



**Press release**

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***With picture:***

1. *Sarah Preece with her dogs*

**Bailey Cook financial planners pick up the 2.6 Challenge for bowel cancer**

When Lockdown meant that staff at Bailey Cook Financial Planning had to work from home, they soon found a way to boost team spirit.

All seven took up the 2.6 Challenge for charity and will keep fundraising until they get back to their desks in Gay Street, Bath.

It was Operations Manager Sarah Preece's idea: they'd all do at least 2.6 miles of walking, running or cycling every day from May 1 and each pledged to raise £260.

Director Andrew Cook, who is walking the family's retrievers Kiwi and Holly every day, said it was good for morale.

"Sarah was the driving force behind it all. She is a bundle of energy and keeps us all going. We swap notes at our daily conference calls and it keeps everyone connected," he said.

"We'll keep going until Lockdown is over and hope to be back in the office relatively soon.

"We recognise that our UK Charities will be struggling following the cancellation of so many fundraising events this year. As each of us has been touched in one way or another by a loved one suffering or recovering from cancer we chose to support Bowel & Cancer Research."

The rest of the Bailey Cook team include fellow-director Charles Bailey, Janet Shaddick, Tracy Cook, Kelly Miners and Kat Scholtz.

A spokesperson for Bowel & Cancer Research thanked the Bailey Cook team for their support.

“Our mission is to fund the best research so that no one will die of bowel cancer in future and we can only do that with the help of our fantastic fundraisers,” she said.

“The coronavirus has made this year particularly challenging for all charities and we are therefore doubly grateful that the Bailey Cook team stepped up to help.”

Anyone who wants to support the Bailey Cook team can do so at  
<https://www.justgiving.com/team/teambaileycokfp>

[www.bowelcancerresearch.org](http://www.bowelcancerresearch.org)

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- Bowel & Cancer Research is a registered UK charity (1119105) and a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities. The charity aims to save and change lives through pioneering research in the diagnosis and treatment of bowel cancer and other bowel diseases.
- Bowel & Cancer Research is a leading bowel research authority. It funds the best science nationally, shining a light on new ideas and supporting our future experts through a dedicated PhD studentship programme.
- Bowel & Cancer Research is a modern and inclusive research charity. In addition to its research funding, it has developed a unique programme, People and Research Together (PaRT) which involves members of the public in the design, delivery and dissemination of bowel research. PaRT currently has more than 400 members.
- Bowel & Cancer Research funding delivered the first National Centre dedicated to bowel research at Queen Mary University in London. The National Bowel Research Centre, officially opened in 2013 by Her Majesty The Queen, is at the forefront of developments in our understanding and treatment of disabling conditions such as faecal incontinence and constipation. It coordinates national and international clinical trials, supports UK small business innovation in medical devices and is home to one of the best equipped laboratories in the country that focuses on research using human tissue, donated by patients.
- Its funding has supported a number of research firsts, including identifying vital changes in the bowel as we age, discovering the mechanisms for pain in Inflammatory Bowel Disease, developing a potential new biological therapy for bowel cancer and understanding the relationship between gut symptoms and other physical traits, such as hypermobility.
- Bowel & Cancer Research was founded by Professor Sir Norman Williams in the 1990s under the name of The London Immunotherapy Cancer Centre. Among other offices, Sir Norman has been

President of the Society of Academic and Research Surgery, Chairman of the UKCCCR Committee on Colorectal Cancer and was President of the Royal College of Surgeons from 2011 to 2014. He remains involved with the charity today in his role as lifetime President.

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