

A photograph of four men on a golf course. The man in the center is holding a trophy. They are all smiling and posing for the camera. The background shows a green golf course with a sand trap and trees under a blue sky with some clouds.

# Heart of the Hospice

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# Welcome

This issue's welcome is from Stephen Schofield, who has been a Hospice Trustee since April 2021. Stephen is Head of Business Development at PG Mutual, with over 28 years' industry experience. Since starting as a Trustee, Stephen has brought to the Hospice his valued experience in sales, marketing and customer service, and his desire to join the Board was to give back to his local community, using his knowledge and experiences to help our Hospice...

This year thankfully has taken us all back to normality, and for the Hospice it has enabled us to resume our normal calendar of events, and bring in vital funds to support patients and their families across the community.

2022 kicked off with Strictly Dance, an incredible evening of glitz and glam which raised over £27,000; we then had our schools' Bunny Hop raising £6,500, our Yorkshire 3 Peaks and Sky Dive Challenges collectively raising over £20,000, and the launch of our Rose to Remember Open Garden Day raising £8,000. In September we held our first ever Golf Day, The Dr Kershaw's Cup, an event which I was thrilled to be able to take part in. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all on a great course, and the day enabled our Hospice to raise just short of £10,000. Our 2022 events have already enabled us to raise over £70,000, which we haven't been able to do in so long. I want to thank each and every person who has supported our events. As you may know, only one third of our £4.1 million annual budget is funded with the remaining amount coming from fundraising activities and donations, so your support really does make a difference!

Still to come in 2022 we have our Reindeer Run, Light Up a Life and our Christmas Concert and Christmas Fayre are back. We look forward to welcoming our community to each of these events also! Plus if you haven't already got a Will you will have the opportunity to sign up for one during Will Month in November to also support our Hospice.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and once again thank you for your ongoing support this year!

**Stephen Schofield - Trustee**

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# Feel Festive with Our Christmas Events

## Christmas Fayre

**Dr Kershaw's Hospice,**  
**Sunday 20th November, 12pm–3pm**

Our Christmas Fayre is back by popular demand! Join us for an afternoon where you'll be able to scoop up an array of Christmas gifts for your loved ones whilst also helping to support patients and families at our Hospice. Stalls will include a toy stall, knitted goods, a raffle, a tombola, festive refreshments, along with a Grotto for the children to meet Santa and take home a special gift, plus so much more!

If you would like to sell your goods at our Christmas Fayre, we have a limited number of stalls available. The cost is **£35** and stallholders must provide their own table.

To find out more or to register for a stall on the day, visit: [www.drkh.org.uk/christmasfayre](http://www.drkh.org.uk/christmasfayre)



**£1  
Entry**



## Christmas Concert

**Oldham Parish Church**  
**Thursday 15th December, 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

Join us for a night to get us all in the festive mood, with readings and carols by pupils from local schools as well as performances from Dr Kershaw's Choir and Hope singers. There will be festive refreshments including a tipple of mulled wine, stalls to peruse, and a Christmas raffle. It's our first Christmas Concert since 2019, and we hope it will be a night to remember as well as raising vital funds for patient care!

**Tickets: Adults (£5), Children (£2)**

To find out more or to buy your tickets, visit:  
[www.drkh.org.uk/christmasconcert](http://www.drkh.org.uk/christmasconcert)



# Hospice at Home Team Helped Us to Have Precious Last Christmas at Home with My Sister

Last Christmas, Dr Kershaw's Hospice at Home Team helped Karen Ann Edwards to have her last Christmas in her own home, surrounded by her family and her home comforts. All Karen wanted was to make it to Christmas with her loved ones closeby, and with the care and support from the Hospice, she was able to remain at home, even seeing her grandchildren opening their presents and enjoying a glass of Baileys on Christmas Eve. Her sister, Tracey Woodhead shares how Dr Kershaw's helped to make Karen's last Christmas at home a magical one with precious memories that the family can treasure forever...

