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BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY



Helping turn cakes into care David Torrance MSP is supporting Marie Curie’s summer fundraising campaign *Blooming Great Tea Party*.

At the recent Blooming Great Tea Party in the Scottish Parliament David met with representatives from the charity that provides care and support for people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

Marie Curie is encouraging people to get together with friends, family or colleagues to host a tea party, bake sale or special tea break to raise funds.

Marie Curie made over 4,255 visits providing care and support to over 318 people in their own homes in NHS Fife in 2015/16. The charity also has Information and Support Services that are available for everyone affected by a terminal illness.

Commenting David Torrance MSP said:

“I am delighted to show my support for an amazing charity which has made immense contributions to Scotland since it was founded in 1948.

“The remarkable work of all the many dedicated volunteers and fundraisers makes a massive difference to so many people by contributing to giving them better-quality lives.

“The Kirkcaldy Fundraising group are holding their own Great Blooming Tea Party in the Rugby Club, Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy on Saturday (10th June) from 10am to 12noon; everyone is welcome so head down and get involved. Your support will help Marie Curie to continue providing invaluable help and support to individuals and families in Fife, and wider Scotland, affected by a terminal disease.”

Susan Lowes Policy & Public Affairs Manager Scotland added: “Thanks to David we hope more people will be inspired to take part and get together with friends, having a great time raising dough for Marie Curie.”

Last year 366 people and 64 Marie Curie fundraising groups in Scotland took part in Blooming Great Tea Party and raised almost £93,000 for the charity.

Visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty for more information or call 0800 716 146.

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Notes to Editors

Blooming Great Tea Party is Marie Curie’s summer fundraising campaign which encourages everyone to get together with friends and family to hold a tea party from 23-25th June. Tea parties across the UK have raised over £5.4million since the campaign started in 2008.

Visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty for further information, top tips and to register a tea party or call 0800 716 146.

Marie Curie – care and support through terminal illness

Marie Curie is the UK’s leading charity for people with any terminal illness. The charity helps people living with a terminal illness and their families make the most of the time they have together by delivering expert hands-on care, emotional support, research and guidance.

Marie Curie employs more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, and with its nine hospices around the UK, is the largest provider of hospice beds outside the NHS.

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