



# Heart of the Hospice

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## Welcome

This issue's welcome is from Peter Wakefield, who has been a Trustee for almost three years. Peter is a Freelance Charity Finance Consultant and has been a supporter of Dr Kershaw's for over 15 years, since his mum was cared for by the Hospice team in 2005. Before becoming a Trustee, Peter organised concerts to raise funds for the Hospice as well as singing at the annual Light Up a Life service each year...

It's been an exciting year so far for our Hospice with the launch of our new In-Patient Unit, we have now moved into the third phase of the building project with work starting on our new reception area which will provide a seamless transition to the new build. Since opening its doors, our facility has been fully utilised, not just for end-of-life care but for those opting for pain management.

As the year has progressed we have seen restrictions easing and we were happy to reopen our Hospice shops as well as being able to welcome back more volunteer roles across the Hospice. Since the pandemic began, there have been many challenges for us all, but we couldn't be more grateful to our volunteers and the community who have supported us throughout.

June saw the launch of our first community fundraising event since the pandemic began, the 'Virtual Hospice Walk', and we were delighted to see so many of our supporters signing up to support patient care.

You can still help our Hospice in so many ways! Watch this space for our brand new Gin & Jammies event for a fun...raising night in, and if you haven't yet got a Will you can access our Will writing service this Will Month!

Thanks again for your continued support!

**Peter Wakefield**  
Trustee

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# Will Month

## Make a Will, Make a Difference

Making your Will is made easier with support from a solicitor, so to give you the opportunity to access the expertise and Will writing services of local solicitors free of charge, we are relaunching our popular free Will services...

Throughout November, selected local solicitors are offering to help you write your Will, giving their expertise completely free of charge, asking instead that you make a difference by making a donation towards patient care.

Three simple steps to making your Will during Dr Kershaw's Will Month 2021:

1. Look at the list of solicitors supporting Dr Kershaw's Hospice Will Month either on our website [www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth](http://www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth) or call our Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984**.
2. Contact your chosen Solicitor to make a Dr Kershaw's Hospice 'Free Will' or 'Free Codicil' appointment in November 2021.

3. Make a donation to Dr Kershaw's Hospice directly with your solicitor.

With a suggested minimum donation of £75 for a Single Will, £100 for a Mirror Will and £50 for a Codicil, making your Will in Dr Kershaw's Will Month is so much more affordable.

### Give the Gift of Care in Your Will

When you write or update your Will, you can also do something incredible by deciding to leave a legacy to help us continue to care. Writing your Last Will and Testament will make sure your family and loved ones are taken care of, but by also leaving just **1%** of your estate to Dr Kershaw's, you also help to take care of someone else's family when they need help the most, during the last days of their life. Speak to your solicitors about leaving a gift in your Will to Dr Kershaw's Hospice.



Visit [www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth](http://www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth) in September or email [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk) to be included on the mailing list

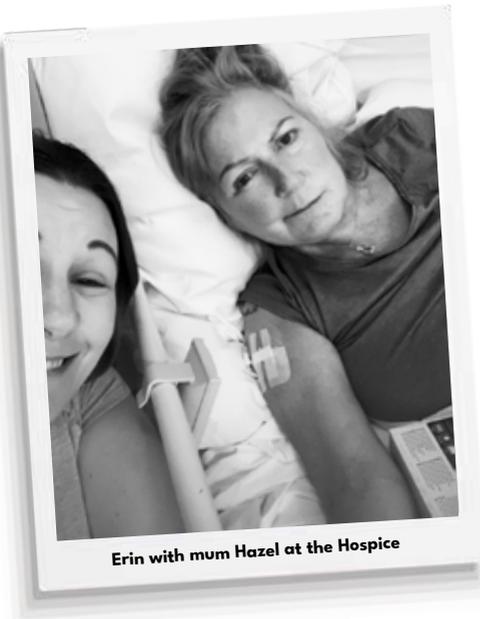
# Erin Gives Back as Volunteers Made Such a Difference for her Mum

When Erin Bennett's mum, Hazel Reed was cared for at Dr Kershaw's, back in 2018, the staff and volunteers did everything they could to make their experience at the Hospice a happy one, ensuring that they spent precious time together to create special memories for Erin with her mum, that will stay with her forever. Three years on, Erin has become a volunteer at the Hospice, hoping to give the same support back to other patients and families that her and mum Hazel had...

