

Sunset Stroll brings together the community

More than 200 walkers joined our Sunset Stroll, the first since the pandemic, raising £16,800 in memory of loved ones. This uplifting, community-wide tribute will fund weeks of specialist care.

Read more about how people celebrated on page 3.



“We thought we were saying goodbye, but our dad found reason to live again”

Peter Greenwood had almost given up. Once a proud fireman who loved travelling with his late wife, Margaret, he found himself housebound, struggling with mobility and feeling life was no longer worth living. After hospital stays, Peter came to The Prince of Wales Hospice for end of life care and told his family he was ready to go.

But things didn't go quite as they expected. One evening, Peter became acutely unwell. A nurse acted quickly, and what was a very frightening moment then became a turning point in Peter's life. The hopelessness that had weighed him down began to lift. Surrounded by compassionate, specialist care, Peter began to feel stronger physically and emotionally.



“The nurses never gave up on me, even when I had,” Peter said. Day by day, he ate a little more, moved a little more, and started to believe in life again. His sons were astonished by the change: “We all thought Dad was coming to the Hospice to die. But after a few weeks, we couldn't believe the transformation.”

Peter's story shows how hospice care can change lives. Our team is dedicated to helping people improve their quality of life. They encourage people to think about what is important to them and how they can live a meaningful life, however long that might be.



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Sunset Stroll raises £16K as families walk in memory of loved ones

On 27 September 2025, more than 200 supporters laced up their walking boots at Castleford Tigers RLFC for our Sunset Stroll in memory walk, choosing 6 or 11-mile routes that paused poignantly at the Hospice for reflection. Families and friends walked side by side, honouring loved ones and helping others receive the care they deserve.

For many, this was our first in memory walk since the pandemic, an evening filled with connection and remembrance. Participants praised the thoughtful planning and family-friendly feel: “We really enjoyed the walk... the activities at each checkpoint were fantastic for the kids,” shared one walker. Their collective effort raised an incredible £16,800, funding around four weeks of specialist hospice care for local patients.

The Stroll also shone a light on the difference community events make. With only around 35% of our funding coming from the NHS, we rely on local support to raise £3.5 million annually so care remains free for those who need it most. Events, like the Sunset Stroll bring our Five Towns community together and keep expert, compassionate care close to home.

To everyone who walked, volunteered, sponsored or cheered: thank you. Your kindness helps families at some of the hardest times. If you couldn't join us this year but would like to take part or support, keep an eye on our events page for the next Sunset Stroll and other ways to get involved.



The event was kindly sponsored by Hannah Davies - Personal Estate Agent



If you would like to sign up now for the Sunset Stroll or any other event in 2026, visit:

<https://www.pwh.org.uk/events>

Festive fundraising makes a significant impact on patient care

Throughout December and January, supporters lit up memories and lifted spirits through Light up a Life, school challenges, and our Christmas tree collection.



Our Light up a Life appeal and the remembrance events welcomed

families to a new location - Pontefract Racecourse. Our Reindeer Run saw 41 schools dashing and prancing to support hospice care. Volunteers collected over 600 trees in January for our Christmas Tree Collection. Together, festive fundraising reached over £86,000, covering around 13 days of patient care on our Incare ward.

We're grateful for the many community organised activities that made December special, from wreath making workshops to local raffles. Every gift and act of kindness helps us be there for patients and families when they need us most. Thank you!

We celebrated Light up a Life this Christmas with new remembrance events

This year, Light up a Life took a meaningful step forward with our main service at Pontefract Racecourse, offering indoor and outdoor space so remembrance could go ahead, whatever the weather. The new venue was a real success for families dedicating lights and celebrating lives well lived.

We were honoured to have the Press family's support in loving memory of Donna Press, who was cared for at the Hospice. "Light up a Life is our way of remembering Donna," her husband,

Mark, said. "Donating helps other families find the same comfort we did."

Thank you to everyone who made a dedication, attended, volunteered, or donated. Together, we kept memories shining.



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Wellbeing Community Support

Support for wellbeing, frailty, isolation and bereavement in the Five Towns of Wakefield

Welcome to our Wellbeing Team, dedicated to providing practical, emotional and therapeutic support tailored to your unique needs.

We support people over the age of 18 years living in the Five Towns areas of Wakefield district, who are living with a life-limiting diagnosis, or maybe experiencing isolation, dealing with frailty conditions or coping with bereavement. We also extend our services to those who are important to the person experiencing these life-changing events.

