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West Midlands Pension Fund announce 2015-16 donation total

Employees at the award-winning West Midlands Pension Fund have baked, ran, and gamed their way to raising £1,944 for charities and good causes during the 12 months to March 2016.

A combination of 13 local and national charities were supported by the Fund's generous and imaginative staff through a range of fund-raising events, including bake-offs, sale of food and drink, raffles, and sporting activities. There were also non-financial donations such as non-perishables and items of clothing for other charities which required them.

Cllr Ian Brookfield, Chair of West Midlands Pension Fund Pension Committee, said: "The Fund has around 100 employees, and their compassion is clear to see. I'm very proud of the efforts taken to support all 13 charities, and wish them well in their fund-raising during 2016-17"

Tom Powell, who is a Passive Equity Manager at West Midlands Pension Fund, and a member of the Staff Forum, said: "Staff members have been very generous with both their time and money. Thanks to their efforts, the Fund was able to make substantial donations to a number of good causes in 2015/16 including Compton Hospice, Promise Dreams and Sport Relief. The goodwill of staff members has continued into 2016 and we hope to raise even more money for charity in 2016/17."

In 2016, the Fund revised its strategy to focus on supporting a small number of local and two national charities, in order to maximise the potential income raised.

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Photo caption: [L-R] Connor Evans -- WMPF Pensions Assistant, and Marcus Perry -- WMPF Accounting Admin Assistant, take part in a charity run for Sport Relief.

