



## November's Fundraiser of the Month is... Steve Copnall

**Tell us what you've been up to Steve:**

I have spent the last month doing decorating, gardening and other DIY tasks in exchange for a donation to MACS. I have laid wooden laminate flooring, painted stairs, hallways, bedrooms, garages, and wallpapered a number of rooms, giving up my weekends and evenings following work. Other fundraising this month included 'guess the number of sweets in a jar' and raffling an Oleg meerkat toy.

**What gave you the idea to raise money in this way?**

Wanting to do something different, I decided to focus on fundraising that can help others, raise money and is something that I enjoy, which led me to DIY. I put the word out using social media, friends and families.

**That's brilliant, it sounds like you've been busy! How do you keep motivated?**

I think the enjoyment from doing the various jobs keep me motivated. I know that some people hate doing DIY, which is why people ask for my services and think it's a great idea.

**How much have you managed to raise through your DIY efforts?**

So far I have managed to raise £400 through DIY alone and have bookings for the new year to fit a new kitchen and for a couple of tiling projects. People are free to give a donation of their choice, everyone has been very generous so far and given approx. £10-15 per hour for my work.

**Do you have any advice for other MACS fundraisers?**

The task of fundraising was quite scary at first. I decided to write a list of my skills and think of something I could turn it into that people would be willing to pay for. This will work for everyone, whether it's knitting soft toys, baking cakes or DIY and if it's something you enjoy doing it makes it more enjoyable and rewarding experience.

**Thanks Steve!**