"Dr Kershaw's has been part of our family since my grandad was cared for on the In-Patient Unit, 16 years ago. When mum became poorly, she was adamant she wanted to die at Dr Kershaw's, she felt she had a special bond with the Hospice because of the positive experience we had with my grandad, her dad, when he was cared for there.

During mum's time at the Hospice everyone was fantastic, which helped take the bad away from mum being poorly. The staff tap into what you need emotionally as a patient and as a family member and were there as and when I wanted to talk. They gave me so many precious memories of mum towards the end that will stay with me forever, they organised a champagne afternoon tea for us to have together, it was just amazing! Mum was also adamant she wanted to organise her own wake and be at it before she died, so the team organised a party exactly as she wanted in her room with all her friends by her side.

The health care assistants were just great with her, indulging her need to have her lipstick on and roller in her hair each day. The doctors fully consulted us on her care, asking us for our



**“We felt like mum really mattered and that the staff really cared.”**



Erin with mum Hazel before she became poorly

**I decided to volunteer to give something back and help other families, as we were helped!**

opinions and explaining to us first rather than just doing it. We felt like mum really mattered and that the staff really cared.

The volunteers were fantastic too! They came in offering us treatments, and with the afternoon tea trolley each day. Each volunteer would give up their time to talk to us and they made being at the Hospice feel more normal. The volunteers made a real difference to each day and we would really look forward to them coming round. They always went the extra mile, offering family members refreshments too as well as mum. I decided to volunteer at Dr Kershaw's on the morning tea trolley to give something back and help other families, as we were helped!"



**To find out more about Volunteering opportunities contact the Hospice's Volunteering Team on 0161 624 2727 or [volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk](mailto:volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk)**

# Community Support for Our Virtual Hospice Walk

After many requests from ardent Hospice to Hospice walkers, we launched our first fundraising event since the start of the pandemic – the 'Virtual Hospice Walk.' Hopeful that 50 walkers would take on the Your Walk, Your Day, Your Way challenge, we were amazed and excited to see over 120 walkers sign up! From individuals and couples to groups of friends and family, people all over the borough and the nation got involved, putting one foot in front of the other to raise funds for patient care. Here are just some of the many highlights...

In memory of their friend Terry Dye, Ann, Andy and Bob the cat, a stray who befriended the couple, walked 5km over two nights to raise **£277.50**.



Police officer, Katie Whitby, as part of her 30th birthday celebrations raised over **£500** by running 12km in memory of her friend, Nathan Mclean who was cared for at the Hospice.



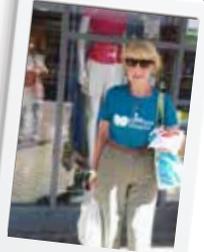
Volunteer, Margaret Wright signed up herself and 5 other family members walking 5km to raise over **£800!**



Dr Patricia Campbell joined a colourful parade with the 'Big Hair Don't Care Gang' of rainbows and unicorns raising nearly **£600!**



Lilian Day spread happiness and joy on her virtual Hospice Walk, delivering delicious homemade cakes to her friends and our team at the Hospice shop in Royton! Great cake walk Lilian!

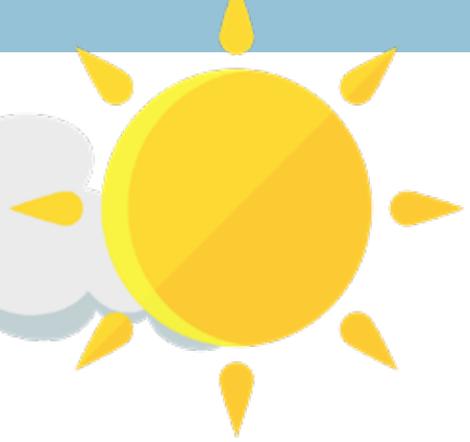


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raised towards patient care

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## Virtual Hospice Walkers



Staff and volunteers from across the Hospice took part alongside their colleagues, friends and families. Staff members from our Caring Hands Team took part along with Volunteer Coordinator, Leanne Gurney, Lottery Assistant, Megan Riley, Dr Patricia Campbell, Hospice Trustee, Anne Sykes and Volunteer, Phyllis Beswick.



