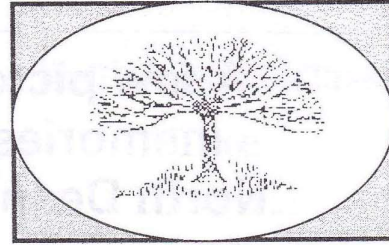


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## FUND RAISING

I have always been a soft touch when it comes to charities and fund-raising, so naturally when I arrived in Speen I volunteered for door to door collecting. This was my fourteenth year of collecting for Christian Aid (organised by John Payne for Speen and North Dean) and my tenth year collecting for Save the Children. I used to collect in Hughenden for Rita Pulley, the co-ordinator for the entire Wycombe area, whom I know very well and as I had always promised that I would co-ordinate my new "patch" when I moved, I gathered a team for this year through neighbours and friends.

We had two weeks to collect for Save the Children, alas the two wettest weeks, and many of you will remember as

we trudged up and down North Dean dripping on everyone's doorsteps. Despite overlapping with another charity collection and barring one single rejection, everyone was very generous and keen to know who I was. I even gathered a small plant from a lady in Chapel Hill (many thanks, it has done beautifully).

Not everyone likes collecting door-to-door but in all the years of knocking on doors I have learned much about my neighbourhood and those who live in it, plus gaining the superb satisfaction of knowing we have raised a little more for those unfortunate souls in our world who need help.

I have listed below the totals raised from all the door-to-door collections made in Speen and North Dean. I am aware that there have been

others but do not know the totals. If there are other organisations who can give us totals for their collections, I am sure everyone would be interested to know.

A big thank you to all who contributed when I interrupted their meals and evening times. If anyone else is interested in supporting next year's collections please ring me and I can tell you what's involved.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN**  
£180.16

**CHRISTIAN AID**  
£603.00

**BRITISH AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
SAILORS SOCIETY**  
£105.00

*Suzi Rose*