

Launton Community Christmas Tree

In aid of

Cancer Research UK

With much foot slogging and door knocking of friends and neighbours, Sarah and I managed to raise **£2,290.00**. Through Launton Lines we have thanked Launton School, Mark Blake, Tricia Fox and Rebecca Hetherington for their help – we can never say Thank you enough. We do hope to repeat this fundraiser again this coming Christmas, but would greatly appreciate some more foot-sloggers.

As many of you know the Launton Friends of Cancer Research was started in 1976 by Squadron Leader Arthur Gold after the death of his wife Eira. However, the work has been carried on by many villagers and even some residents of Bicester, Marsh Gibbon, and Caversfield. Sadly the Group folded last year, but not before we had raised nearly £250,000 – and with the effort of last year's Christmas Tree we overtook that quarter of a million figure and at present the money raised by Launton stands at **£252,114.95**. I would like to give thanks to all those past Committee members who worked so hard to raise that money and to all those villagers, businesses and other organizations who gave so willingly of their precious pennies – never forgetting those supporters from outside the village, such as the USA, Australia and the rest of the UK. On behalf of Cancer Research UK I would like to present Launton with a Certificate of Thanks to the village of Launton.