Event Planning Timeline

3 to 6 months prior to your event

- Make some initial decisions and contacts
  - What is your fundraising goal?
  - Decide on the who, what, when and where
  - Build a team to help you
  - Work out your budget
  - Tell your local fundraising contact from Arthritis Research UK about the event
  - Liaise with your local authority regarding any licences or permits you may need
  - Start looking into whether you need insurance cover for the event
  - Use the Risk Assessment template to identify any hazards – look at our Make your event safe pages for more information

2 months prior to your event

- Publicise your event
  - Send out invitations or publicise with posters, flyers, email or on your local radio station and newspaper ‘What’s On’ pages
- Tell us about your event through your local fundraising contact
  - We can add your event to our Facebook and Twitter pages
- Plan the details
  - What do you need to take with you on the day?
  - Do you have enough time and people to help set up?
  - Do you need to take any extra equipment?
  - Have you got specific roles to fill on the day?
  - Do you need a cash float?
  - Do you need someone to be responsible for money on the day?

1 month prior to your event

- Tell those who are helping you what their role will be and when you will need them, and those who are providing a service at the event
- Collate any equipment or materials you will need

1 week prior to your event

- Make any final preparations ahead of the event

On the day of the event

- Go over the details and ensure you have plenty of time to set up
- Make sure your team are happy and ready to go
- Take photos!

After the event

- Count up how much you have raised after any costs
- Send thank you’s to those who have helped with the event or those who came along – they’ll be keen to know how much was raised
- Shout about it - let your local paper know and tell all your friends!
- Tell us about your successes and share your photos and stories with us