

## Mayor makes a grand online

**The Mayor of Dudley has raised a grand in online donations for his charities.**

Councillor Steve Waltho opened the Mayor of Dudley's Charities online facility via BT My Donate six months ago and has now received £1000 from donors.

The system was set up with help from Castle & Crystal Credit Union, allowing people to donate money at the click of a button via their mobile phone, tablet, or laptop.



The Mayor is raising money for five charities this year - The Hope Centre, Halesowen, The What Centre, Stourbridge, More Mascots Please, Brierley Hill, The Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, and the West Midlands branch of Lupus UK, based in Coseley.

People can keep up to date with upcoming fundraising events via the site including the Mayor's entry to this year's London marathon.

**Councillor Steve Waltho, Mayor of Dudley, said:**

“I am so pleased that people are choosing to help me raise funds for these deserving charities which are close to my heart. This Mayoral year is giving me the opportunity to significantly raise their profile and boost funding.

“Every penny that is donated is much appreciated by me. Thank you to people who have already helped this year and please check out my online charity page.”

People can donate via

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/mayorofdudleyscharities>

**Ends**

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