Ian and Wendy Gatley walked the traditional Hospice to Hospice Walk route but this year started their 14km walk from the office!



Virtual Hospice Walk Sponsors, Jackson, Jackson & Sons Ltd stepped it up walking the traditional Hospice to Hospice Walk route from Rochdale to Oldham and back!



VIRTUAL  
**HOSPICE**  
 WALK  
 YOUR WALK YOUR DAY YOUR WAY

If you want to sign up for your own challenge to raise funds for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom on 0161 624 9984 or [lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk)

# Celebrating National Volunteers' Week

With National Volunteers' Week taking place recently, our Marketing and Communications Team took to the Hospice's social media channels to share messages of appreciation from those who are impacted by the support of volunteers at the Hospice, including staff, patients and their families. National Volunteers' Week celebrates the contribution of millions across the UK who give up their time to volunteer at organisations who need their support like Dr Kershaw's Hospice...

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The volunteers are the life blood of the Hospice. Their dedication to the Hospice is amazing especially in recent times. Without them we wouldn't have the success we have in the shops.

Stephen, Area Retail and Trading Manager ”

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Our events volunteers are the backbone of our fundraising events, with each volunteer being committed to delivering the best event possible for our community. I can't thank them enough for their continued support of the Hospice and our events.

Grace, Digital Marketing & Events Executive ”



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I am so grateful to all the volunteers who have helped me by running the Virtual Well-Being Centre sessions, giving up their own time to support us is a wonderful thing. I have really enjoyed the sessions, they have broken up my week, have helped with my physical and mental health and made my life much more enjoyable.

**Ken, Well-Being Centre patient**

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“Every second of every minute of every hour of every day a volunteer is selflessly giving their free time to an organisation, and we are lucky enough to be one of them. We could not achieve what we do, or care for people in our community when we are needed the most, without the incredible support from our volunteers. They Are Amazing!”

**Alison, Deputy Shops Manager**

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“It’s been a strange time on reception without all our wonderful volunteers over the last 14 months.... but we have started to get back to some normality, I have missed every one of the Reception Volunteers and how much they give to the Hospice, I’m so glad to have them back.”

**Sarah, Reception**

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# Spotlight On... Our New Hospice Trustees

At the end of last year, we launched a campaign to recruit new Trustees who could bring different skills to our Board, after existing Trustees reached the end of their terms. In April, we welcomed four new Trustees...

## Stephen Schofield

**Profession:** Head of Business Development - PG Mutual

**Background:** Stephen has been in the Financial Services and Mutuals industry for 27 years.



"I wanted to give something back to my local community and Dr Kershaw's is an exceptional good cause. My sales and marketing background was highlighted as experience that the board required."

### FUN FACT:

Aged 11, Stephen interviewed former England / Man City goalkeeper, Joe Corrigan for Radio Manchester.

## Jonathan Edwards

**Profession:** Banking Solicitor / Partner - Knights PLC

**Background:** With 30 years in the industry, Jonathan acts for companies and lenders in relation to their loan financing arrangements.



"I applied to be a Trustee to make a contribution to an outstanding charity and hope that my corporate and commercial knowledge and experience will help to support the Hospice."

### FUN FACT:

Jonathan once held the British cave diving depth record.

## Kim Wrigley

**Profession:** Retired from the NHS in 2020 after 38 years

**Background:** Kim spent the latter years of her career working at a strategic level to deliver palliative and end-of-life care programmes across Greater Manchester.



"I want to work with the team to utilise the skills and knowledge that I have acquired over the years to make a difference to my local Hospice."

