In your local community

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Heart to heart – Wards Solicitors and the Jessie May Trust

CLIMBING, CYCLING, COOKING –WARDS SOLICITORS STAFF HAVE BEEN BUSY RAISING £5,000 FOR THE JESSIE MAY TRUST WHICH HELPS CARE FOR TERMINALLY ILL CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN HOMES.

In a bid to raise as much money as possible for the charity, which covers Bristol, Bath, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, staff took on the Three Peaks Challenge tackling the three highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales, cycled around all the Wards Solicitors offices in a day and made cakes for a special charity ‘Bake Off’.

The Jessie May Trust, which was chosen as one of Wards Solicitors’ Charities of the Year, sent Corporate Partnerships Officer, Lindsey Horton, to collect the cheque.

She said: “Thank you so much. Your support enables us to work towards our vision of ensuring that every local family with a terminally ill child has the level of respite care and support they need at home. It also enables us to plan for the future.”

Row, run and race...

Dragon Boat Festival – a sheepish crew!

Dressed as sheep, with the team name Wards Baarmy Army, a crew from Wards Solicitors took to the water to raise £1,485 for The Stroke Association, The Wards Centenary Charity Fund and charities supported by The Rotary Club of Bristol Breakfast which organised the event on Bristol Docks.

The Mendip Challenge for Weston Hospicecare

Some ran, some walked but all Wards Solicitors team members who took part in The Mendip Challenge completed a full 10 miles for Weston Hospicecare which consists of a day hospice, a ten bed in-patient unit, a team of community nurse specialists as well as chaplaincy and bereavement services.

Coming soon...Bradley Stoke Festival 10k race

There’s no stopping three solicitors from our Bradley Stoke office when it comes to this particular 10k race, organised by the Sole Sisters Running Club. Richard Clement, James Forgham and Rachel Bennett, all from the Conveyancing and New Homes teams, are putting on their running shoes yet again to pound the pavements through the conservation area on 5 June 2016 to raise money for the Bradley Stoke Mayor’s charities.

Golden glow at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

For the second year running, Wards Solicitors is sponsoring a major exhibition at The Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. Warrior Treasures: Saxon Gold from the Staffordshire Hoard opens later this year and is made up of a glittering array of gold ornaments studded with blood-red garnets. This follows on from the success of last year’s exhibition, William Hogarth: Painter and Printmaker, also sponsored by Wards Solicitors.

More details available at www.bristolmuseum.org.uk
Making a Will is important. And so is regularly updating it. At Wards Solicitors we believe it’s important to remind people of this which is why staff across all our offices take part in regular Write a Will charity fundraising events. Solicitors like us give up their usual Will writing fees to prepare basic Wills for people who need one. These people in turn make a donation to a specified charity. It’s a win-win situation.

Helping our hospice

Staff in our Weston, Worle and Clevedon offices did this in aid of Weston Hospicecare, helping 114 people to make their Wills and in the process contributing to a scheme which raised a total of £13,243 - enough to run the day hospice for just over three weeks.

Sally Davis, from Weston Hospicecare said: “We recognise that Write a Will Week is a massive amount of work and everyone is very grateful for the support given. This year’s donation is just ahead of last year’s total of £13,162 and a fantastic result.”

Forever Friends

And an incredible £33,000 was raised, with help from Wards Solicitors, from donated Will writing fees for the Forever Friends Appeal which funds a range of projects at The Royal United Hospitals in Bath.

Festive fundraisers

Christmas jumpers always raise a smile and this year raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-A-Wish UK and Save the Children too.

Staff from our Bradley Stoke, Keynsham, Central Bristol, Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare and Portishead offices all donned a natty knit to help the Text Santa campaign.

Cooking up a cure for loneliness

Everyone got busy across the Wards Solicitors offices for our Christmas Cake and Craft Sale to raise money for a charity dedicated to tackling loneliness and isolation among the older and more vulnerable members of our community.

A total of £550 was raised, doubled to £1,100 by a contribution from the Wards Centenary Charity Fund for The Marmalade Trust enabling them to take 60 people out for a Christmas lunch who would otherwise have missed out.
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#BradleyStoke office cake sale going very well, drop in if you fancy cake & cuppa!

At the Age UK Celebrating Age festival @mshedbristol today.

Happy to sponsor this seasons team kit for @KeynshamTownJFC - looking good!

Happy to sponsor medals @GordanoRM #PortisheadRunningClub supporting @CHSW - good luck to all taking part

Good cake eating by #BradleyStoke office - £162 for @macmillancancer beating last year's total! (MacMillan Coffee Morning)

Just dropped off boxes of goodies donated by Wards staff to @TrussellTrust #allinagoodcause

Amazing response from the BS7 mums this w/end! 3 bags already for @GWAAC #bagabra here at #Yate @wardssolicitors

Sponsoring a Starlight lantern at Light up a Life Remembrance Service 10 December St Paul's Church - helping to raise funds for @WHCHospice

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