Roxburgh begins annual fundraising on Red Nose Day

The Roxburghe Hotel began its annual fundraising drive with a day of Comic Relief fun on Friday.

Staff at the Charlotte Square hotel made their faces funny for money, raising £242 for the charity by painting 25 faces and selling some delicious home-baking.

One of the hotel's kind-hearted housekeepers, Paula Leonard, occupied the hotel's reception area throughout the day, face painting fun designs on employees and guests' faces. Participants were encouraged to take a selfie and donate £1 to Comic Relief.

And the hotel's departmental management team got in on the act baking tasty treats to boost the fundraising total.

This generous donation is the first in a line of charitable contributions the hotel has pledged to make to good causes over the next twelve months.

Last year staff and guests at the Edinburgh establishment raised more than £2,000 for the likes of Cash for Kids and Children in Need.

Following the success of their Comic Relief fundraising day, the Roxburghe team are determined to raise more cash than ever before between now and March 2016 for local and national charities.

Marcello Ventisei, general manager of The Roxburghe Hotel, said: "Our first fundraising event of the year has been a great success, with the hotel team and guests alike getting involved in making their faces funny for money and supporting

this year's Comic Relief.

"I'd like to thank everyone who generously got involved in the campaign and helped us kick off our fundraising activity for the year ahead in great style."