"My sister, Karen, turned 64 last August, and over the years turned her hand to many jobs with one of her first roles seeing her working at Osram, the electric lamp makers in Shaw. She also worked at Jarvis's opticians on Lee Road, a booty factory in Royton, and has pulled the pumps at a few bars too! She hadn't worked for a while though as she had been diagnosed with COPD, and classified as disabled.

Karen liked having a pint of lager here and there, and enjoyed holidays with her next-door-but-one neighbour, Marie, especially to Portugal. She was in her element sitting and watching films and got me hooked on playing Happy Colour. She also enjoyed chilling at home and loved spending time with her four grandchildren- Zoe, Teigan, Ellie and Elliot.

In February just last year, my sister went to have a chest x-ray with a follow-up in August. The second x-ray came with devastating results; they had found a shadow on her lungs, which was then confirmed as lung cancer. We were also told that my sister had bone and skin cancer, it was such a shock to be told that all of a sudden my sister had not one, but three types of cancer.

In mid-December, Karen was cared for in hospital for a week, but when she came out she had deteriorated so much, we just couldn't believe it! The hospital had recommended getting in touch with Dr Kershaw's, we knew the Hospice well as Karen's son, Ian had volunteered as a driver there and we had been brought up on Higginshaw Lane right behind the Hospice.

Karen wanted to die at home with her family around her, after Covid she was frightened of going into a hospice and not being able to see everyone. When the Hospice at Home Team arrived they were absolutely amazing, they cared for Karen and everyone else. My sister was their priority, and they couldn't have done enough for her. They answered all our questions taking time to speak in-depth with Deborah, Karen's daughter who was also a nurse, about her mum's pain

relief. They knew Karen's sense of humour and brought that out of her, having a really good laugh with her right up to the end, which kept her spirits up.

The nurses had so much empathy for us all, they were so caring and thoughtful and made sure Karen had everything she needed, nothing was



Karen with her sister, Tracey



ever too much for them to help or support us with. They are a fantastic team of people, Dr Kershaw's is a place we've always known and always heard good things about and I absolutely understand why now.

Just before Christmas, the nurses brought Karen a bag of gifts from the Hospice which was such a thoughtful thing to do and really did cheer her up. All my sister wanted was to get through Christmas, and she did, with us all by her side. In those last weeks, we sat and watched films, put the world to rights, had some good laughs as well as some cries. On Christmas Eve, her granddaughter came round and opened all her presents with her and we got to have one last

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toast with a Baileys. After Christmas Day, my sister stopped eating, we knew it wouldn't be long, and on 29th December, my wonderful sister sadly passed away.

I want to thank Dr Kershaw's from the bottom of my heart for everything they did for my sister and our family, the team couldn't have done any more for us, they made Karen's last Christmas precious and one that we will all remember forever."



◀ Karen with her son, Ian

Karen with her daughter, Deborah ▶



▲ Karen at Christmas with her Hospice Christmas gifts, days before she passed away

**Help someone else like Karen have one precious last Christmas at home with their loved ones, by making a donation to support hospice care, visit: [www.drkh.org.uk/donate](http://www.drkh.org.uk/donate)**

# First Dr Kershaw's Cup a Swinging Success!

Friday 16th September saw our brand new event, The Dr Kershaw's Cup, take place and with 22 4-ball teams on the green at Crompton and Royton Golf Club, the sell-out event exceeded our expectations, raising just under £10,000 which will make a real difference to so many patients and families across the borough. The day teed off with breakfast and a shotgun start before golfers started their 18 holes, followed by halfway house refreshments, a buffet meal, an official prize presentation and a raffle with all proceeds going to our Hospice, and the top prize of a 32" JVC TV up for grabs...