### FUN FACT:

Kim won the 1992 Daily Mirror Bride of the Year Competition.

## Jacquie Wood

**Profession:** Director / Independent Organisational Development Consultant

**Background:** As a Registered Nurse, Jacquie has used her clinical background to support the NHS and care organisations who are planning major changes.



"I have worked with Dr Kershaw's as a consultant and volunteer and my parents also received end-of-life care there. I wanted to use my skills to give something back!"

### FUN FACT:

Jacquie was previously involved in amateur dramatics, playing in a brass band and singing.

## Keira Wins Pride of Manchester Award

**Our Junior Fundraiser, Keira Arnold, aged 13, was selected to receive the Pride of Manchester Teenager of Courage Award for her incredible fundraising for Dr Kershaw's Hospice!**

Keira has been fundraising for the Hospice for over four years raising money for 'Keira's Wishes', which provides patients with their last wishes. Her incredible fundraising has seen her raise over £36,000, with Pride of Manchester selecting her to receive their prestigious Teenager of Courage Award, an Award presented to those who have battled against the odds to help others.

Keira was initially surprised with the Award by Hits Radio presenters Gemma Atkinson and Wes Butters before attending the official Pride of Manchester Awards event hosted by TV star, Kym Marsh, at the iconic Midland Hotel in Manchester city centre on Saturday 15 May. Keira will also now be considered for the shortlist for the national Pride of Britain Awards, screened each year on ITV.

**“** For a young person to be so committed and supportive of our Hospice is just so wonderful to see. Keira truly deserves this Award, she is an inspirational young lady, and we can't thank her enough for all she does for us and for the special memories she gives to our patients and their families.

**Joanne Sloan, Chief Executive**

**“** I am really shocked to have won this wonderful Award! Helping other families makes me really happy, especially in difficult times. It inspires me to keep going.

**Keira Arnold, Junior Fundraiser**

The Pride of Manchester Awards are now available to view on the Pride of Britain's Facebook page and YouTube channel

# We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Thank you to all our fantastic supporters for their amazing fundraising...

## David's Epic Challenges for Hospice that Cared for His Mum

David Heron, 60, signed up for three epic challenges to support Dr Kershaw's who cared for his mum. His challenges, which were also to celebrate his 60th Birthday, saw him successfully scale the Yorkshire 3 Peaks in just 9 hours and 50 minutes, he also completed the 147 mile Viking Way walk with camping along the way, and last but by no means least, David completed his challenges with the 199 mile Coast and Castles cycle ride from Newcastle to Edinburgh, raising over **£1,287** for the Hospice!



## Emma and Stacey's 300,000 Steps

Pals, Stacey Duffy and Emma Roscoe, stepped it up with over 300,000 steps, marking the tenth anniversary of the passing of Stacey's mum, Lesley Duffy, who was cared for at the Hospice. The duo each racked up over 15,000 steps a day, surpassing their target and raising **£635!**

Stacey said: "Dr Kershaw's made us feel safe and supported at such a heart-breaking time, it meant so much to complete this challenge for mum, and it's a way to thank the Hospice for all they did. I was so grateful to everyone who donated, it shows people have been through the same as us and understood how much it would mean."



## Choc Free for Lucas

Lucas Buckley, aged 6, spent 45 days chocolate free during Lent to raise funds for the Hospice. Lucas decided to raise money for Dr Kershaw's after his grandad was cared for by our Hospice at Home team, when he was aged just 3, with his grandma also accessing respite care at the Hospice.

After 45 days of being chocolate free, Lucas celebrated with an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, with his determination to avoid sweet treats raising **£475** to support patient care.



## Businesses Step Up to Support Dr Kershaw's

Since the pandemic began, our Hospice saw a sharp decline in fundraising and donations from businesses due to the financial impact which affected so many. Over the past few months we have seen more local businesses come together to once again support us with Spectrum Brands, NatWest, Royton Co-op and Colorplas all taking part in their own activities to provide funds for our Hospice and our patients! If you are interested in fundraising on a corporate level for our Hospice please get in touch!



