

SUTTON SOUP 15 - 10th October 2019



Hello Soup Dragons

We are very pleased to tell you that Sutton Soup 15 was an amazing evening, and that we managed to raise a staggering £1330 – our biggest Soup pot yet! We were sponsored by [Ace Accountancy Services](#), [First Networking](#), and [Sainsbury's](#).

Here's a reminder of who pitched:

- [Playwise Learning CIC](#) – work with children in Sutton who have additional needs or a disability. They use the Portage model for their services, maximising opportunities, learning and development, to facilitate and enable and to have fun. Pam and Eve pitched for tablet computers with eye-gaze software that will enable profoundly physically disabled children to control them using only the movements of their eyes.
- [Ryan MS Therapy Centre](#) – this centre, which supports Sutton residents, offers support through physio, counselling and other therapies to people with Multiple Sclerosis. They also provide invaluable group support, camaraderie and a sense of fun. The centre makes a real difference to the wellbeing, both physical and emotional, of the people who use it. They receive no government funding and so rely entirely on donations to achieve this. Bonnita and Dawn pitched for funds to help them to carry out this essential work.
- [First Class Coders](#) – run coding (aka computer programming) classes in many different settings, helping people to develop their computer skills, which are so essential in the modern world. Although a lot of their work is with the under 8 age group, Marsha pitched for funds to set up a new scheme of coding classes for the over 60s in Sutton, which will help them prevent cognitive decline and promote digital literacy. These classes would be held in dementia cafés, libraries and other community spaces.
- [Home-Start Sutton](#) – is a voluntary organisation working to support families with young children. They work by recruiting and training volunteers, who are parents themselves, to support families who are experiencing difficulties, in the family's own home. They wanted funds to run a volunteer preparation course. Bev and Gayle, who work with Home-Start, pitched and we heard from Andrea, who has used the service and shared her personal story of how much it meant to her.

We really enjoyed hearing all of the pitches! The bumper £1330 went, in the end, to Home-Start Sutton and they will be back in January.



There was also an update for us from Havley and the team at [Muschamp](#)