With each team competing to be crowned the Dr Kershaw's Cup Champions, one lucky team captained by Darren Mayers lifted the coveted trophy at the end, along with being presented with vouchers, as well as, Adrian Clegg's second placed team receiving an accolade of vouchers for a great round of golf too!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Golf Day! Thank you also to our Headline



Sponsor, Roma, and our hole sponsors - Exmunt, The Rotary Club of Oldham Metro, Cameron Murry Golf, UK Drone Services, East Midlands Transport and Kitchens by DTN. Thank you to Crompton and Royton Golf Club for their support with the day, to Fest Events for their fantastic catering and to each and every person and company who donated raffle prizes which were used to raise vital funds. Thanks also to our wonderful volunteers who supported the event!

**We were over the moon to win, because we never expected it. We will definitely be taking part next year, because it was such a good day and because we need to defend our trophy!**

Darren Mayers, Captain of the Winning Team

**I would highly recommend The Dr Kershaw's Cup for golfers at all levels, the day was well organised and fluid, with great raffle prizes!**

Rudi Ryan, Dr Kershaw's Cup Player

Just Under  
**£10,000**  
raised

**22**  
**teams**  
competed  
for the Cup!



^ Winners of the first Dr Kershaw's Cup



Our next Dr Kershaw's Cup is taking place on Friday 15th September 2023, to register your interest please contact our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984 or [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk)  
To view more photos from the day, like and follow our Facebook page: [@drkershawshospice](https://www.facebook.com/drkershawshospice)



# Spotlight on... Our Volunteer Retail Roles

Our Volunteer Team often finds that potential volunteers have questions about the different roles available in retail, so we wanted to showcase some of our roles to show you the variety of retail volunteer positions where you could support...



**Till Operator** – We always need volunteers in our shops who are open to supporting on the till. If you are a people person, confident and passionate about customer service this may be the role for you. Please don't worry about knowing how to use a till, our Shop Managers are fantastic and will teach you everything you need to know. You can even buddy up while you are learning.

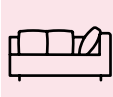


**Sorter** – Working away tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure all of our donations are processed, priced and presented beautifully, our sorting volunteers are incredible. Have you always wanted to volunteer but don't fancy being on the shop floor? This might be the role for you. As always our wonderful Shop Managers are on hand to get you settled in and show you the ropes.



**Drivers or Drivers' Mates** – Believe it or not, not all of our retail roles are based in the shops. If you prefer being out and about being a van driver or a driver's mate may be the role for you. This is a physically demanding role, but every day is different, and you will be playing a vital role in the collection and delivery of furniture from our newest retail store, The Furniture Hub.

**Bespoke Retail Roles** – Last but not least we want to showcase all the unique skills, that our volunteers bring to our Retail Team. Did you know we have volunteers who support us through PAT testing, building furniture, dressing windows and even presenting jewellery?



Are you interested in giving any of the roles a try, or do you have a specialist skill or passion that you think could come in handy in our shops? Contact our Volunteering Team on 0161 624 2727 or [volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk](mailto:volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk) or apply online: [www.drkh.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.drkh.org.uk/volunteer)



# Family Shows Appreciation to Hospice Who Did So Much for Mum

Our Clinical Team care for patients across the community on a daily basis, supporting their loved ones too, and often receive grateful comments from families who are appreciative of all that we do. Our team pride themselves on going the extra mile to make sure that patients' loved ones have precious memories that will last a lifetime, and that end-of-life care is dignified and compassionate. We recently received anonymous feedback from a patient's family member whose mum was cared for on our new In-Patient Unit, with the care she received making a huge difference to both her mum and the rest of the family at a time when they needed to feel safe and supported more than ever...

"The nurses sat with my mum whilst they waited for me to arrive so she wasn't alone. Everyone was fantastic and extremely compassionate. The Hospice was like a 5-star hotel and the facilities were amazing! My mum said to me that she felt safe as soon as she arrived, as she had been left feeling confused and unsafe in hospital.