Our wellbeing activities and groups sessions are FREE OF CHARGE. Only for the bathing service, we ask for a suggested donation of £15.

Activities and group sessions

Coffee and Chat drop-ins	Tuesday, 1.00 - 3.00pm (Notcutts Victoria Garden Centre, WF7 6BS)	First Monday of the Month, 1.00 - 3.00pm (Featherstone Library, WF7 5BB)
Complementary Therapy	Group Session - Tuesday, 2.00 - 3.00pm Individual appointments available (The Prince of Wales Hospice)	
Bereavement Support	Last Wednesday of the month, 10.30 - 12.00pm (Soup 4 EM Bereavement Support Group, South Kirby, WF9 3LH)	
Exercise Groups	Tuesday, 2.00 - 3.00pm Exercise Group (Local Gym)	Thursday, 1.30 - 2.30pm Chair Exercise Group (Local Gym)
Craft Group	Friday, 10.30 - 12.30pm (The Prince of Wales Hospice)	
Family and Carer support	Family and individual appointments throughout the day (The Prince of Wales Hospice)	
Counselling	Monday - Friday, Evening appointments available (The Prince of Wales Hospice) Family and individual appointments throughout the day	
Bathing Service	Appointments throughout the day (The Prince of Wales Hospice)	

Booking is required for all activities except the drop-in sessions. Please, check the latest schedule and book on www.pwh.org.uk/support



6 Alternatively, you can call our Wellbeing Team at 01977 781451.

Our Annual Review 2024–25 is out

We're delighted to announce the release of our Annual Review 2024–25, demonstrating the incredible impact made by our supporters, volunteers and staff. We provided thousands of hours of specialist care to patients and families, organised many fundraising activities and donations that made it all possible.

Our impact in 2024-25

We supported 1,648 local people

Incare



On our ward we
cared for
257
people

Wellbeing



Our service reached
approximately
600
people

Lymphoedema



We currently
support
791
patients

We provide all our services free of charge, based on need, but it costs over £5 million each year to run the Hospice. With only around 35% funded by the NHS, the rest is raised through donations, our charity shops, and our commercial catering company.

The Annual Review showcases some key achievements:

- Expanding counselling sessions, drop ins and therapy groups in the community, plus accessible bathing and information sessions.
- From Sunset Stroll to festive appeals, supporters raised vital funds that translate directly into patient care.
- We completed the redevelopment of our gardens, creating calm, accessible outdoor spaces.
- The Caring Kitchen grew its community catering offer.

Thank you to our donors, partners, volunteers and staff. Your kindness makes expert, compassionate care possible today and for the future.



You can find the full Annual Review on our website.
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New Summer houses bring comfort to our Hospice gardens

We're delighted to share improvements to our outdoor spaces. As part of the Hospice's garden redevelopment completed in April 2025, our summer houses have been replaced.



Jo Dunford, our Wellbeing Lead, said:

"The summer houses are going to make a big difference to the Hospice. Not only does it provide a perfect space for patients, families and staff to enjoy some peace and quiet in our beautiful garden, but it will also be the perfect environment for the delivery of therapeutic sessions."

Dawn Hannan, our Lead of Counselling Services, said:

"I am so excited in the near future to be utilising these summerhouses to enhance the counselling that we offer. The view and nature being around us whilst in a session will be of great value and peace to people to aid their relaxation and feelings of wellbeing."

Our heartfelt thank you to:

- Cllr Hannah Appleyard, Cllr Clive Tennant, and Cllr Helen Antcliff for funding the project.
- Shanco Contracts, Atkinsons, Matthews and Robinson for supporting and donating materials.



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A fresh look for our Hospice shops

Over the past year, our retail team has given our hospice shops a major refresh. Nine out of ten shopfronts were renewed, and the full interior and décor of two shops were completely transformed. The result is a brighter, more welcoming and better organised shopping experience for everyone who supports us.

These improvements not only make our shops more enjoyable to visit but also help raise the profile of hospice care in our community and every purchase or donation helps fund the care we provide to patients and families.

Our simple message is Shop. Donate. Volunteer. Every time you choose to

shop second hand with us, you're not only picking up something unique and affordable, you're also helping to reduce waste and support local hospice care. Donating unwanted items and giving a little time as a volunteer all help keep our shops thriving and our services running.



