

Fundraising and supporting our work

Our work is entirely funded by the public. None of it would be possible without the generosity and commitment of the millions of people that support us. Here are just some of the ways they do it.

Donations

Our supporters can set up a regular donation by Direct Debit, donate online or give through their payroll. Some choose to give in celebration of a special event like a wedding, anniversary or birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Or they donate to a specific project that they are interested in.

Legacies

Many people choose to remember someone or to continue their support for us by making a gift in their Will. Last year, this raised an amazing £157 million towards our work.

Local groups and committees

Across the UK, people get involved by joining or forming local groups and committees. Their activities range from producing charity calendars to the design and building of award-winning RHS show gardens.

Our shops

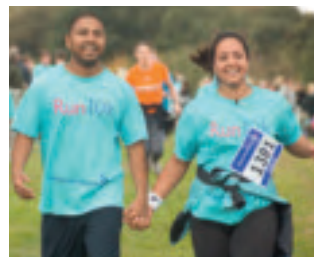
We have 579 shops around the UK, selling donated items and some brand new goods. To make sure we have enough high-quality stock, we have introduced Donation Stations where people can drop off their unwanted goods. And to make shopping even easier, we have launched our very own online shopping site www.shoptobeatcancer.org.uk

Daytime TV presenter Lorraine Kelly presented a certificate to staff and volunteers in our shop in Blairgowrie, Scotland, in recognition of the incredible £1.5 million the shop has raised since it opened in 1992.



Race for Life

Our flagship women-only event has gone from strength to strength. In 2008, around 686,000 women came together at 262 Race for Life events around the country, to walk, jog or run the 5k course. As well as the participants and the people that sponsor them, we would like to thank the thousands of volunteers who give up their time to make Race for Life, and many of our other events, possible.



Relay For Life

Relay For Life is our overnight community-based event that celebrates the lives of those touched by cancer. More and more people are getting involved and a record 91 Relays were held last year.

In partnership with business

Our partners include large and small companies, and we work with them in many different ways. Staff can get together to fundraise or volunteer for us, or the company may promote one of our events to their staff and customers. Importantly, more and more of our business partners want us to help them provide health information to their employees.

Volunteering

47,500 people regularly volunteer for us. People bring their skills, time and experience to help us in our work. You could try our internship scheme, work in a shop, or help out at one of our events.

Celebrities play an invaluable role when it comes to supporting and promoting our work. Here are just some of the events they took part in.

Sound and Vision

Radio and TV presenters Bob Harris and Dermot O'Leary hosted the fourth Sound and Vision at Abbey Road Studios. Musicians Paul Weller, Kelly Jones and Lemar played intimate sets to an audience of 400, and the event was broadcast by Absolute Radio. We are also grateful to our Founding Patron, Sir George Martin, and the range of sponsors and partners including Charity of the Year Partners Sony Music and Live Nation.

Flora London Marathon

Over 1,500 runners pulled on their trainers for Cancer Research UK to run the Marathon in April 2008, raising an amazing £1.5 million. Among those running for us were singer Ronan Keating, singer and actress Kelle Bryan, actress Phoebe Thomas and actor Andy Newton-Lee.



Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Week

This is a new initiative from a collaboration of charities to raise awareness among ethnic minority groups. The week began with a parliamentary reception launched by newsreader Sir Trevor McDonald.

Thank you to everyone who supports us and helps us continue our vital work.

For more information on ways to support us, please visit www.cancerresearchuk.org/supportus



'I know that for many women, Race for Life holds a special place in their hearts, and the determination and passion that is felt throughout the events creates an atmosphere that is truly special and inspiring for us all!'
Gloria Hunniford, Patron of Race for Life