



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Caring Lyell Centre staff raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer Scotland**

**Colleagues at the Lyell Centre in Edinburgh presented a cheque for £946.53 to Pancreatic Cancer Scotland (PCS) earlier this week.**

Staff from the British Geological Survey (BGS), who have been holding bake sales to raise funds for charity since 2014, chose Pancreatic Cancer Scotland to be their charity of the year in 2019 in memory of two former colleagues. A Lyell Centre colleague from Scholar (Heriot-Watt University) also joined them in their bid to raise as much as possible.

Nikki Smith, from BGS's Digital team said: 'When our team of bakers were choosing our 2019 charity we all wanted to raise money in memory of our colleagues, who are greatly missed. We value the work that PCS does and wanted to thank them for the support they provide to families. We hope the amount we've been able to donate to them will help them to continue to do their valuable work.'

'We all enjoy baking and it was brilliant to know that we were making cakes for such a great cause. All the staff who work in the Lyell Centre, from both BGS and Heriot-Watt University, have been very generous with their donations, and we'd like to thank them all for both their support and for eating so much cake!'

Supporter Relations Co-ordinator for PCS, Dionne Denovan, who collected the cheque at the Lyell Centre, said: 'We are so grateful to Nikki and the team at the Lyell Centre for raising this incredible amount for PCS. It is thanks to fundraisers like this that PCS are able to work towards providing support, healthcare and education, and increase awareness, as well as support research in Scotland.'

#### **Notes to editors:**

The Lyell Centre is a strategic partnership between Heriot-Watt University and the British Geological Survey, funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), the Scottish Funding Council and Heriot-Watt University. The partnership enables them to work together combining their expertise in geoscience. Exploring themes ranging from geology and geophysics to marine ecosystems, the centre's combination of pure and applied expertise employs innovative methods and technologies to society's most important environmental science and energy challenges.

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