



STRONG SALES . . . Jessica Swann (above) and her mother, customer service advisor Debbie Swann (right)



Look what we've done with all your donations

ASHBOURNE News Telegraph readers have helped raise nearly £600 for leukaemia charities during our fund-raising jumble sale.

The office was almost literally overwhelmed by the huge amounts of items dropped off with us for sale on stalls at the town hall on Saturday, as staff rallied round to raise money in response to our editor's wife being diagnosed with the disease this year.

The event, which was busy from the moment the doors opened at 9am, raised £289 for Antony Nolan and £289 for Cure Leukaemia.

Editor Stephen Sinfield, who is on leave while he looks after his wife Katherine, spent some of the morning helping colleagues.

He said: "As I stood in the town hall on Saturday and looked at the piles of clothes, the crowds of people and the support of my friends and colleagues, it dawned on me that it was all for my wife

Katherine.

"These people have spent their time sorting out jumble for the sale, they have spent hours baking cakes and biscuits, and now they are spending their hard-earned money – all to help support my wife who has leukaemia.

"Katherine and myself are truly touched by the goodwill, generosity and genuine concern of the people of Ashbourne.

"I would also like to thank the hard work and dedication of the entire Ashbourne News Telegraph team. Every member of staff turned out on a weekend to help and support the event – often bringing along members of their own families to help. There aren't many workplaces where you would find this level of commitment and support."

Items that did not sell on the day were donated to the town's charity shops.

GOOD CAUSE . . .

News Telegraph staff and their family members all descended on the town hall to help out with the sale including (left) customer service advisor Karen Fearn (left), editor and Katherine's husband Stephen Sinfield (below left), and (below) Holly Payne and Bethany Fearn.

