

Launton Community Christmas Tree Event

This event was started in 2013 by the Launton Friends of Cancer Research UK. However, when the Group decided not to continue, this particular event was continued by Mrs Sarah Kidney and Mrs Pat Mitchell, and in the latter years with the grateful help of Mrs Tricia Fox, Mrs Mary Brydon and Mrs Shirley Johnson.

The Snowflakes have been sponsored by villagers for a minimum of £5 and over the 6 years there have been 856 personal messages on the Tree. We started out by getting just over 100 sponsors and last year we had 157 sponsors.

Sarah and I worked very hard on this project in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK, the school and to bring the community together in the festive season. We are pleased to say that the event did raise the sum of £2,052.75 last year bringing the total for the 6 years to £9,241.21.

We would like to thank all those involved in making it such a success, especially the school for allowing the tree to be placed on their front lawn. And a huge Thank You to Mark and Jenny Blake who have been responsible for not only collecting and erecting the tree, putting on the lights but also taking it down and disposing of it after the Christmas Season had ended.

Finally to say it was with a sad heart that Sarah and I took the decision that 2018 would have to be our last year to organise the Launton Community Christmas Tree.

Reported collated by Mrs Pat Mitchell