In my mum's and my hour of need everything was perfect and the staff could not do enough to support us both. Additionally, the staff who cared for my mum treated her with the utmost respect and dignity, making her final hours peaceful and comfortable. Not only did they look after my mum, they also cared for me as I sat with her. The Hospice staff provided me with pillows, throws, tea, biscuits and a friendly face to talk to when I needed it.

I honestly didn't know places like this existed, the Hospice itself is amazing. I will be eternally grateful for what they did for my mum and for me. So thank you Dr Kershaw's!"

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To find out more about the range of services offered by Dr Kershaw's in the community and in the Hospice, visit [www.drkh.org.uk](http://www.drkh.org.uk) or call 0161 624 2727

# Light Up a Life

**Virtual & In-Person Service**  
**Sunday 4th December - 6pm**

## About the Service

**Come together at our multi-faith Light Up a Life service, to remember your loved ones this festive season and to celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us, but are always in our thoughts, whether they received care from our Hospice or not.**

It is our pleasure to be able to invite you back to the Hospice for our in-person service, where for the first time in three years we will be able to stand side by side with each of you as our Light Up a Life dedication tree is poignantly lit, to remember each person we have lost, and hold dear to our hearts.

Our 30-minute service will include readings and vocal performances, along with the switching on of our beautiful tree lights. Tea and coffee will be offered afterwards in Café K, and Hospice stalls will also be available for you to peruse on the evening.

If you are unable to attend the in-person event at our Hospice, you will still be able to access the live service virtually via:

- \* Facebook - [www.facebook.com/drkershawshospice](https://www.facebook.com/drkershawshospice)
- \* YouTube - [www.youtube.com/c/DrKershawsHospice](https://www.youtube.com/c/DrKershawsHospice)
- \* Oldham Community Radio 99.7FM

**Over 2,300 households from across the globe tuned in for our virtual service in 2021**

**Over 1,200 dedications were made to loved ones in 2021**

## Light Up a Life Dedication Card

All dedications will receive a personalised dedication card with your loved ones name(s) along with a dedication star that will be hung on our tree in the Hospice. Those attending our in-person service will also receive an order of service at the event.

## Light Up a Life at Home Pack

If you decide to take part in our virtual service, we have once again designed a special Light Up a Life at Home Pack, which includes:

- \* A personalised dedication card
- \* An order of service
- \* A star to hang on your tree or somewhere special to you
- \* A tea light candle to light during the service in memory of those you hold dear

## How to Make Your Dedication



To make your dedication by phone please call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984



To make your dedication via our website please visit [www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife](http://www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife)



Pick up a Light Up a Life leaflet in one of our four Hospice shops, this can be completed in-store or returned on your next visit

All dedications made before **Wednesday 23rd November** will be included in the Hospice's Book of Remembrance and on-screen during the virtual service.

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**It was another beautiful and very moving service.**

Virtual Light Up a Life Viewer 2021

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**My dad was cared for at the Hospice, before Covid I always attended Light Up a Life, it's a special service that each year makes me feel closer to dad.**

Hospice Supporter

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**Light Up a Life has always been such a beautiful event, and a lovely way to remember my mum and sister at Christmas.**

Hospice Supporter

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**Dedications of  
£30 or over  
will receive  
a blue star  
pin badge**

**Limited edition  
commemorative baubles  
will be available to buy  
from the Hospice reception  
and shops for £4.50**



**Don't forget to make your dedication by Wednesday 23rd November, visit [www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife](http://www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife) or call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984**

# We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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



Mick Matthews once again took to the greens to organise his annual Golf Day at North Manchester Golf Club and afterwards at David Lloyd North Manchester raising **£2,550** in memory of Dave Waterstone.

Infinity Dance took their first major dance steps back into public performance after the pandemic and raised **£500** from their sell-out show.



Running 5K every day for 55 days, Ben Dewhirst completed the 170-mile challenge raising **£4,017** in memory of his mum, Jude. Starting and finishing at Dr Kershaw's, Ben was in good company with family, friends and his colleagues from Chadderton Fire Station taking turns to show their support.