Colorplas



Co-op



NatWest



Spectrum Brands

### Helen's Half Marathon for Hospice where Mum Works

Keen runner, Helen Rabbitt, 25, took part in many running events prior to Covid. With physical events on hold, Helen signed up to the Virtual Royal Parks Half Marathon to raise funds for Dr Kershaw's where her mum, Rosie Rabbitt, works as a Health Care Assistant. Helen completed her half marathon challenge in an amazing 1hr 50mins, raising **£1,306** to support the patients her mum looks after.



For more information on fundraising for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom on 0161 624 9984 or [lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk)

# Hospice Experience Makes a Difference for 99-Year-Old Emma

Emma Levins, aged 99 whilst at the Hospice, turning 100 since, was thrilled with the care and treatment she received whilst staying at Dr Kershaw's.

Emma who has been a long-term Dr Kershaw's supporter, and was a Hospice Lottery member for over 13 years, felt at home at the Hospice. She was extremely impressed with the Hospice's new facility and loved seeing what her weekly contributions have helped to create. She loved her room in the new In-Patient Unit and made friends with a number of the nurses...

"My mother always encouraged me to 'help others where you can,' I signed up to the Hospice Lottery to help the Hospice support patients and their families in the local area.

The new build is absolutely superb, my bed was extremely comfortable and I loved the view from my private bedroom window. The meals were lovely, and everybody was so kind! I loved getting to know the staff and made a lot of friends with the nurses who were always popping by to say hello. Health Care Assistant,

Linda even brought me sweet treats including my favourite crème eggs from the tuck shop.

The care I received was tremendous and I'm so grateful that I was able to come to the Hospice to be looked after. I would encourage the community to give with their whole heart and souls so that Dr Kershaw's can continue to care for others."



To join our Weekly Lottery to support patients like Emma, visit [www.drkh.org.uk/lottery](http://www.drkh.org.uk/lottery) or contact our Lottery Team at [lottery@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lottery@drkh.org.uk) or 0161 624 9213

## 60 Seconds with... Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom



**Lillie has worked at Dr Kershaw's for nearly 3 years and her role involves supporting members of the community who fundraise for Dr Kershaw's Hospice as well as leading on Appeals which bring in much needed funds for the Hospice...**

### **Give us an overview of your role?**

I support each fundraiser from the start of their journey whether that's a week, year or decade, lead on Hospice Appeals and spread awareness of the vital work we do at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

### **How many fundraisers have you supported since you started here?**

Oh goodness, hundreds!

### **What are your working hours?**

Officially 9-5, but the nature of my role means that fundraisers contact me at times which are convenient to them so I need to be available 24/7.

### **What is the most important part of your role?**

Supporting each individual or group on their fundraising journey to show them just how vital their support is and give people practical

help and advice so that they make the most of their fundraising experience. Whether someone raises £5 or £5,000 it is essential that every fundraiser knows that they are an important part of our patients' care journey.

### **How has Covid changed your role?**

In the past I would try to connect with every fundraiser at some point in their journey, so I have had to adapt that from face to face to Zoom meetings, virtual assemblies and socially distanced cheque presentations. Much more time has been spent on the phone now on calls, messaging and email, however, face to face meetings are now coming back and I am so happy about that, I love meeting people from our amazing community!

### **Tell us about the Appeals you are involved with?**

We launched 'Furnish with Love' in Autumn last year to raise funds for the new in-patient family lounge, each Appeal gives people the opportunity to play a part in the Hospice of the future. We will be launching another Appeal in the Autumn so watch this space!

For more information on fundraising for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom on 0161 624 9984 or [lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk)

# “The Hospice Staff are My Angels”

Sharon Katsoulieri took on the role of mum helping to bring up her younger brother, John, and by the time she was 16 he was living with her permanently. In 2013, John became poorly aged just 44, and was later told his diagnosis was terminal. Sharon was devastated and decided to make the time they had left as special as possible. John was admitted to Dr Kershaw's for 3 weeks in 2018, before returning home where he later passed away, and Sharon will forever remember the care and love John received from the Hospice team...



