



Sobell House A-Z of fundraising ideas

Afternoon Tea

You can hold an afternoon tea at your house or a friend's house. Ask guests to pay an entry fee to cover tea and coffee costs and a donation to Sobell House. You can also ask them to make a donation for each slice of cake or any biscuits they eat.

Auction of promises

Hold an auction where people offer goods or services to be auctioned (e.g. cleaning a car, chauffeur for the day, decorating room, haircut etc.) Make sure you advertise well in advance and get an auctioneer with a loud voice!

Bake Off – get your friends or work colleagues to bake their favourite cakes. Run a competition to choose the best cake, and charge people to sample the entries.

Book sales - get all your friends and relatives to clear out their book shelves and donate the books to you to sell. You can sell these online, to friends or at work to your colleagues.

Babysitting – Offer your services to friends and neighbours and then donate your earnings to us.

Cake bake – invite your neighbours round or do this at work (always popular with colleagues). Bake a few cakes and sell each slice or cake for a £1.

Children's fun day - parents pay for children to take part. Arrange entertainment, face painting, races etc.

Chocoholic Challenge – Do you love chocolate? Then why not give it up for a week/month and ask your friends & family to sponsor you.

Crazy Hair day – Challenge everyone at your school, office or your friends to make their hair as crazy as possible – wild colours and crazy styles – and ask for a donation from everyone who takes part

Darts match - charge an entry fee, have a raffle and refreshments. Make it fun - ladies versus men, left handed throws only etc.

Dog walking – Offer you services to your friends, family and neighbours and ask them to pay you for your time.



eBay - register yourself on [eBay](https://www.ebay.com) or another auction site and auction off your old, unwanted items. You're likely to raise more money than you would from a car boot sale and have fun watching the items go up in price at the same time! Use their 'sell for charity' option and choose Sobell House - contact us if you need more info.

Eat – pick a food – burgers, beans, etc and set an eating challenge! Why not see how many you can eat in one minute. Ask people to sponsor you – you might even break a world record!

Fun runs – You could organise your own; you decide the venue and the distance, and ask people to sponsor you. Or you could join a Fun Run being organised in your area

Greek night - lay on Greek food, wine and dancing at your house or you could ask a local venue to help you host it.

Guessing Game – get a jar and fill with sweets or jellies and charge people a £1 to guess how many sweets there are. The closest guess wins the jar!

Head and tails auction - good to do at a dinner evening. Get everyone to stand up and pass a bucket around collecting people's change (although encourage £5 notes). Everyone decides whether they're heads or tails by putting a hand on their head or their bottom. Flip a coin on stage and announce the results. Those who get it wrong sit down. Continue until only one person is left. Winner gets a prize.

Head shave – If you or someone you know is brave enough to shave their hair, ask people to sponsor generously!

International Evening – host a dinner for friends with a theme to a country of your choosing. Have food, music and drinks that are native to that country. Or mix it up and have a different course from a variety of countries.

Jumble sale – Have an early spring clear out and sell all your unwanted clothes, household items. You can do this from your house – put up signs in advance to maximize your visitors.

Joke-a-thon – If you have a great sense of humour, why not sell your jokes and help Sobell House? Charge £1 a joke with a money back guarantee that you'll make them laugh. Invest in a joke book for some tips.

Karaoke night – hold it at home with your games console, or if you can persuade your local to help you, and you can have it there. Charge each person/team an entry fee and have a battle to see who gets the loudest cheers.



Murder Mystery Evening – You can find these online, or in shops. Charge your friends and family to attend and have a mysterious evening whilst supporting Sobell House.

Master classes - are you good at something? Why not organise a small class to show other people how to do it? Charge people a fee.

Nearly New Sale – the ‘posher’ jumble sale. Be selective over what you sell, only pick items that are nearly new and in great condition and you should be set to raise lots of money.

Office Collection – hold a collection for Sobell House around your office with notices telling people who you are raising the money for.

Pancake party – Invite people round for a pancake party. Charge a small fee for your pancakes and have a pancake flipping competition.

Portraits – are you or do you know someone who is good at drawing? You can charge for drawing caricatures/portraits and give the proceeds to Sobell House.

Quiz night - Charge an entry fee for individuals or teams to take part; questions could be on a set theme, like cats, pop music, or general knowledge. For children, hold a junior trivia challenge about popular TV, music etc. You can hold the night at a local venue, and ask local businesses to contribute prizes.

Swimathon - kids and adults can do sponsored distances. Ask people to sponsor you per lap, or mile depending on how long you can swim for!

Slim – ask people to sponsor you to get to your target weight. It could be that extra bit of motivation you need!

Tuck shop – set up a retro tuck shop at work, and you can chocolates and crisps to your work mates. Just make sure you sell at a higher price than you paid for the treats! Or you can sell home-made cakes and cookies too if you've got time to bake them.

Time machine meal - transport yourself back to the 80s, 70s or 60s. Dress in the style of the day and try to cook some dishes of the day. Charge your guests a small fee to attend, and you can always have extra money making schemes e.g. a raffle.

Unwanted Gift Sale – ask your friends if they have any unwanted gifts from Christmas they could donate to you.



Videathon – ask people to sponsor you to watch as many films as possible in a 24 hour period. You could ask people to donate films for you to watch, then they can ask you questions about the films to ensure you've watched them all!

Valentines Party – host an evening romantically themed – or hold an anti-valentine party! Ask your guests to pay an entrance fee.

Wine tasting evening - spend an evening tasting fine wines. Ask attendees to pay an entry fee, provide wine, cheese and French bread free of charge. Try and get the wine donated or buy it from France!

X-Factor Party – ask your guests to come as their favourite contestant and have a singing competition.

Yes day - say yes to everyone's demands (within reason!) and ask people to sponsor you to do so.

Yo-Yo challenge - get sponsored for how many minutes you can keep a yo-yo going!

Zany dress day – charge people at work or school to come in fancy or zany dress!

