

## BREAST CANCER CASE STUDIES

Cancer Research UK has a wide range of breast cancer case studies available for interview. Here are two brief accounts illustrating the kind of stories available. To arrange an interview or to request information about other case studies please contact Kim Edwards in the Cancer Research UK press office: Tel 020 7061 8320 or e-mail [kim.edwards@cancer.org.uk](mailto:kim.edwards@cancer.org.uk)

### **Val Campbell, Manchester**

Val was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2004, aged 37. She lost her best friend to breast cancer when she was 26, so saw her GP immediately when she found a lump. Val had a mastectomy, followed by a course of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Val said: "After my mastectomy I wore a prosthetic breast, but have since had reconstructive surgery. I manage a fashion store, and so have advised other women on how to dress after breast surgery, which has been really rewarding." Val has set up Val's Pals, an army of charity fundraisers made up of her friends, family and colleagues in Manchester. So far they have raised over £18,000 for Cancer Research UK.



### **Irene Bothwell, Newtownards, Northern Ireland**

Irene was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2000. She noticed an indentation in her breast and mentioned it to one of the GPs at the medical practice in Newtownards where she worked as a receptionist. She had a lumpectomy but the doctor recommended a full mastectomy followed by a course of radiotherapy. Irene has been taking Tamoxifen for nearly five years and attends regular check ups at her hospital. Irene said: "I've always lived a full life, but since beating breast cancer I've never been busier. I'm a member of my local Probus group (a social organisation for retired professional women) and love organising and bringing people together. I spend as much time as I can with my family – I couldn't have got through this without them."

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