John, Sharon and great niece Thea at Dr Kershaw's weeks before he passed away

“John was my brother, my soul mate and my best friend, we had such a special bond, we did everything together. I was seven when he was born and I was instantly besotted with him. He was such a caring, loving, amazing person who would do anything for anyone. John was a film maker but most of his time was spent helping others, from founding the Peace Parade, documenting the effects of Thailand's tsunami and helping migrants in France to organising the 'Music Beats Cancer' event which supported local Hospices.

John was poorly for five years before he was admitted to Dr Kershaw's. When we found out about his diagnosis, it was a case of making our time together special. One of our most memorable trips was to Athens, two years before John died to find out more about our heritage, it was a holiday I will never forget.

**I will always be eternally grateful to Dr Kershaw's, for me the staff are a part of my family now.**

John was so poorly but I couldn't have wished for better care for him. All the Hospice staff were amazing from the doctors to the tea ladies, they are my angels, one doctor even used to play the guitar with John which raised his spirits so much and one of the health care assistants would wait near the door to welcome me with a well-needed big hug.

Everyone went out of their way to make John feel comfortable, nothing was too much trouble, they were always there supporting both of us. Before

**John was surrounded by caring people who offered support, love, a listening ear, patience, and most of all their time.**

John was admitted to the Hospice, things got so bad, he didn't know how to handle or manage his pain, he couldn't get comfy in his bed and couldn't sleep. When he arrived at Dr Kershaw's he calmed down instantly, was given the correct pain relief and was surrounded by caring people who offered support, love, a listening ear, patience, and most of all their time.

John has left such a void in my life, he was the best brother I could have wished for. I will always be eternally grateful to Dr Kershaw's, for me the staff are a part of my family now and I will forever support the Hospice who did so much for me and John.”

John before he became poorly directing ▶



Sharon and John on her 50th at a greek night celebration

To find out more about the services provided by Dr Kershaw's Hospice visit [www.drkh.org.uk](http://www.drkh.org.uk) or call 0161 624 2727

# Hospice Team Celebrate International Nurses Day

May 12th (Florence Nightingale’s birthday) saw staff at Dr Kershaw’s celebrate International Nurses Day, a day which marks the extraordinary contributions that nurses make to society...

Gifted with special cakes from local bakery, Park Cakes, part of the day saw the Hospice nurses able to take time out of their busy days to enjoy a sweet treat.

Kelly Foster, Senior Sister at the Hospice said: “Our dedicated nurses work so hard and make such a difference to our patients and their families, providing essential medical care as well as always looking for ways to go the extra mile to help create special memories for those we care

for. International Nurses Day was an opportunity to show them how much their care means to so many. A special thanks to Park Cakes for the cakes on the day!”

**“Our dedicated nurses work so hard and make such a difference to our patients and their families.”**



## Official YouTube Channel for Dr Kershaw’s

For the past six months, we have been trying to increase our YouTube followers in order to be named as an official channel, and we have now hit and exceeded our target of 100 followers!

Grace Carr, Digital Marketing and Events Executive at Dr Kershaw’s said: “We are delighted to now have 120 followers and hope that more members of the community subscribe to our channel over the coming months to see the exciting new developments at the Hospice as well as the new events we are planning.”

To subscribe to Dr Kershaw’s YouTube channel visit [www.youtube.com/c/DrKershawsHospice](http://www.youtube.com/c/DrKershawsHospice) and hit the red subscribe button.





## Your Facebook Birthday Fundraiser for Dr Kershaw's!

Celebrating your birthday soon and don't know what gifts you want? Make a difference this year with a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser. Facebook will prompt you a few weeks before your birthday to set up your fundraiser then just choose our Hospice as your chosen charity, share your link and off you go!



## Storing Your Data

At Dr Kershaw's we are committed to protecting your personal information, and only storing essential data. To this end, we are continuously monitoring our controls and have recently updated our Privacy Policy, which is available to view at [www.drkh.org.uk](http://www.drkh.org.uk)

## Honour for Our Medical Director Following Peer Endorsement

Our Medical Director, Dr Matthias Hohmann was recently elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London (FRCP), after being endorsed by other physicians in recognition of his exceptional contribution to Hospice / palliative care work. Dr Hohmann will be joining a fellowship, established over 500 years ago, with a community of over 18,000 senior medical leaders from around the world.