Here are the locations of our 10 charity shops where you can shop, donate and volunteer:

- **Castleford Clothing** - 99 Carlton St, Castleford, WF10 1DX
- **Castleford Furniture** - 34 Albion Street, Castleford, WF10 1EN
- **Featherstone** - Station Lane, The Shopping Precinct, Featherstone, WF7 5BE
- **Fitzwilliam** - Plaza Buildings, Wakefield Road, WF9 5A
- **Hemsworth** - 2 Highfield Road, Hemsworth, WF9 4DP
- **Kippax** - 11/11a High Street, Kippax, Leeds, LS25 7AF
- **Knottingley** - 6 The Arcade, Hill Top, Knottingley, WF11 8EA
- **Normanton** - 20 High Street, Normanton, WF6 2AB
- **Pontefract** - 21 Cornmarket, Pontefract, WF8 1BJ
- **South Elmsall** - 66 Barnsley Road, South Elmsall, WF9 2RF



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Meet Jean, shop volunteer extraordinaire

Our volunteers are the heart of our Hospice, and today we're shining a spotlight on shop volunteer Jean, who is truly one in a million!

Jean started volunteering to meet new people when she moved to the area. Fifteen years later, she's still creating beautiful window displays and keeping the shop looking fresh. Jean is a real all-rounder. She heads up our shoe and bag department and has a great eye for style. Customers love her, whether she's helping them find the perfect handbag or giving fashion advice, Jean always goes the extra mile. She's even happy to jump on the till when needed.

We asked Jean what she loves most about volunteering: "I love that little shop and get a real buzz from the money we make daily. Louise gives me the freedom to create displays, and I

know she trusts me. No two days are the same, and you never know what will be donated next! The shop is a fun, warm place, and I'd be lost without it."

Jean's creativity and passion make her an incredible part of our team. We're so thankful for everything she does.



Are you thinking of volunteering? Call or email our Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Rolls for more information on all the roles available: 01977 708868, lrolls@pwh.org.uk or visit our website: <https://www.pwh.org.uk/volunteering>

Retired racehorse and Welsh pony bring joy to our patients

Two very special guests trotted into our grounds in August 2025: Remy, a retired racehorse, and Poppy, a Welsh pony. The visit was arranged by New Beginnings, a charity dedicated to retraining and rehoming former racehorses. Our patients, families and staff lit up as the horses arrived, offering moments of joy, conversation and quiet connection.

“Horses have an incredible ability to connect with people,” said Pam and Kevin Atkinson from New Beginnings. Our Wellbeing Lead, Jo Dunford, agreed: “It was heart-warming to see patients meet Poppy and Remy. Animal-assisted visits can be profoundly soothing.” The initiative highlights how simple encounters in nature, sight, touch, and a shared smile can support emotional wellbeing alongside specialist clinical care.

Thank you to New Beginnings for the visit and to everyone who makes days like these possible.



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The Caring Kitchen: Exceptional catering for every occasion

Planning a meeting, celebration, or your big day? The Caring Kitchen, the Hospice's commercial catering service, has a refreshed website where you can browse menus and enquire online. From sandwich platters and corporate lunches to weddings and elegant banquets, every booking helps fund local hospice care. Visit to explore options and make planning simple.

In 2025, The Caring Kitchen proudly expanded its services to include wedding catering, already delivering three successful weddings and more to come! Whether you're dreaming of a sit-down meal, a relaxed BBQ, or a lavish buffet, our talented team can create a menu to suit your style and size.

Greg Staric, the Hospice's Head Chef, explains: "We understand every wedding is unique, which is why The Caring Kitchen tailors menus to your specific requirements. By choosing us, you not only delight your guests with delicious food but also support the noble cause of The Prince of Wales Hospice."

Our professional team handles everything from canapés to full hot buffets, so you can relax and enjoy your special day. By choosing The Caring Kitchen, you're supporting exceptional food and an exceptional cause.



From small sandwich platters to big weddings, you can order from The Caring Kitchen. Please visit www.thecaringkitchen.co.uk

Fundraising stories

Chandler's Ironman 70.3 Challenge:

Chandler who "hated swimming and didn't really like running" completed the IRONMAN 70.3 Weymouth in memory of his aunts, raising over £2,500 for hospice care. His incredible effort funded around five days of specialist support for patients.



North Wolds Walk: 37 Walkers,

£10,215 Raised: From ages 9 to 80+, 37 walkers braved wind and rain on the North Wolds Walk, smashing their £500 target and raising £10,215 in memory of three loved ones. Their achievement will fund more than 20 days of expert care at the Hospice.



