

# Let's get

fundraising!



#### A personal thank you

You're doing something incredible. By fundraising for Support Through Court, you're helping people who are facing some of life's most difficult moments – alone. Thank you for standing with them.

#### Why your support matters

Every year, thousands face court alone – often during deeply distressing life events such as divorce, eviction, or custody battles. Without support, the legal process can feel isolating and overwhelming.

#### But with your help, they're not alone.

We offer emotional and practical support before, during, and after court. In the last financial year, over 1000 volunteers gave their time to ensure clients felt listened to, supported, and empowered.

Just £32 enables one person to connect with a trained volunteer who offers reassurance, practical guidance, and emotional support during one of life's most challenging moments.



## Real people. Real impact.

Molly's story\*

Molly fled an abusive relationship, lost her home and income, and found herself in court over a shared pet – her ex's last means of control. We supported Molly through her trauma, helped her contact domestic abuse services, and ensured she was never alone in court.

Your fundraising helps people like Molly take back control.



## **Get inspired!**

Whatever your passion, there's a way to turn it into fundraising! Here are some popular ideas:



#### Fitness challenges

- Marathons, fun runs, hikes, cycles
- Virtual step or yoga challenges
- Office Olympics



#### **Daring or different**

- Shave your head, dye your hair
- Skydives, zip wires, wing walks



#### Social events

- Bake sales, pub quizzes, dinner parties
- Book clubs, fashion shows, karaoke nights



#### Offer a skill or swap gifts for good

- Gardening, bike fixing, tutoring, art commissions
- Ask for donations instead of birthday or holiday gifts

## What fundraisers are saying:

"Fundraising for Support
Through Court let me turn
something personal into
action. I knew I was helping
someone feel heard – and
that's priceless." – Emma,
fundraiser

"I used to think court support was just legal. Now I realise how powerful emotional support can be."

– James, Volunteer

### Plan, promote, power forward!



#### 1. Set a goal

Let your supporters know what you're aiming for and why. £320 = help for 10 clients!

#### 2. Tell your story

Share your motivation, personal connection, or cause. Storytelling inspires generosity.

#### 3. Set up a fundraising page

<u>Create your page here</u> – add photos, set a target, and update regularly.

#### 4. Spread the word

Post on social media, WhatsApp, and email. Update your followers.

#### 5. Say thank you

Always thank your donors – publicly or privately. Gratitude builds momentum!



Add a photo and story to your fundraising page – it can boost donations by up to 40%

# Tips to maximise your impact

Make it personal:
video messages
work wonders



Use Gift Aid – adds 25% to every eligible donation

Keep it fun and focused



Ask a local business to match donations

## **Safety first**

Whatever you're planning for Support Through Court, it's vital that you stay safe and act within the law. Here are some essential health and safety basics to help guide you.

#### **Raffles**

Raffles can be a great way to raise funds, but they are subject to strict legal rules. Before organising one, make sure you're up to date with the latest regulations. Visit <a href="mailto:gamblingcommission.gov.uk">gamblingcommission.gov.uk</a> for guidance.

#### Food hygiene

Whether you're selling baked goods or serving a full meal, food safety laws still apply. Ensure all food is prepared, handled, and sold safely. For up-to-date information, visit <u>food.gov.uk</u>.

#### **Collecting money**

Planning a public street collection? You'll need a licence from your local council. We also recommend having another person with you

when handling or counting donations, to ensure transparency and safety.

#### Insurance and licensing

While we're here to support your efforts, we can't accept responsibility for any events you organise. It's important to check with your local authority whether you need any special licences or insurance cover for your activity.

#### **General safety**

- Conduct a quick risk assessment: Think through potential hazards.
- Keep any activities appropriate, respectful, and in line with our guidelines.
- Have emergency contacts and first aid on hand, especially for public or group events.

Need help, logos and promotional templates?

To follow legal guidelines, our charity registration number (1090781) needs to appear on all posters, collection buckets, and any advertisements that encourage people to get involved or support us. If you'd like to use our logo or need some ready-made poster templates, just drop us a message at events@supportthroughcourt.org — we're happy to help!

### **Paying in donations**

#### **Online:**

www.supportthroughcourt.org/donate

#### **Bank transfer:**

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Account No: 00087516

Ref: [Your name/event]

#### Cheque:

Payable to: Support Through Court.

Post to: Support Through Court, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London,

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#### You're amazing!

Your time, energy and kindness are making a real difference. Thank you for helping ensure no one faces court alone.

