



## The Company of Cutlers' Master Cutler's Challenge, 2018

### The Charity

This year's challenge raised funds for one charity, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, who care for children and young adults whose lives are sadly just too short, both in their own homes and at their hospice in North Anston.

Bluebell Wood believes that every family deserves to make magical memories with their child, whether they have years, months, weeks or days together.

It is a home from home for families facing the toughest of times, with a comfy lounge and beautiful gardens. There's also plenty of fun activities for children to try, including soft play, arts and crafts, music therapy and much more. While they're staying at the hospice, children have one of eight bedrooms. If their family is staying too, then parents have their own room.

### The Challenge

In 2007, then Master Cutler Gordon Bridge invited the businesses of the city region to transform a £50 investment into as much fundraising as they could for local charities.

Over the last 11 years, the Cutler's Challenge has become an annual tradition. In total, more than 550 teams have taken part, giving about £1.5 million to local causes.

This year over 60 Companies, Freemen, Organisations, businesses and Friends of the Company were involved in the challenge. They invested the £50 given to them by the Master Cutler in charitable fundraising events or activities in order to have fun with friends and fundraise for the charities.

### The Prizes

The award winners this year are:

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| 1) Most Money raised -- Business            | AESSEAL                         |
| 2) Most Money Raised - Community Group      | Sheffield High School for Girls |
| 3) Master Cutler's Most Enthusiastic Award  | XPO Logistics                   |
| 4) Master Cutler's Most Inspirational Award | Gordon Bridge                   |
| 5) Master Cutler's Most Creative Award      | Insight                         |
| 6) The Gordon Bridge Award                  | Chris Heaton                    |

### How the money raised will be used

Every day, the hospice needs to raise £11,000 to keep the doors open and as only around 10% of their funding is from the government, the money raised from this year's challenge means Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice can continue to help families make treasured memories together. Because of the participants efforts, Bluebell Wood could offer over a hundred night's end of life care to families who are facing unimaginably tough times. Nights which are a chance for them to say their goodbyes in their own time, in their own way. This means every family who needs that space and time can have it.

Some of the money raised will go to the Cutlers' Company Charitable Trust for distribution to support smaller local charities.

Sheffield fundraisers have got into their stride and some of the events such as DLA Piper's Monopoly game and KPMG's race night are now booked into the city's social calendar months in advance. This year, new teams have enjoyed the challenge and found their own particular way of raising cash.

All the organisers of this year's challenge wish to thank all participants and those that have donated for their enthusiasm, and hope they can keep supporting the Cutler's Company in its charity fundraising.