In Loving Memory of Donna Press - Featherstone Spartans:

We're grateful to the Featherstone Spartans Scooter Club for their generous support in Donna's memory, most recently as Gold sponsor at our Corporate Business Dinner. This heartfelt tribute continues to champion local hospice care.



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Have you seen the bus helping hospice care live on?

For the second year, we are proud to stand with over 125 hospices across the UK for the “This is Hospice Care” campaign, brought together by Hospice UK. And, our message is travelling across Wakefield on a specially designed Arriva Yorkshire double-decker bus.

The eye-catching bus runs on local routes and appears at community events, helping thousands of people learn more about the vital care The Prince of Wales Hospice provides to local families.

One of its key messages, “Help hospice care live on,” highlights the importance of leaving a Gift in your Will.

One in four people we care for is funded by gifts in Wills left for our Hospice. Many times, it’s from someone who never needed our services, but wanted to make sure they were there for others.

To make this easy, we offer Free Will Service for our supporters, giving you peace of mind while helping to secure the future of hospice care.

So, if you spot the bus, you’ll know it’s carrying more than passengers it’s spreading a message of care, kindness and hope for generations to come.



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Milestone demonstrates outstanding corporate support for our Hospice



Milestone continues to show how businesses can make a real difference to our Hospice. Their recent donation of 66 bags of high-quality goods for our retail shops highlights the impact corporate partners can have. With an estimated value of £15 per bag, this contribution could help raise nearly £1,000 for patient care.

Milestone is also supporting us by carrying out Condition Surveys across all 10 of our retail shops at no cost. Their professional time and specialist knowledge help us maintain safe, efficient and welcoming stores that provide essential income for the Hospice.

Milestone's commitment is strengthened through their long-standing involvement in Club 5, our business network for organisations that want to support hospice care.

"We moved Milestone to Pontefract from Leeds and we looked to support a local charity in our new community. Nick, our Sales Director and local resident of Pontefract at the time, connected with Tracey from the Hospice back in March 2018. Since then, we have taken much pleasure in supporting the Hospice in any way we can, featuring in a variety of events from Golf Day Winners to the team's favourite, It's a Knockout. We are also proud to have hosted multiple Club 5 meetings at our office and look forward to catching up with our local community bimonthly for the latest meeting."

Brad Duckworth, Group Engagement and Marketing Coordinator



You can find out more about how your business can get involved by visiting our website, or calling our Fundraising Team at 01977 708868.

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Join us for a family-friendly event or an exciting challenge while supporting local hospice care.

17 MAY 2026
Pontefract 10K



30 MAY 2026
Snowdon Sunrise*

NEW

5 JUNE 2026
Ison Harrison and PWH Golf Open



NEW

10 JULY 2026
Ben Nevis*



9 AUGUST 2026
Family Fun Day

30 AUGUST 2026
Hooked on Hospice Care*

30 AUGUST 2026
Ackworth PramFest



NEW

26 SEPTEMBER 2026
Yorkshires 3 Peak by Night*

10 OCTOBER 2026
Sunset Stroll



16 OCTOBER 2026
Celebration Dinner

NEW



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Meet Lucy, our 2026 London Marathon runner

We're thrilled to announce that Lucy Roper will represent The Prince of Wales Hospice in the 2026 London Marathon, the world's largest marathon. This special charity ballot place only becomes available every four years, giving Lucy a rare opportunity to turn her miles into care for local families.

Lucy has applied for a London Marathon place for the past eight years, always hoping for the chance to take on such an iconic challenge. When the opportunity arose to run on behalf of the Hospice, it felt like the right moment. Her choice of charity is deeply personal: when she was five, her grandad received care here, and her family has stayed closely connected ever since through years of volunteering.

"The Hospice is really close to our hearts," she says. "It felt like a no-brainer to apply for the Hospice place."

For Lucy, completing the marathon will be more than a physical challenge; it will be a tribute to her grandad, a celebration of her family's connection to the Hospice, and a chance to give back to the place that supported them.

She's already planning fundraising activities, including a Valentine's bake sale at work and a community bake sale on her estate with the help of her young family, along with regular updates on social media.

Although she's never run a marathon before, Lucy is a keen runner with a half-marathon planned for March and a coach helping her stay injury-free. She's gradually building up her training and staying motivated with her favourite mantra: "I like a challenge."



Support Lucy's fundraising here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/lucy-roper-pwh>

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