Long-time supporters OMC Motor Group Oldham donated **£1,500** to the Hospice following a successful grant application to the Enterprise Foundation.

We are honoured, for the third year in a row, to have been chosen by the staff at Primark in Oldham town centre to be their Charity of the Year. Huge thanks to everyone there for their wonderful support and for their recent donation of **£750**.



There was no end of talent on display at the recent 'Night at the Movies' concert organised by Shaw based North Stars Theatre Company with **£100** raised on the night for Dr Kershaw's.



Running 70 miles in one day isn't for everyone but that's what Patrick Beesley has done, successfully completing the famous Rat Race 'The Wall' Ultramarathon from Carlisle to Newcastle raising **£938**.



The village of Dobcross opened its doors and gardens in July to raise money for cancer charities in memory of villagers lost during Covid. Dr Kershaw's was proud to be chosen and to have received their donation of **£1,953**.

Dr Kershaw's was chosen by David Bacon as his Captain's year charity at Crompton & Royton Golf Club because of family and friends of members being cared for at the Hospice. The Club raised **£5,435**, received from David and Club President, Paul Harrison.



Saddleworth Tractor Group raised **£1,435** from their recent Tractor Run with around 30 tractors setting off from the Hospice on their 25-mile journey to Albion Farm in Delph. It was great to welcome back this annual event.



'Synchro Sisters' Megan and Brogan Slicker, Ella Wheeler and Joanna Leach raised **£3,419** by taking on the intensive fitness Battle Cancer Challenge because they have all had family members who have been supported by the Hospice.



Andy Meanock rode 738km from one end of Portugal to the other in a five-day gruelling challenge with epic climbs higher even than Everest raising **£2,711** for the "fantastic organisation" that looked after his father, Robert.

**For more information on fundraising for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Community Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984 or [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk)**

# ❄️ Your Festive Fundraisers ❄️



## Reindeer Run

Order your Antlers now and make this Christmas magic! Organise your own sponsored Reindeer Run on a day and in the way that you want to. It's the perfect festive fun for children and adults to get involved in and enjoy. Ideal for schools, clubs and groups or friends and family get togethers, you will receive a free reindeer antler headband for each child taking part with a supporting fundraising pack.

To find out more, visit: [www.drkh.org.uk/reindeerrun](http://www.drkh.org.uk/reindeerrun)

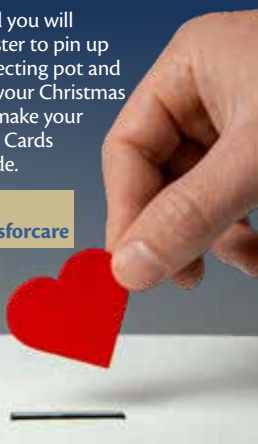
## Swap Cards for Care



Share festive greetings with colleagues and friends this year by giving a donation to Dr Kershaw's instead of sending each other Christmas Cards.

Swap Cards for Care and you will receive a colour wall poster to pin up with a Dr Kershaw's collecting pot and lapel stickers. Just write your Christmas message on the poster, make your donation and wear your Cards for Care sticker with pride.

To find out more, visit:  
[www.drkh.org.uk/cardsforcare](http://www.drkh.org.uk/cardsforcare)



## Jolly Jumper Day



This is a real winter warmer to add something special to your Christmas festivities.

Choose the date of your Jolly Jumper Day, tell us you are taking part, invite everyone you would like to join in to wear their winter woollies, at home, work or school, and ask them to give you a donation to pass on to Dr Kershaw's.

We will provide everything you need to deliver your Jolly Jumper Day.



To find out more, visit:  
[www.drkh.org.uk/jollyjumper](http://www.drkh.org.uk/jollyjumper)

**To take part in one or more of our festive fundraisers, contact our Community Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984 or [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk)**

# Our 2022 Challenge Fundraisers Climbed and Soared to Success!

Our super striders shone as bright as the sun when they took on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge for Dr Kershaw's this summer and stretched themselves to the limit. Every single one of this fantastic band of twenty-three fundraisers, including teams from Locker 19 Fitness, Foresight IT Services and Dr Kershaw's, reached their personal best and did themselves, and us, proud raising **£9,228**! Well done everyone and thank you to Mark Hilton and the team from Adventure Based Learning for guiding them on their way!

