

SUTTON SOUP 4 - 19th January 2017



There was a very impressive turnout for the fourth Soup! The good people of Sutton weren't put off by the wintry weather and between us we managed to come up with £727, which is the largest pot of money given away at Sutton Soup to date.

The evening was very generously sponsored by [Hype Fitness](#) and [The Wood Flooring Shop](#).

We heard impassioned pitches from another four fantastic causes:

- [Louis' Wish \(Make a Wish\)](#) – Make a Wish are a national charity but they were pitching for a local boy, Louis from Carshalton, who has shown remarkable bravery in battling a brain tumour and wished for an Astroturf football pitch to be built in his garden.
- [Little Eden](#) – Little Eden is a sensory garden built in the home of Dawn and Glenn Harvey, who live in Sutton. Originally intended for use by their son Tate, who has special needs, the garden has been opened up to other children and families who would benefit from spending time there.
- [Refugee and Migrant Network Sutton](#) – RMNS Sutton have been working in the borough for 25 years, offering friendship, advice, counselling and English language classes to refugees, asylum seekers and newly settled migrants.
- [Heavenly Gowns UK](#) – Beverley Whitten and her team of volunteers at Heavenly Gowns UK try to help bereaved parents who have suffered the loss of a baby. Using donated materials, they hand craft gown sets, wraps and blankets for these tiny angels to wear before their parents say goodbye.

It was a heart rending evening and quite a few people found voting difficult! The giant £727 pot eventually went to Little Eden, and it was wonderful to present an emotional Dawn with her cheque. She'll be back in April to let us know how she's put the money to good use!



We were very happy to welcome back Lynne and Abigail from [Free Cakes for Kids](#) – not least because they made us three cakes to munch on, and one of them was a special Sutton Soup cake complete with logo! It was amazing. They told us how the £560 they won in October is helping them to provide more cakes to more children, and make things a bit easier for their volunteers, which was great to hear.