

**Monday 18th February 2008**

### **Staff Help Three Island Charities**

Assorted waxings, head shavings and cross dressing - all part of Standard Bank's fundraising activities for charities in the Isle of Man and today [Monday 18 February] staff are handing over the money they have raised.

After several months' of hard work raising funds, staff have passed on money to three Island charities - Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Children in Need and SPort Erin.

John Coyle, Managing Director of Standard Bank, Isle of Man said: "Giving something back to the community is an important part of Standard Bank's ethos and our staff raise funds for a wide variety of charities. It is also great that the staff take the initiative and we are pleased to support them in their endeavours."

The Isle of Woman Day in October provided a great opportunity for the bank to raise over £110 for breast cancer, with Joanne Healey (Debit Card Administrator) taking the lead.

Mr Coyle said: "Joanne encouraged staff to wear something pink on Pink Day and everyone came to work in shades of pink and participated in a range of enjoyable fundraising activities. Isle of Woman Day is the one weekend of the year when the Island changes gender and we had plenty of men proudly wearing pink as well!"

During November, Standard Bank staff raised money for BBC Children in Need with £1,672 being raised by staff and the bank chipping in with a further £1,000. Staff created a bacon roll service, dressed up in fancy dress costumes and some (brave!) staff even succumbed to head shavings and assorted waxings!

"Stuart Ingledew (Manager, Operations) did a great job with this and we were very pleased with the amount of money that he helped raise," said Mr Coyle.

In January, Standard Bank focussed on raising money for SPort Erin, a charity in the Isle of Man which raises funds to provide sporting facilities in the South of the island.

Michael Catlow, IT Support Technician at Standard Bank, explained: "We raised funds for this charity as we believe that SPort Erin helps to bring sporting facilities to all islanders and is a great way to ensure that people can stay fit and healthy. As a former rugby player, I recognise the importance of fitness and improved sporting facilities will benefit all Islanders."

Mr Coyle concluded: "Standard Bank has raised nearly £3,000 and our staff's charitable spirit has been a great boon to charities here in the island. Our staff take their fundraising very

seriously and enjoy the challenge and fun that this entails. I am sure that we will continue to make a positive difference to Isle of Man charities in the future!”

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