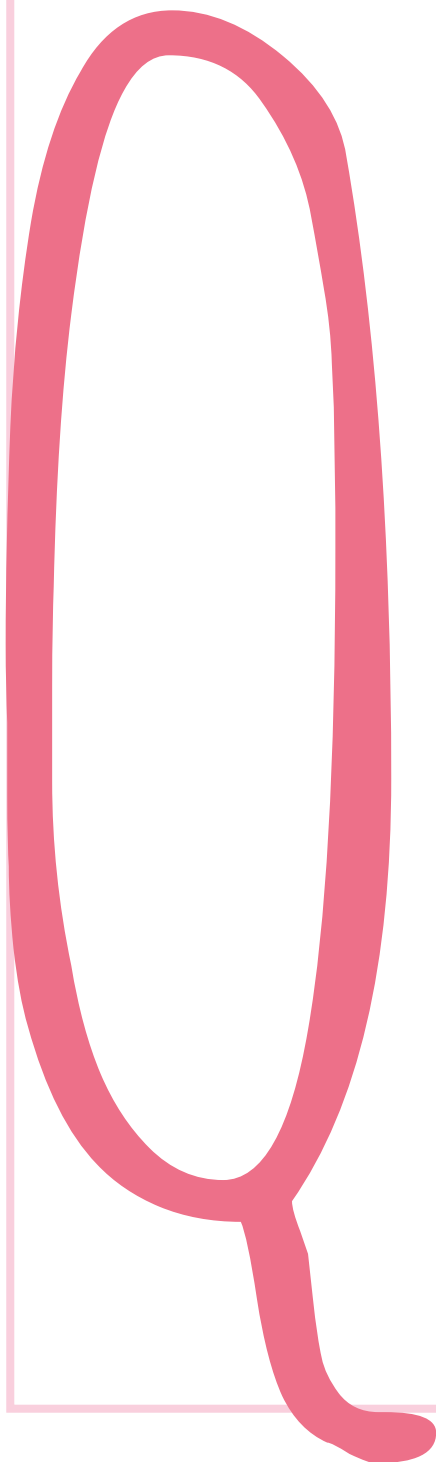
## POKER NIGHT

A really easy one to arrange. Hold a poker night with your friends and split the winning pot with charity.

## PENALTY SHOOT OUT

Show off your skills in a sponsored shoot out as part of a football fundraiser. Charge for each penalty kick. For extra fun put the goalie in fancy dress to make their job harder! You could even run this as part of a larger family fun day event.





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## QUIZ NIGHT

Organise a quiz night at your local pub or from the comfort of your own home with zoom and donate the ticket sales to Ripples of Compassion. You can either ask for donations to cover the prize or split the money from the ticket entries between Ripples of Compassion and the winners. You can raise the funds by selling tickets and if you negotiate well, perhaps even a share of the drink sales.



## RACE EVENTS

Races – you can craft any kind with your imagination. If sack race and egg race are too old for you, try wheelchair races, or stiletto races, or slow races or any ingenious race that comes to your mind.

The point is that they are amusing, easy to do, take very few resources, and attract a lot of people. Charge a registration fee, get prizes sponsored, and you are good to go.

## RUNNING

Choose how far you want to run- 1 mile, 5km, 10km, half marathon, full marathon or even an ultra marathon. Ask for sponsorship for completing your challenge – you could even run it in fancy dress to raise a little extra.

## RACE NIGHT

Organise a horse racing night for your friends and family. Come up with unique names for each horse and take bets on who will win. Split the pot with Ripples of Compassion to raise funds.

## RAFFLE

Urge your friends, neighbours and local businesses to make generous donations and then sell tickets to your raffle at your event to raise extra funds.

Please note that to hold an online raffle you need a license, but if you are holding a charity raffle in person as part of an event no license is needed.

## RECYCLING

Recycle your old items through recycling for good causes to raise money for Ripples of Compassion. Find the full details on our website. You can recycle the following items:

Jewellery & Watches (in any material even if damaged or broken)

Currency – Any coins or banknotes, UK & foreign (even if out of circulation)

Mobile Phones

Cameras (old film, digital and video)

Stamps (Loose, single, albums, first day covers, presentation packs, collections, postcard collections)

Gadgets (Sat-Navs, Ipods, MP3 players, games consoles, games & accessories).



