

How you can help us

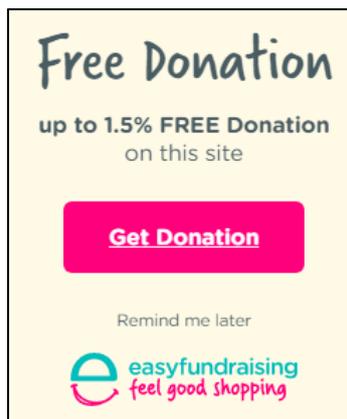
If you do online shopping you can raise money for the choir at no cost to yourself. There are a number of schemes around which enable the support of charitable organizations and we participate in two of them. Firstly there is:



What is it?

Let's suppose that you want to buy something online from Argos. Instead of going to their own website you go to the Easy Fundraising website and locate the Argos link. Clicking on this takes you to the Argos site but it knows that you have come from Easy Fundraising. When you make your purchase (and there is no difference in price) Argos will donate a percentage of what you spend to your Good Cause. The percentage varies between one retailer and another but even if it's only a few pence it mounts up over time.

To make life less complicated you can set up the Donation Reminder. Then you can shop as normal. When you go, for example, directly to the Argos website you get a pop-up to ask if you want to activate donations. If you are just browsing you can say No but click on the link if you intend to spend money.



(The appearance of this pop-up changes from time to time but the use is the same)

But note

A large number of retailers are part of the Easy Fundraising scheme but Amazon is no longer one of them. They now have their own scheme, [Amazon Smile](#), which is explained below.

Why do retailers join these schemes?

I can guess at three reasons:

- It does their reputation good to be supporting charities
- It makes people like us more likely to shop with them
- Their competitors do it

How do I set it up?

Easy Fundraising have lots of helpful information on their website so these links should answer any questions, such as:

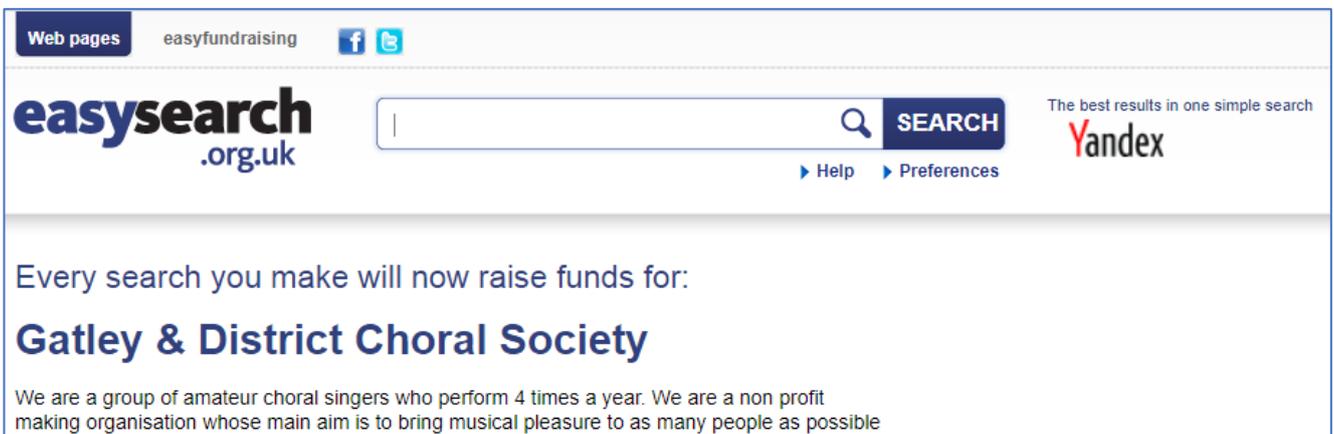
- Introduction <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>
- Getting started <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/>
- The Donation Reminder <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/donation-reminder/>
- Make sure that when you choose your Good Cause it's **Gatley & District Choral Society**

The even easier version



You don't even have to spend money. When we talk about looking for something online we may well talk about Googling it. But there are other search engines.

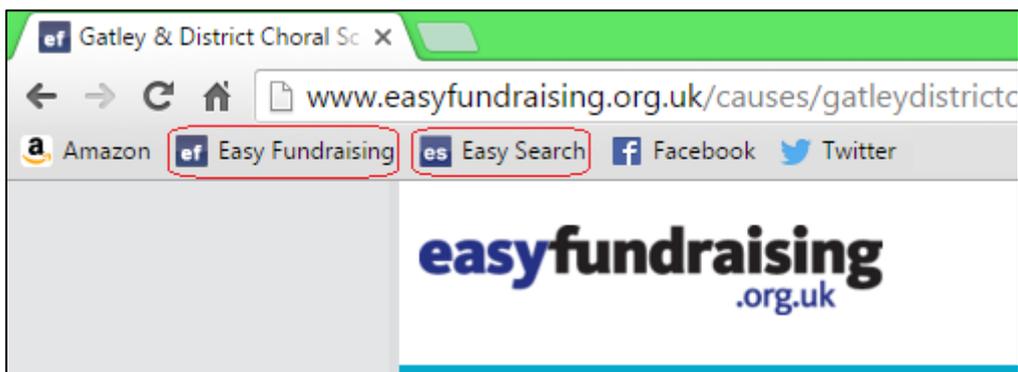
Instead of using Google or whatever, if you use Easy Search, every time you do a search and click on one of the resulting links you earn ½p for our cause. It may be small but again, it all adds up.



A final point

You can make it easier to remember to use Easy Fundraising and Easy Search by setting them up as Favourites / Bookmarks on your usual Web Browser.

