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**Local business advisers donate £1,386 to Weston Park Cancer Support Centre**



Business adviser Grant Thornton in Sheffield has donated £1,386.10 to local charity and client, Weston Park Cancer Support Centre.

The money was raised from donations when eight members of the Grant Thornton team took part in the SIG Insulations Sheffield Half Marathon earlier in the year and the funds they raised for the charity have now been matched by the firm.

The team comprised Carol Varns, Zowie Woolley, Oli Bugden, Rebecca Sutton, Luke Mollkin, Sharon McLean, Alex Kosticky and Simon Holmes.

Carol Varns, not-for-profit VAT specialist of Grant Thornton's Sheffield office, commented: “We are really proud to have raised such a significant sum for this vital, local charity which provides information, advice and support to cancer patients and their families and friends. The half marathon was tough, but worth every step for such a valuable cause and it’s fantastic that Grant Thornton has supported our efforts by matching the funds we raised.



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“It was a great event and we hope that next year even more people will run through the streets of Sheffield to raise much-needed funds for local charities.”

Karen Holmes, manager of Weston Park Cancer Support Centre, said: “We are extremely grateful to Grant Thornton for raising funds for our charity. Over the past year we have had over 7,600 enquiries to our drop-in centre. Enquiries are from anyone in need of support, advice and information on all aspects of cancer. In this current financial climate, every penny really does count towards helping us to continue this valuable service.”

The Cancer Information and Support Centre is based behind the car park at Weston Park Hospital, open Monday to Friday 09.00 – 4.00pm, or you can contact the Centre on 0114 2265666 or [www.cancersupportcentre.co.uk](http://www.cancersupportcentre.co.uk).

Peter Edwards, charity specialist at Grant Thornton’s Sheffield office, said: “It’s crucial that businesses play an active role in local communities. With many charities continuing to feel the pinch, it’s more important than ever that companies do all they can to support them and give something back.”

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**Picture 1 (L to R) shows:** (back row) The Grant Thornton team comprising Oli Bugden, Luke Mollkin and Sharon McLean with (front row) Alex Kosticky, Karen Holmes of Weston Park Cancer Support Centre and Zowie Woolley and Rebecca Sutton of Grant Thornton

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