

We need your help

50th Fundraising Campaign target smashed

We would like to thank everyone who donated, raised funds or took part in our 50th Fundraising Campaign. We are pleased to say that the £50,000 target was smashed, raising over £62,000. Well done everyone!

A critical juncture

The 50th Fundraising Campaign played a pivotal role in supporting the Association; however, those who participated in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be aware that our most recent financial report, covering the year ending December 2022, showed that our outgoings exceeded our income necessitating us to draw on our reserves. A major part of our expenditure is directed towards research projects that we have committed to funding over several years and of course, there are also significant outgoings related to providing support for people who have or may have Paget's and raising awareness of the condition in general. Despite these financial challenges, our dedication to those with Paget's disease and ongoing research is unwavering.

The decline in income is largely attributed to a decrease in legacy contributions and we have already implemented cost-saving measures including a transition to virtual working and closure of the physical office.



The Paget's Association has been a beacon of hope for over fifty years but we find ourselves at a critical juncture, desperately in need of your support. The harsh reality is that, like many charities, we face an uphill struggle to continue our vital work.

Everyone can help

The Paget's Association does not receive any government funding and its continuation depends solely on donations, fundraising, and legacies. Now more than ever we rely on those who can, to support us and be the lifeline that sustains our charity for those who depend on us.

With your help we can continue to provide our Nurse Helpline, information resources and support networks. We know how important these resources are to you and want to be able to continue to offer them to anyone who needs our support. Alongside this, donations help us continue to strive for earlier diagnosis and additional Centres of Excellence for the care and treatment of those with Paget's disease. Centres that also get involved in research. We know that funding quality research is key to discovering new treatments and exploring new developments such as the potential of genetic testing for those at risk of developing Paget's disease.

Everyone can do something to help. Within the following pages, you will find numerous ideas of how you can help us continue our essential activities.

If you are in a position to donate, your one-off donation can make a meaningful difference in supporting individuals and families affected by Paget's disease.

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You can donate on our website, by bank transfer (call us for details) or send your cheque, made payable to the Paget's Association, to the address on page 5.

Consider donating monthly by standing order. Your consistent support provides us with a stable foundation to plan and execute long-term projects. Simply request a standing order form from our office.



£15
could pay for a support pack for someone who is newly diagnosed

£20
could pay for our Specialist Nurse to answer a call from someone who is distressed about their diagnosis and for information to be posted

£30
could pay for someone's place at one of our information events, which are free for those with Paget's disease to attend

£100
could help our fight for earlier diagnosis through research

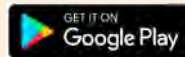
Easyfundraising

With easyfundraising when you shop online brands donate to us. It won't cost you a penny!

Brands pay easyfundraising a commission when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app.

We know from those of you who have used this already that the donations can really mount up. It's completely FREE so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/paget/>



How it works

Over 7,000 brands partner with easyfundraising and each one will donate part of what you spend online to a cause of your choice. So you can choose to donate to the Paget's Association and the best bit is it won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

The brands include Argos, John Lewis, Tesco, Marks and Spencer, Asda, Iceland, Currys, Very, Comparethemarket and many more.



PayPal Giving Fund



Another way you can help is to add a donation when you shop online and pay through PayPal.

1. Look for the option to add a donation during checkout.
2. Choose the charity you want to support.
3. Choose the amount you want to give.
4. Complete your purchase as usual.
5. Receive a donation receipt from PayPal Giving Fund.

Send an ecard



Use [DontSendMeACard.com](https://www.dontsendmeacard.com) to send birthday, thank you or other cards and they will give the Paget's Association a small donation. You could also visit our website to donate the cost of cards and stamps.

Use the QR code or place the following in your browser www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/pagets-association

If you sell something on eBay their system allows you to choose to donate between 10% and 100% of the item's sale price directly to the Paget's Association.

We would like to thank those who have supported us in this way.



Support us when you sell an unwanted item

Fundraising ideas from our Focus Group

The Association's Focus Group have been sharing ideas of how individuals and groups might fundraise. Here are some ideas.

- Sell or auction unwanted items on eBay or Facebook.
- Bring and buy stall at a local community event.
- Craft projects could be turned into items to sell e.g. knitting, crocheting, sewing, woodwork, art etc.
- Sell unwanted items or plants you've grown at a car boot or jumble sale.
- Organising a sponsored dog walk or swim.
- Give something up, such as smoking or drinking and donate the money saved.
- Puzzle or quiz night, making a charge to enter.
- Raffle or tombola: a chocolate tombola works well for children and a bottle tombola for adults.
- Complete a sponsored challenge.
- Invite friends to a coffee morning or soup lunch in return for a donation.
- Entertainment event. We have supported charity events at a local social club where a band has played for free and ticket sales have been donated to charity.
- If you have a special birthday or anniversary coming up, consider donating to the Association in place of gifts.
- Set up a birthday fundraiser for the Paget's Association on Facebook.

FUNDRAISING

Don't know where to start?

For help with fundraising request a Fundraising Pack from us. Included is a booklet, banner with the Association's logo, leaflets and, if available, promotional items to help raise awareness of Paget's disease and the work of the Association. For further information, or to request your pack please contact us.



Win with our monthly raffle!

Unlike many lotteries our raffle has remarkably favourable chances of winning, thanks to our strict limit of 200 tickets for sale. Moreover, when you encourage your friends, family and colleagues to join, you not only boost the funds raised but also raise awareness of Paget's disease.

By purchasing a ticket or even two in the Paget's Association's Raffle you are contributing directly to our charity and our mission to help those in need. Tickets are £5 per month. The draw takes place every month with two opportunities to win. The first prize is £100, and the second is £50 with prizes doubling in June and December.



Anyone over 18 can take part (they do not need to be a member of the Paget's Association). To become a part of this initiative and secure a chance to win, request a form by emailing membership@paget.org.uk or by telephoning **0161 766 4646**.

Recent winners

October 2023
1st Prize £100
Ticket no. 45
Roger Francis
2nd Prize £50
Ticket no. 4
Thomas Trevor

November 2023
1st Prize £100
Ticket no. 194
Norma Reid
2nd Prize £50
Ticket no. 169
Janet Dixon

December 2023
– double prize draw!
1st Prize £200 **2nd Prize £100**
Ticket no. 132 Ticket no. 190
Ena Davies *Margaret Read*

January 2024
1st Prize £100
Ticket no. 134
June Errington
2nd Prize £50
Ticket no. 2
Gaynor Denton

February 2024
1st Prize £100
Ticket no. 90
Eileen Wallace
2nd Prize £50
Ticket no. 7
Terry Carter

Help us get to **200** members
Please tell your family and friends about the raffle