For example



You can also get an app. for your smart phone.

Then there's the second scheme we have joined:

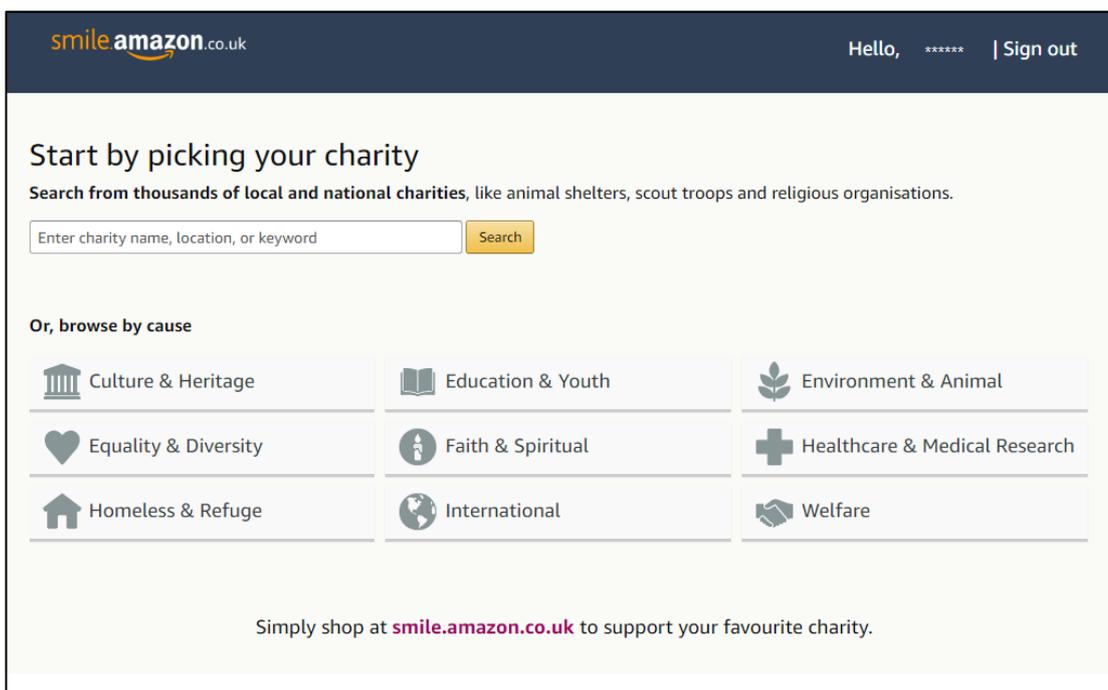


Amazon Smile

Amazon used to be part of the Easy Fundraising scheme but launched their own scheme, eventually withdrawing from Easy altogether. If you try to go to Amazon from the Easy Fundraising website you are taken to **Amazon Smile** but it is much easier to use it directly.

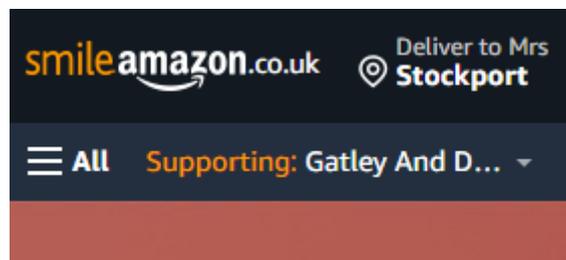
Instead of going to amazon.co.uk you just go to smile.amazon.co.uk. It's as easy as that. If you have a Bookmark for Amazon you can change it to the new site and you'll never forget. Once you're there everything is exactly the same as before, but your eligible purchases (see below) will automatically earn money for us.

The first time you go to Amazon Smile you'll be asked to choose a cause to support.



Make sure that you pick **Gatley & District Choral Society**.

After that, when you go to smile.amazon.co.uk you'll see a reminder. There is no need to do anything.



Eligible products

There are a few products, or categories of product, which are not eligible for a donation. Most are, though, and you can see the status when you look at an item. For example:

Other GOLD LABEL DUBBIN, clear
 Brand: Other
 ★★★★★ 353 ratings | 5 answered questions

RRP: £7.57
 Price: **£7.19**
 You Save: £0.38 (5%)

i Get £6 extra with your first Top Up. *Terms and conditions

Eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk donation.

- Softening waterproof protection
- Perfect for footwear
- Use on any leather items
- Barcode: 5035236000345
- Style: NATURAL X 500 GM

Help and further details

There is plenty of help available on the Amazon website. If you pause your mouse over the words “Supporting: Gatley And D...” you see this pop-up.

Supporting: Gatley And D... | Morrisons | Gift Ideas | Fashion | Health & Personal Care | Electron

smile.amazon.co.uk

Now available in the Amazon Shopping app

Learn more

Gatley And District Choral Society [Change](#)
 Location: Cheadle Hulme, EW

Mission: I) to advance the education of the public by promoting the study and practice of choral music and allied arts in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music and arts by means of public performances;ii) to further such other charitable purposes as the executive committee shall decide from time to time.

[About smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

Generated for your charity
 £ [redacted]
 as of August [redacted]

United Kingdom charities have received
£9,127,997.35
 as of June 2021

[Your AmazonSmile impact](#)

In the bottom left you can see a link to the page which explains the system and answers questions. In the bottom right there is a link to further details about the orders you have placed.

There is also a reminder that you can use Amazon Smile from your smart phone app.

Any questions?

If you'd like any further help about either of these schemes contact us via the form on the website or email gatleychoir@yahoo.com and someone will get in touch.