## YORKSHIRE THREE PEAKS

Raised  
**£9,228**



Raised  
**£10,931**

## TANDEM SKY DIVE

Congratulations to our June super skydivers, Kate Stewart, Aaron Taylor-Wilson, James Price, Molly Parkinson and Rudi Ryan who rose to the challenge of jumping at 14,000ft and loved every free fall second. These high flying fundraisers not only agreed it was amazing and they'd love to do it again but they also hit the heights, cheered on by friends and family, to raise an equally amazing **£4,736**.

A second Sky Dive in September saw Jayne Vrac and Katie Taylor-Christian raise **£1,299** and they are making plans to jump again! Also signed up for the challenge were teenagers Dev Patel, Vyomi Kanji, Prem Patel, Bhavini Kerai and Yashni Bhudia wanting to do something positive in return for the care given to their Uncle and Father, Sanjay Bhudia. Together they raised a wonderful **£4,896**.



We are currently planning our Challenge programme for 2023 and this year's favourites of the Sky Dive and Yorkshire Three Peaks will be returning, along with a chance to take on other new challenges. To find out more contact our Community Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984 or fundraising@drkh.org.uk



## 60 Seconds with... Deputy Facilities Manager, Paul Barnes



**Paul has been working at Dr Kershaw's for over five years, and supports every team in the Hospice. Along with the rest of the Facilities Team, Paul was instrumental in the development of our new In-Patient Unit and Hospice gardens, which now provide beautiful surroundings for our patients...**

### **Why did you apply to work at Dr Kershaw's?**

I respect the work that the clinical team does and the impact on the community. I wanted a new challenge and the job was advertised at the right time for me.

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

I liaise with every department in the Hospice, including external contractors, to provide a pleasant and safe environment for patients, visitors and staff. I oversee the Hospice, its grounds and our shops as well as our servicing requirements. Many elements of my role can be reactive, with the need to work out what to do in each situation and what we need to solve it.

### **What are the challenges of your role?**

Prioritisation and trying to balance the workload, it's a busy team and we get requests from across the Hospice. The patients and the In-Patient Unit are our top priority, but we've also got four shops and the Hospice grounds as well as the rest of the internal building to look after.

### **What are the rewards of your role?**

The Hospice is a nice place, I have interactions with every single department, and can see how every part of the Hospice comes together as a whole. Not everyone working at the Hospice has that opportunity. I get to see the bigger picture, and see the care our team provides, which is what we are predominantly about, but I also see what goes into everything before that; from the fundraising and the volunteering to the special menus that the Catering Team put together to the donations in the shops.

### **What is your favourite thing about working at the Hospice?**

I enjoy the variety of work and the comradery of the team at the Hospice. It's not just a job, it's finding the right fit for you and I have, it's nice to be a part of! It's nice to work in a caring environment where you can see first-hand that the team's focus is on specialist one-to-one care for patients as well as supporting their families.

**It currently costs us over £7,000 per month to heat and light our Hospice and Retail outlets, and with the anticipated rise in energy prices, this could increase by an estimated further £5,500 per month in the coming year. To make a donation to support our Hospice and our rising costs, visit: [www.drkh.org.uk/donate](http://www.drkh.org.uk/donate)**



# Will Month – November

## Make a Will, Make a Difference

If you haven't already got a Will, you can sign up to Dr Kershaw's Will Month taking place in November, which will give you the opportunity to access the expertise and Will writing services of local solicitors free of charge...

