

## NEWS RELEASE

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### HOUSING STAFF FULL OF BEANS

Black Country Housing Group staff have proved that they are full of beans by raising a whopping £681 at their Macmillan Coffee Morning held at its Blackheath office recently – and because of their unique partnership with *npower* and its Health Through Warmth scheme, the money raised will be matched bringing the total amount raised to £1362!

Staff were banned from using the office café for the day and directed towards the Church on the High Street to ‘buy’ coffee and cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning.

Tracey Rilett, Black Country Housing Group’s Care & Repair Supervisor, said: “We had a great year last year, raising over £600 which was matched by *npower*, but this year the staff pulled out all the stops and we managed to raise even more money in aid of this worthwhile charity. Staff at Black Country Housing Group appreciate the value of Macmillan Cancer Support and they were more than happy to give up their café facilities for a day to help raise money.”

Sylvia Heal MP, Halesowen & Rowley Regis, said: “It was good to join the staff of Black Country Housing at their Macmillan Coffee Morning. We all enjoyed the delicious coffee and cakes and were able to make a contribution to the valuable work that Macmillan do in the community.”

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