

How "Wings Appeal" worked for four of our Group.



Graham Croft



Above: Kit supplied by RAFA

Right: How I displayed it with 'pins'
Fixed to Art Canvas



Because there is a local RAFA Group in my nearest Town I thought that they would be targeting the only 'store' on the Wings Appeal Weekend, and even if they were not they might not be happy with me operating on their 'turf'. Because of this I chose to have a stall at the Annual Fete in the Village where I live.

I have never been involved with anything like this before so it was a little bit daunting in the few days before the event, however I need not have worried. People were friendly, many wanted to 'chat', and the items 'sold' themselves (especially the Ducks).

I chose to hold a Raffle as well, which cost me £11.00 in 'prizes' plus a book of Raffle Tickets (the ticket book will cover a few more raffles). After taking away the costs the Raffle made £12.00, not a lot I grant you but could be more effective under different circumstances, especially if the prizes are 'donated' (I will work on that one for next time). I will also have to check on the 'legality' of a raffle, which was ok at a Village Fete with other raffles and tombola going on.

This really turned out to be easier than I thought but had it been for longer than the four hours of the Fete it might not have been so much fun to be operating alone.

I was fortunate that I did not have to be involved in erecting the tent so all I had to take was a small folding table and of course a chair.

Just before the event I e.mailed the President of the local RAFA Group to see if they would lend me a RAFA or RAF Flag. He actually phoned me back the next day and, although he did not have a Flag available for the day I required it, he was very supportive.

Marilyn Roman



This is the one photograph of my small display outside the CO-OP. I used the metal box/stand outside which is for the Newspaper Storage before the shop opens. I had a minimal display and was only able to be there for two hours.

I had previously spoken to the Manager of this store, which we use a great deal, and arranged for me to 'collect' on any dry Saturday morning.

It took very little time out of my day and because I was in an area where I am known, with lots of more mature individuals, I did quite well.

I just put a suitable RAF Tea Towel and carrier bag down first and arranged things on them. The Collecting Tin is a 'must'- even pennies add up. Not very inventive but it worked. If the place you are targeting does not have a convenient place to display then a small fold up table or paste table would work equally well.

I chose the early morning rush when people came for their newspapers.

Mazza Jesty



I believe this is the second year that Mazza has participated in the Wings Appeal and it looks as if the experience gained has been well worth while. These 'tables' were at two different locations and look very professional.

Mazza didn't work alone which makes it a little less daunting and she would like to offer the following advice; " *Don't be scared !! People will just come and talk to you. We went into the community area in the Co-op. Talk to the kids they will bring their parents to you* 😊 "

Carol Ann Peachey



Because Carol is very much involved in Fund Raising, not just for RAFA but also the British Legion, she was able to take advantage of a combined 'table'. This had at least two advantages; firstly a larger display to attract attention, and not having to be on her own.

It might be that others of us could 'join forces' with other local charities in a similar way. (Rotary, Lions etc.)