



Image attached of volunteers from Coote O'Grady during their teambuilding exercise (from left to right): Mark Johnson, Leanne Stronach, Stacey Coote, Caroline O'Grady, Lynsey Wood, Sarah Walker and Terry Shoulder.

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WELCOME HELP FOR CANCER CHARITY FROM COOTE O'GRADY VOLUNTEERS

A group of seven volunteers from a local, award-winning consultancy showed their support for a North East cancer charity during an annual day of volunteering.

The team, from Coote O'Grady, based in East Boldon, gave up their time on July 18, 2018 to help FACT (Fighting All Cancers Together) under the company's employee volunteering scheme.

They spent the morning helping the charity to prepare for Newcastle Pride on July 21 and the Great North Boat Race on July 22 – wrapping and sorting tombola prizes and making up leaflet packs for the public.

They also cleaned and prepared hundreds of collection tins that will be distributed to shops and businesses around the North East.

Coote O'Grady's volunteering programme gives employees the opportunity to spend two days of paid, work time a year helping good causes in their local communities – the North East of England, Essex and Liverpool.

Caroline O'Grady, Partner, said: "We chose to support FACT as their work benefits so many people in the region. It was very different to our day to day work of analysing legal spend and advising clients, but very worthwhile.

"We're really glad that the FACT team could enjoy the events knowing that they were ready and organised."

Joanne Smith, Chief Executive at FACT, said: "We were thrilled to be chosen for Coote O'Grady's volunteering exercise and we really appreciate their time and hard work."

FACT Cancer Support was set up by Joanne Smith in 2008, to provide support services for anyone affected by cancer. The inspiration behind FACT came following Joanne's own cancer journey and her personal experience of the lack of easily accessible, emotional and other support which was available for herself, her friends and her family.

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Notes to editors:

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