



Senior managers at **TD Waterhouse**, the online broker, performed as Abba in a "TD's Got Talent" competition. It was one of several events, which included sponsored runs in **Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham**, where the company has offices. Forty people, many in fancy dress, took part, including Jason Robinson, director of operations, and Stuart Clarke, head of corporate relationships.

It was the fourth time that the company's call centre, in Leeds, had taken part. Pledges taken by 200 volunteers totalled just under £104,500 from 3,167 calls.



**Pictured** - Abba performers, from left: Daren Hepworth, trading and customer services director, Caroline Bradley, finance director, Ann Broughton, senior HR manager, and Simon Partington, head of global trading; dressed as tea ladies, Dave Sollitt, IS director, and Steve Fisher, head of programme management, sold cakes baked by staff; runners included (far left) Mr Robinson.



Staff at **Yorkshire Water** and its call centre arm, **Loop**, in **Bradford**, raised £5,000 with events which included a Monster Munch trial. They sampled delicacies such as tomato soup with crickets for croutons, snail skewers, a pureed English breakfast and water bugs. The winner was the contact centre manager, **Amanda Oddy**.

Loop's head of customer service, **Zoe Mason**, explained that other activities included pay for parking, a raffle, team competitions and henna tattoos.



Some 200 volunteers at **Mell, Reading**, took just over 6,000 calls, including some from Guernsey, France and Italy. They resulted in donations worth nearly £218,000, including one of £5,000. Volunteers were aided by 3rd Tilehurst Brownies who served refreshments.

In addition, a further £3,000 was raised with events such as leg waxing, fancy dress, pajama wearing, cake sales, hula hoop and doughnut eating competitions, raffles, sweepstakes, baked bean tombola and auctions.

Paul Crowe, head of business listings at Mell, said: "This was the busiest year for Comic Relief we have ever had which is fantastic. Mell people have always been generous volunteering their time for important causes such as this, so it is encouraging to see it getting bigger and better every year. The buzz around the office during the day and in the call centre during the evening was brilliant."

**Pictured** - Jan Lovett, senior customer services manager; Demelza Fryer-Saxby and Mia, aged nine, from 3rd Tilehurst Brownies; Christian Wells, company secretary and general counsel.

Meanwhile a group of men at Yorkshire Water's head office in Buttershaw took part in a sponsored leg wax. The fundraising event was organised by Zoe Hussain and Dannie Brook.

**Pictured** (all from left) - in black: Becky Blackstone, HR support specialist and Nicola Browne, marketing manager; Claire Gott, customer relationship manager; Mike Marshall, HR advisor, and Ellie Kerr, customer relationship manager; Jayne Gantry, operational script manager, Rosie Copland, customer relationship manager, Louise Copland, Judith Carr, project manager, and Jonathan Harding, head of billing and income; Amanda Oddy, contact centre manager, and Tim Sheer, contact centre manager.