Dr Hohmann said: "Dr Kershaw's Hospice has been at the forefront of innovation and quality improvement in recent months, and I am so proud that my contribution to this has received attention and recognition from other senior palliative care leaders in Greater Manchester who nominated me."

**Congratulations to Dr Hohmann!**



# Arthur Donates £1,000 to Help Future Patients

Arthur Crossland, who was admitted to Dr Kershaw's for end-of-life care in March, was so thankful for the care he was receiving that he wrote a cheque for £1,000 to ensure that others who are looked after in the future receive the same dedicated care and attention that he did. Arthur, 82, who sadly passed away a few weeks later couldn't praise the team at the Hospice enough...

“ Until I was admitted I didn't realise what goes on behind the scenes, and just how much the staff do to help people, they are amazing. I wanted to give what I could so that others who are in my situation can be helped and supported like me. They have given me every possible support that they can, and have made what is a difficult situation easier.

**Arthur Crossland**

“ We are so grateful for Arthur's generous gift. Donations enable our Hospice to run effectively and for us to continue to provide outstanding end-of-life and palliative care to others across the Oldham community.

**Adele Doherty, Director of Clinical Services**

Arthur was one of the first few patients to experience the Hospice's new In-Patient Unit, which from 15 February to the beginning of July has cared for over 60 patients, running alongside the community team who care for patients in their own homes.



To make a donation to support patients like Arthur, visit [www.drkh.org.uk/donate](http://www.drkh.org.uk/donate)

## Closure of our Oldham Shop



Thank you to everyone for your support when we announced the closure of our Oldham shop at the end of Spring, which due to the financial impact of Covid is no longer able to run and be sustainable.

Rebecca Bentham, Director of Income Development and Marketing said: "We are disappointed to no longer have a Hospice presence within Oldham town centre, however, we would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication, all of whom have been relocated to our other shops. We also want to thank our loyal customers, who have supported us with donations and purchases, we hope you will continue to shop with us at our Royton, Lees and Shaw shops."

## It's Just Another Mannequin Monday

We have recently launched 'Mannequin Mondays' on our social media channels, showcasing the array of products available in our shops. Each week's posts will be based around a particular theme, such as a colour or a link to a national event, with a post from each shop. The corresponding 'look' will then feature in each shop's window display for sale to the general public.

Stephen, our Area Retail and Trading Manager said: "We are really excited to launch this new initiative. It's a chance to really showcase the products that the shops have to offer. Keep your eye out for some gems each Monday!"



## Raise Funds for Dr Kershaw's Whilst You Shop

Whilst you are doing your shopping online you could be raising funds for Dr Kershaw's at no cost to yourself. You can do this by signing up to Amazon Smile or Easy Fundraising, by shopping through the site or app a small percentage of your online spending will be donated to Dr Kershaw's Hospice. You can also sign up to Give as you Live, to shop whilst raising funds for the Hospice, and you can even raise money whilst enjoying your favourite takeaway on Just Eat or Domino's. To register simply visit [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com)

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# Life as a Junior Doctor at the Hospice

Junior Doctor, Josh Feek, 25, recently completed a four-month rotation at Dr Kershaw's Hospice, joining the Hospice team after working during the pandemic in A+E and on a medical COVID ward. As part of Josh's training he had to choose 6 areas for 4 month rotations with Hospice care being one of them. Whilst at the Hospice, his role involved assessing patients to identify changes in their symptoms or needs, working closely with the nursing staff to ensure the medication required was prescribed, and with the senior doctors to create individualised care plans for each patient...

"I wanted to work in palliative care to help patients live as symptom free as possible and maximise their quality of life. The difference that we can make to a patient at the end of their life is so tangible compared to other areas of medicine. The clinical team at the Hospice look at patients holistically and can intervene in so many areas to improve their quality of life which makes every day so fulfilling.

