

Gingerbread*

Fundraising Activity Pack Autumn 2025

**Everything you need to
kickstart your fundraising!**





Why your support matters:

Gingerbread Houses bring single parents together. Whether it's a local group meeting for coffee, or a digital group chatting online, a Gingerbread House is a space that connects single parents, helping them and their children to thrive.

"To meet other children living in single-parent families through Gingerbread has helped ... [my daughter] and been ... a lifeline for me. I don't know any other single dads at work or among my friends. I felt completely isolated and alone when my relationship first broke down."

This autumn, we need your help to raise £250,000

Over 3,000 single parents are already finding friendship and support through their Gingerbread House. But with 2 million single parents in Britain, Gingerbread's work has never been more needed – and that's where you come in!

Join us in our campaign to create 40 new 'Gingerbread Houses' – safe, welcoming groups where single parents and their children support each other and build lasting friendships. You can help tackle loneliness, boost wellbeing and build stronger communities.

You could...



host a harvest supper



hold a pumpkin carving party



go for a nature walk



or create your own bake sale, challenge event - the choice is yours!

Whatever you choose, your fundraising will make a real difference to single-parent families!



Host a harvest supper

Celebrate the season, bring people together, and raise vital funds for single parent families. Gather your favourite people for good food and great company to support a cause you care about.

Get prepared

Start by choosing a date, inviting your guests, and deciding where to host. Whether it's around your kitchen table or at your local community hall, your supper could be a cosy sit-down meal, a relaxed buffet, or invite others to bring along a dish to share. We've even created a handy invitation template to help you get started.

Fundraising made easy

Create an online fundraising page through [JustGiving](#) and invite guests to make a donation. Encourage those who can't attend to join in and give what they can. Setting a target can boost donations and give a sense of purpose to your event.

Bring the harvest theme to life

Think hearty autumn dishes like a wholesome vegetable stew or a spicy pumpkin curry. But don't forget to check the dietary requirements of your guests. You could suggest an autumn dress code and decorate your space with autumn leaf arrangements.

Keeping with the theme, you might want to suggest to your guests that they come dressed in autumn colours and decorate your home with autumn leaf arrangements.

On the night

Maybe organise some dinner games. A quiz, sweepstake, blindfolded taste test or 'guess the ingredients' competition will keep guests talking and laughing!

And finally, don't forget to take some photos. Share the highlights on social media using [#GingerAutumn](#) or send them to us – we'd love to celebrate your amazing efforts.

**Your harvest supper will fund vital support
for single parents across the country.
So gather, feast, and fundraise
- and enjoy every moment!**



Hold a pumpkin carving party

Get creative and do something extra special this October half term, by hosting a pumpkin carving party to support Gingerbread.

Getting started

Start by choosing a date and inviting your guests - we've created a handy invitation template to help you get started!

Fundraising made easy

Create an [online fundraising page](#) and invite guests to make a donation. Encourage those who can't attend to join in and give what they can. Set a target to inspire even more generosity.

What you'll need

- Enough pumpkins for your guests – or ask them to bring their own
- Black marker pens
- Carving tools or serrated knives
- A bowl for seeds
- Tealights or battery candles to light up your creations
- Optional: stencils, stickers or paints for younger guests, and a prize for the best pumpkin!

If the weather's kind, carving outdoors is ideal. Indoors? Cover your surfaces and you're good to go!

Let the carving begin!

- First, cut off the top of your pumpkin, cutting far enough down for it to make a good 'lid'.
- Then scoop out the insides and discard in your seed bowl.
- Next draw out the shape you want to carve onto the side of your pumpkin. Using pre-printed out stencils really helps here, or you can make your own stencils, by drawing out the face or shape you want to make on a piece of a paper and cutting it out.
- Use a serrated knife or your carving tools to carefully carve out your face or shape, then pop in a candle and enjoy your creation
- Celebrate your success - share some photos of your glowing pumpkins and happy carvers on social media using #GingerAutumn.

Carving together is a fun and relaxed way to connect. Every pound you raise helps single-parent families feel less alone and more supported.



Go for a nature walk

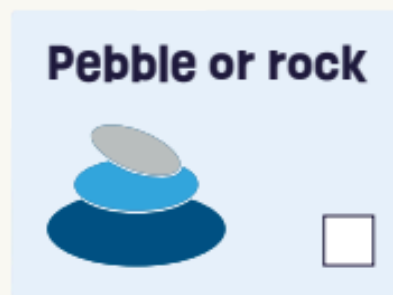
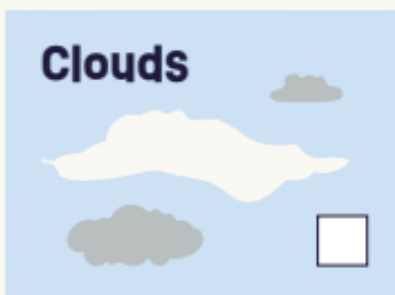
Autumn is the perfect time to get outdoors to spot how nature is getting ready for winter. It's a great way to spend time with your family and friends and chat about what you can see.

Foraging art

Why not get creative by using found materials for a nature picture? You can spell your name or make a self-portrait using leaves, sticks and flower petals. Take a photo to remember what you made.

Nature bingo

How many of the things below can you spot on your walk?



Turn your walk into something even more powerful

Set up an [online fundraising page](#) and invite friends and family to sponsor your walk. Whether it's to reach a certain distance or collect all the bingo items, every pound you raise will help Gingerbread support single-parent families across the country.

You could make this a group activity and ask for a donation to join, or create a team fundraising page. Don't forget to share your photos with us, using #GingerAutumn!

**Your walk in the woods could help another parent feel less alone.
So wrap up warm, step outside, and make a difference,
one step at a time.**



Let us know how you get on!
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or message us on social media



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