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Mega raffle raises £700 for QEH cancer services

A dedicated family has raised £700 for The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn's Breast Care Unit.

Loving mother and grandmother, Daphne Newson, has been receiving treatment from the unit and wanted to give something back to the team who cared for her during a dark and difficult time.

To celebrate her mother's recent birthday, daughter Susan Blatch, helped by her family, organised a raffle to raise funds for the West Norfolk Breast Care Unit, selling an impressive 6000 tickets!

The family approached 150 local businesses to ask for donations for the event, and complied prizes from vouchers to hampers to homemade gifts.

Daphne's daughter, Susan Blatch, is grateful for the support the Breast Care team gave her mother. She said: "The Breast Care Unit have done so much for mum; the cancer was picked up early and the team have been so caring and looked after her so well. Raising this money has been so personal to us, and we really wanted to give something back.

"The raffle was a huge success - there were so many prizes... It took us over an hour to get through them all!"

During a tearful cheque presentation, Angela Holford, Senior Breast Care Nurse, accepted the donation on behalf of the Breast Care team. She said: "A huge thank you to Daphne and her family for raising an incredible amount of money.

"The money will go into the unit's development fund, which is used by our surgeons to invest in new and life-changing equipment and technology for our patients."

Over 75 people attended the raffle at West Lynn Community Centre on April 13th, raising a grand total of £1400.

The further £700 made from the raffle has been donated to Ring My Bell Children's Charity, a children's cancer charity.