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The Hospice staff are so keen to share their knowledge. I had teaching sessions with senior doctors, and the nurses are fountains of knowledge, always keen to answer my questions – no matter how stupid! Everyone at Dr Kershaw's has such a kind heart. They clearly love their job and the impact they can have on patients and their families at such a vulnerable time."



To find out more about the services provided by Dr Kershaw's Hospice visit [www.drkh.org.uk](http://www.drkh.org.uk) or call 0161 624 2727



A CHANCE TO WIN  
**Lottery**  
 A WAY TO CARE

As we head hopefully into some kind of normality, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters for their continuous contributions. Our community has pulled together through these testing times and your support has been incredible, we are truly grateful!

Your support of our Summer Draw raised an amazing £11,716 which will make a huge difference to our patients and their families!

Unfortunately, since the pandemic began, we have lost over 2,000 Weekly Lottery Members. £1 doesn't get you very much these days, but playing our Weekly Hospice Lottery could win you one of our 6 weekly cash prizes, including our £1,000 jackpot! 89p of your £1 goes direct to patient care enabling us to continue looking after loved ones who are living with a life-limiting illness. Prizes are issued automatically so don't worry about checking your numbers, if you are the lucky £1,000 prize winner, we will contact you to let you know your cheque is on the way, so please make sure we have your up-to-date contact details. The weekly winning numbers are also available on our website and Facebook page.

If you are interested in becoming a Weekly Lottery Member, visit [www.drkh.org.uk/lottery](http://www.drkh.org.uk/lottery) or contact our Lottery Team. Maybe you will be receiving our winners call on Friday?

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation, purchased raffle tickets, recently joined or supported us on social media by sharing our posts, and of course to our loyal Lottery Members.

Your continued support makes a real difference!

The Lottery Team

### Lottery Gift Vouchers

A gift that keeps on giving! Stuck for a gift for someone who has everything? How about a Dr Kershaw's Lottery Gift Voucher, a unique gift with the chance to win our jackpot prize of £1,000. Our vouchers come in a presentation wallet and start from as little as £10. You can purchase a gift voucher online via our website or by contacting the Lottery Team.



### Scratch Cards

Our Hospice scratch cards priced at just £1 are a fantastic way of supporting the Hospice whilst giving you the opportunity to win a cash prize! They are available to purchase from our Hospice reception or any of our Hospice shops, they also make great wedding favours! Call our Lottery Team for more information.



Contact our Lottery Team **Tel: 0161 624 9213**

**Email: [lottery@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lottery@drkh.org.uk) Website: [www.drkh.org.uk/lottery](http://www.drkh.org.uk/lottery)**

# IT'S TIME TO DUST OFF THOSE DANCING SHOES!



We are looking for participants to take part in our annual **Strictly Dance** event on **Friday 11th March 2022** at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham. Always wanted to experience the glitz and glamour of Strictly Come Dancing and want to help raise vital funds for your local Hospice ? Get in touch! We are also looking for dance schools to train our dancers up.

Contact: [grace.carr@drkh.org.uk](mailto:grace.carr@drkh.org.uk) or call Grace on 0161 624 9984

## Shops Directory

### Lees Hospice Shop

99 High Street, Lees,  
Oldham, OL4 4LY  
Tel: 0161 628 7100  
Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm  
Sat, 10am – 3pm

### Shaw Hospice Shop

50-52 Market Street, Shaw,  
Oldham, OL2 8NH  
Tel: 01706 290973  
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

### Royton Hospice Shop

Unit 14 Market Square, Royton,  
Oldham, OL2 5QD  
Tel: 0161 652 8707  
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

For all furniture and small electrical item donations please contact one of the Hospice shops above, providing them with your details along with details of the donation items.

## Contact Details

For general enquiries, patient information, volunteering, Friends of the Hospice:  
**Tel: 0161 624 2727**  
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**Macmillan Nurses:** 0161 778 5918  
**24 Hour Advice Line:** 0161 785 5635  
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