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## SPEED DATING

Arrange a speed dating event for all your single friends. Charge for entry tickets and refreshments to raise money for Ripples of Compassion.

## SWAP SHOP

Organise an event in a local community hall or your home where people come and swap things they no longer use, like books, clothes, toys etc. Ask for donations on entry to help fundraise.

## SWEEPSTAKE

Arrange a sweepstake for a big event, Football, Grand National, World Cup, and the split the pot between the winner and Ripples Of Compassion.

## SPONSORED SILENCE

Ask friends, family, teachers to sponsor you to stay silent for a set period of time, this could be an hour to a whole day. If you usually make a lot of noise, it could make others happy and you will do your bit for charity.



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## SWEAR BOX

It's a great fundraising idea as it encourages less swearing and raises money for your cause. Ask for a donation every time someone swears, and place it in a publicly viewable box for extra encouragement. Try it at work, or at home, any place where people regularly congregate.

## SPONSORED OUTFIT

If you are feeling brave, let people choose what outfit you wear for a day – or any length of time. For this privilege, they will pay a sponsorship fee, which is how you contribute to Ripples of Compassion.

## SHED SOME POUNDS

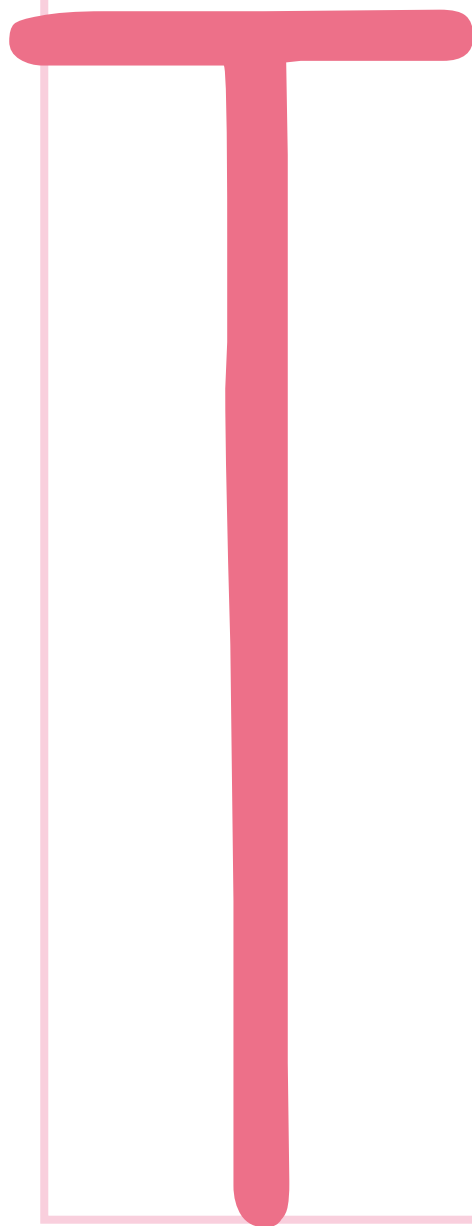
Set a time-frame for shedding some remarkable weight. You can get it sponsored by a gym, or by a dietician, to raise more funds. It is not only a motivating way to get back in shape, but also a noble gesture for a good cause.

## SHOPPING

Raise money for Ripples of Compassion while you shop. Choose Ripples of Compassion as your charity on Amazon Smile. Create a Giving Machine account to raise money with all your online shopping for free; [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ripples-of-compassion/](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ripples-of-compassion/) Shop with our affiliate sponsors with 10%- 100% of proceeds to support Ripples of Compassion. All details can be found on our website.







## TABLE TOP SALE

Find a local craft market, nearly new or jumble sale and set up a table to sell your unwanted items or beautiful handmade gifts. Donate the profits to charity.



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## TRIATHLON

If running isn't enough for you then give a sponsored triathlon a try with a run, swim and cycle to raise money for Ripples of Compassion.

## TUCK SHOP

Everyone loves sweets! Run your own tuck shop for friends and colleagues and donate the profits to Ripples of Compassion.





## UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Take on your local university for the challenge and invite students, friends and family to donate for tickets to the event. Talk to the student union to see if they can help with the organising.

## VARIETY OR TALENT SHOW

A novel way of raising money and discovering talents you never knew your friends, colleagues and neighbours had. Put together the line-up and sell tickets for entry.

This can be a great one to get the children involved, let them host it themselves. Hopefully you will attract more audiences, accolades, and funds. Parents can bring in refreshments – and a good party is on the cards.



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## WEDDING DONATIONS

If you are getting married and not sure on what you want to include on your gift list, consider asking for donations to Ripples Of Compassion in lieu of a gift.



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## WINE AND CHEESE EVENING

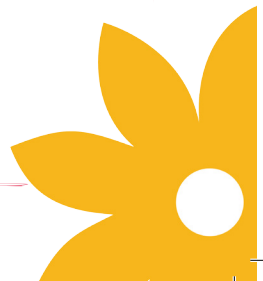
Ask everyone to bring a bottle and provide the biggest variety of cheese you can. Charge your guests per plate or per cracker to raise money for Ripples of Compassion.

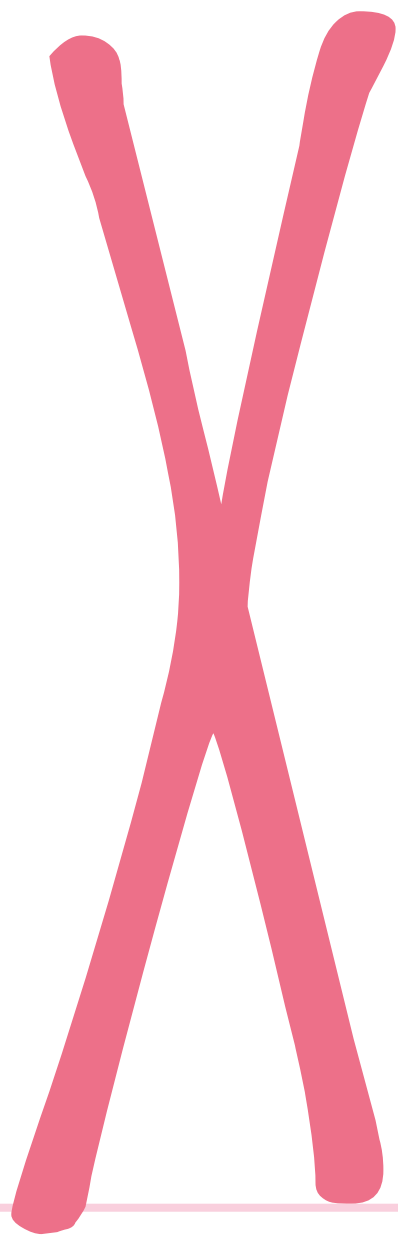
## WAXING

Get sponsored to have something waxed: your legs, arms, chest. Feeling particularly brave let the person sponsoring choose the area to be waxed – you can ask more for the more painful areas for extra motivation! Make an event by providing refreshments and music and encourage friends, family or sports mates to join in and get waxed as well.

## WALK TO SCHOOL OR WORK

Commit to walking to school or work for a week (or longer). Donate the money that is saved on fuel or bus fares during this time to Ripples of Compassion.





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## XMAS DECORATIONS AND CARDS

Make your own Christmas cards and decorations and sell them at a local Christmas fair. Donate the profits to Ripples of Compassion.

## XMAS CAROL SINGING

Go Christmas carolling and ask for donations. Contact local shops or organisations to see if you can sing to their customers for extra donations.





## YEAR LONG CHALLENGE

Set yourself a year-long challenge and get sponsored: lose weight, get fit, take up a sport, write or draw every day. The choice is yours!

## YES DAY

Get sponsored to say “yes” to everything for a day. Why not see if you can get your boss to take part?

## YOGA CLASS

Find a local yoga teacher (or other exercise instructor) that is willing to offer their time to run a class. Charge the usual fee for the class and donate the money raised to Ripples of Compassion.

## ZUMBATHON

If you're feeling energetic and want a physical challenge that lots of people can take part in, this is a great way to raise sponsorship together. You can either run it as a sponsored event for everyone taking part or if you have a zumba teacher on board ask for donations for classes as part of the event.



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