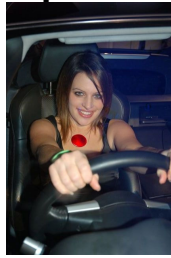


# Gemma Williams For Corporate Responsibilities Officer



**Driving the charity car (without a licence) after a few drinks at a Baby Lifeline event – see! Very responsible!**

## Who am I?

I am a first year trainee at HBJ Gateley Wareing. Since commencing my training contract in September, I have:

- £ Enrolled as a Mentor on the UCE career mentoring scheme (and I will encourage BTSS participation in similar initiatives).
- £ Worked as a 'banker' at a Leverage Game for Acorns Children's Hospice.
- £ Sold raffle tickets at both the Insider Property Awards and the Baby Lifeline 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for charity.
- £ Undertaken a sponsored fast (which for me was no easy task, believe me!)

## Fundraising Ideas

I hope to continue the fantastic work done by Mark and the Committee this last year and beat this year's total (Blue Peter style!). I have lots of ideas for fundraising, some of which are:



BTSS X-Factor (to set free the BTSS talent)



Sponsored Barn Dance




BTSS Sports Day



For those with a head for heights, a sponsored abseil down a famous Birmingham landmark!



I would also ask members to put forward ideas for some daring charitable ventures – swimming with sharks anyone?! 

## What would I do?

- Suggest the introduction of a further charity – Acorns Children's Hospice, a local charity which cares for life-limited children and their families. Acorns relies on the public for 90% of its income as less than 10% of its funding comes from Government sources.
- Do my *utmost* to charm Birmingham Businesses into donating prizes.
- Promote workshops at schools and colleges to promote higher education and diversity.
- Get BTSS members and their firms involved in making our offices much more environmentally friendly e.g. using only recycled paper, cutting down on the use of plastic cups and promoting recycling.
- Encourage members to get involved in the 'makeover' at the Children's Hospital fracture clinic – we can use our combined brain power to think up environmentally and child friendly materials to do this.
- Get BTSS members involved in corporate charity events.
- Promote a gift donation initiative at Christmas.
- Persuade members to undertake volunteer work including painting, money collections, volunteering in the hospices/shops, work as a reading volunteer at local schools, etc.
- Encourage members to get involved in fundraising events organised by the charities themselves and I would keep members up-to-date with charity events taking place in the local area.