



More than 300 volunteers at **Everything Everywhere**, the company which combines T-Mobile and Orange, gave up 1,520 hours of their time to handle over 10,000 calls and collected £363,290. Across the UK, staff raised over £13,000, topped up to £17,000 by the corporate responsibility team.

**Pictured** – Jackie O’Leary, vice president of customer operations, sold her cakes to Tom Alexander, CEO, and the board; Peter Maloney, director of delivery, accepts his “director dare” – to iron as many items as possible in an hour, with Gail Cobb (left), communications, and Lynda Redpath, head of site, in **Doxford**; Pete Davis, operations manager ate toothpaste sandwiches and tripe to help towards the £3,000 total in **North Tyneside**; Ms Redpath faces gallons of red ketchup while in the stocks to help raise £2,200 in **Doxford**; Darren Jones (left) and Dave Street, operations managers, faced off for egg roulette to help raise over £1,000 in **Plymouth**; **Greenock** raised £2,000, where Scott Gibson Head of Site wore a pink afro; Stephen Gunter, operations manager, in the stocks at **Merthyr** where £1,500 was raised; in **Darlington**, Paul Hogg, head of corporate, shaved off his hair for £700 taking the site total to £3,000.



Taking part for the first time, 70 volunteers at **Equiniti, Birmingham**, took more than £106,000 in donations. An additional £2,500 was raised with events such as five-a-side football, “splat a manager” and the auction of a signed Carling Cup match programme, brought in by Becky Doyle, wife of the Birmingham City goalkeeper. Sam Halford, director of operations said: “Our team of exceptional volunteers donated their spare time...after a long day at work and helped to raise a significant amount of money...we are hoping to make this an annual event and are looking forward to working with Comic Relief in the future.”

**Pictured** – Leanne Page (left) and Karen Short, both quality and development trainers

Three **EDF Energy** call centres handled calls. In **Hove**, 300 volunteers answered nearly 3,400 calls, taking more than £129,000 in donations, and £1,500 through fund-raising activities. Events included competitions, a balloon artist and an appearance by a Dame Edna Everage look-a-like.

In **Exeter**, 260 volunteers took donations worth £132,000 and were joined by Matt Taylor, Exeter City captain, and Mark Foster, Exeter Chiefs winger. Throughout the week, staff raised money themselves. Fiona Palmer raised £614 by having a Comic Relief-themed tattoo, and Mark Hawkey, raised £462 to dye his hair, eyebrows and goatee red.

Simon Scattergood-Heath, EDF Energy’s call-centre manager on the night, said: “It takes a lot of planning to be ready for Red Nose Day but it’s certainly worth it. There was a fantastic atmosphere, it was great fun and most importantly, we did our bit to help.”

In **Doxford**, Sunderland, Graham Onions, the Durham and England cricketer, joined nearly 300 volunteers who handled 2,750 calls, resulting in almost £110,000-worth of donations, plus more than £2,000 through their own activities. They included fairground games, football tournament and leg waxing.

Dan Bennett, EDF Energy call centre manager for Comic Relief, said: “We are really happy to have been able to support such a worthwhile campaign and it’s fantastic that staff gave up their own time to volunteer on the evening to take donations. It’s been a great combination of fun activities and serious effort – but it has all been worthwhile and really enjoyable for everyone involved.”

And Steve Hayfield, EDF Energy customer services director, said: “EDF Energy is a long-standing and loyal supporter of Comic Relief and we are delighted to be able to help once again. Our staff, along with their families and friends, were brilliant in coming forward to help on the night

**Pictured** – from left: Mark Foster, Richard Townsend, of EDF Energy, Exeter, and Matt Taylor; Graham Onions, Dan Bennett of EDF Energy who was in charge of the company’s Comic Relief night, with Sean “Batman” Collingwood, Andy “Spiderman” Heskett and Graham “Dame” Henderson.

