

# Barcan+Kirby in your community

A look back at our fundraising + charity work in 2016



# At Barcan+Kirby, we're proud to support a number of charitable causes, both locally and nationally.

From bake sales and sweepstakes to half marathons, pub quizzes and Christmas jumpers, staff at Barcan+Kirby get stuck into a variety of fundraising activities every year.

Here's a little look at what we've been up to in your community during 2016.

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## **Macmillan Cancer Support**

As our charity of the year for 2016, we pulled out all the stops to fundraise for Macmillan and we're delighted to have raised over £7,500 to support cancer services.

Throughout the year, the charity quizzes and auction proved a popular way to fundraise among staff and friends, whilst the Barcan+Kirby Bake-Off raised over £500 – and produced some very tasty cakes!

Staff also hit the streets for OutRun May, running a colossal 260 miles between them.

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It's been a pleasure working with Barcan+Kirby over the last 18 months. The team have come up with lots of creative fundraising ideas, raising a fantastic sum which will have such an impact on people affected by cancer in Bristol.

171 local people are diagnosed with cancer every month and this money will help us work towards our aim of supporting everyone who is living with cancer in the area.

#### **Ceris Bradley**

Regional Fundraising Manager, Macmillan

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#### **Cots for Tots**

In December we donated £3,000 to Cots for Tots to support their 2016 Christmas Stocking



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appeal. Money raised will be used to fund the Cots for Tots House – a 12-bedroom house that provides emergency accommodation for parents of babies in the hospital's special care unit.

#### **Road Safety Week**

For Road Safety Week in November we partnered with Hillcrest Primary School, providing free owl reflectors so pupils could be properly kitted out for the school run during the darker winter months. We also judged the school's competition for the best idea to improve road safety and Associate Solicitor Amie Prowle awarded prizes to the winners

Many of us also took the Brake Pledge – promising to adhere to the principles of Slow, Sober, Secure, Silent, Sharp and Sustainable



#### Sustrans

As keen bike enthusiasts ourselves, we're eager to support safe cycling wherever we can. In June we donated £2,000 to Sustrans to support their School Mark scheme – a primary school initiative that encourages active travel to school, such as by walking, cycling or on a scooter.



#### Make a Will Fortnight

We supported St Peter's Hospice during Make a Will Fortnight by writing free Wills for clients in return for a donation to the hospice.

#### **Bristol Dementia Action Alliance**

We've been promoting dementia awareness within our firm and the wider community. As a result, over 120 of us are now Dementia Friends, meaning we understand the signs of dementia, as well as the needs of people living with it.

As well as our in-house work, we've delivered dementia awareness sessions to other solicitors and professionals in the Bristol and Bath area.

#### **Looking forward**

Our staff have voted to fundraise for dementia research charity BRACE and Bristol Dementia Action Alliance (BDAA) this year. We've already provided financial support for BDAA to promote dementia awareness in schools, as well as £1,000 to fund their Memory Cafés for people living with dementia to meet their local community and reduce social isolation.

We're really excited to be working with both charities – watch this space!



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