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

There are just three simple steps to making your Will during Dr Kershaw's Will Month:

1. Look at the list of solicitors supporting Dr Kershaw's Hospice's Will Month at [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 'Free Will' or 'Free Codicil' appointment in November 2022.
3. Make a donation to Dr Kershaw's Hospice directly with your solicitor.

With a suggested minimum donation of £85 for a single Will, £125 for a Mirror Will, and £65 for a Codicil, making your Will during Dr Kershaw's Will Month is so much more affordable.



When you write your Will, you can also do something incredible by leaving a legacy to Dr Kershaw's, to help us continue to care. Leaving a gift in your Will of even 1% to Dr Kershaw's Hospice means your generosity will live on for generations to come, and ensures those closest to you receive the remaining 99%. Speak to your solicitor about leaving a gift in your Will to Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

### Why I Got a Will Last Will Month...

"I've wanted to get a Will for many years but have never got round to it, Will Month gave me the opportunity to finally do it whilst also supporting the Hospice. It was so easy, my husband and I made an appointment with the solicitor, it took just half an hour and then we went back to sign on another day which only took 10 minutes. It's done now, ticked off our list so we can forget about it. Doing your Will during Will Month doesn't take long and it puts your mind at rest, whilst also providing vital funds for your local Hospice."

**Joanne Sloan, Hospice Chief Executive**



To find out more visit [www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth](http://www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth) or contact our Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984** or [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk)

# Macmillan 1-1 Move to Hospice



**The Macmillan Team -  
Susanne, Pam, Donna & Jade**

Oldham's Macmillan 1-1 Support Service Team have recently relocated to their new permanent base at Dr Kershaw's Hospice and continue to provide ongoing personalised care and support to the community. Being based at the Hospice, Macmillan 1-1 now have the opportunity to host some of their health and well-being events and coffee mornings in-house. The team also now have an added option, apart from offering a home visit or telephone consultation, to invite patients into the Hospice for a face-to-face appointment to identify their current concerns and plan their ongoing personalised care and support. To find out more about the Macmillan 1-1 Support Service visit their Facebook page: [@MacmillanOldham](https://www.facebook.com/MacmillanOldham)

## Three Generations Supporting their Local Hospice

We are extremely lucky to have not one, not two, but three generations of the same family working at our Hospice. Senior Sister, Kelly Foster works alongside her mum, Staff Nurse, Tracy Harrison and her son, Harrison Foster, who has recently joined the team as Maintenance Assistant. The family have a personal connection with the Hospice after family members were cared for here, and it means a lot to them to be supporting the community through their work.

Kelly said: "My nana and aunty were cared for at the Hospice so Dr Kershaw's has always meant a lot to our family, I saw the facilities job advertised and passed it on to Harrison who was looking for a job. He had heard us talking about what a nice place Dr Kershaw's is to work so he applied."

Tracy said "I am a very proud mum and nan; it is so nice three generations working together on a professional level."

Harrison added: "It is a privilege to work alongside my mum and nan and it is great to work with such an amazing team."



**Tracy,  
Harrison  
& Kelly**

# Our Staff Celebrate Hospice Care Week

With 10-14 October marking Hospice Care Week, offering a chance for us all to celebrate the importance of hospice care nationwide, staff from Dr Kershaw's came together to take part in various activities.

Kelly Foster, Hospice Senior Sister said: "Hospice Care Week gives us all the opportunity to celebrate hospice care. Our team all came together, both clinical and non-clinical staff to take part in a yellow raffle and a dedicated Go Yellow Day wearing yellow to raise funds for patient care. We also asked staff, patients and their family members

to complete a card with a message of what the Hospice means to them."



## Shout out for New Members of Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir

Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir, are looking for new members to join them. The choir, originally named Kershaw's Crooners, have been around for over ten years, practising weekly and performing at Hospice events such as Light Up a Life, Rose to Remember and the Christmas Carol Concert.

Paul Firth who has been Musical Director for eight years explains why he joined the choir: "My wife sadly passed away at the Hospice eight years ago, not long after that I heard about the choir and decided to join. I really enjoy being part of

the choir, I've made lots of new friends, and it's helped me and others to deal with bereavement. It's been very cathartic, and has been nice to come into the Hospice and to see it as a happy place with lots of laughter and joy."

Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir currently rehearses each Tuesday, 4.30pm – 5.30pm at the Hospice. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Paul directly at [pfirthmd@btinternet.com](mailto:pfirthmd@btinternet.com).



# THE FURNITURE HUB

Giving furniture a second chance – **RE-CYCLE, RE-STORE, RE-SELL!**

## Shout out for Your Weird and Wonderful Donations for Our Hub

Much to the delight of our Furniture Hub team, we have been increasingly receiving unique donations in our store. Obviously we get sofas, beds, dining tables and more furniture items which is just fantastic, but the more distinctive items we are receiving are helping us to receive even more funds from customers which in turn enables us to provide outstanding and specialised hospice care to patients and their families when they need our help the most across the community...

**Get in touch with our Furniture Hub if you have any of the below and wish to donate your items to support patient care:**

**Curio (unique items) for your home** – Fancy a change in your décor, you could re-home your items to us to support patient care. Curio examples could be stain glassed lamps, old-school typewriters, unusual shaped chairs and much more!



**Sports equipment** – Fed up of having all your sports equipment cluttering up your house that you haven't used for years? We are looking for donations of items like golf clubs, table tennis tables, basketball and football nets, bikes and more.



**Fitness equipment** – Wondering why you bought that treadmill that now acts as a coathanger? We'll help you get your spare room space back, we are looking for donations of treadmills, rowing machines, stepping machines and more.



**Collectables** – Spent hours collecting stamps and now they are sat in a dusty cupboard? Consider donating them to our Hospice and they will help more patients and their families to access dignified, compassionate care across the community. We are looking for items such as stamps, coins and figures.



### Collections

Please note for any of the larger items above we have a collection service, please contact our Furniture Hub on the details below to arrange your collection.



The Furniture Hub, Neo House, Shaw Road, Oldham, OL1 4AW  
Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm

Email: [furniture@drkh.org.uk](mailto:furniture@drkh.org.uk) Tel: 0161 510 0102

Facebook: @FurnitureHubDrKH Website: [www.drkh.org.uk/furniturehub](http://www.drkh.org.uk/furniturehub)



# Christmas Merchandise

Our new 2023 calendars and diaries plus our Christmas cards are available now!

## Dr Kershaw's Diaries



4 designs available

## Dr Kershaw's Calendar



## Dr Kershaw's Christmas Cards



## Dr Kershaw's Christmas Crackers

Our Christmas Cracker Boxes contain 3 Hospice Scratch Cards and 12 crackers (with a toy, joke and hat). Choose from silver snowflakes or gold reindeers depending on your colour scheme, plus our £1,000 scratch card jackpot prize is still out there waiting to be won!



8 designs available

Buy our calendars, diaries, cards and crackers in our four Hospice shops, or our Hospice reception. Our diaries, cards and calendar can also be purchased via our Christmas brochure or online at [www.drkh.org.uk/funds](http://www.drkh.org.uk/funds)

## Dr Kershaw's Gin

Made especially for our Hospice by the award-winning, Defiance Gin Distillery, our Dr Kershaw's Gin, 1989, is a classic London Dry Gin, offering a specially crafted botanical flavour profile making it the perfect Christmas present for gin lovers. 1989 is available to purchase online (collection from the Hospice) at: [www.drkh.org.uk/funds](http://www.drkh.org.uk/funds) or from our Hospice reception. Just drop in or call **0161 624 2727** to reserve your bottle. \*Collection only with ID, 18+



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

Whilst you are doing your Christmas shopping online, you could be raising funds for Dr Kershaw's at no cost to yourself. Sign up to Amazon Smile or Easy Fundraising, and 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, to register visit: [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com)



# Last Chance to Grab Our Hospice Scratch Cards

The last day of sale for our Hospice scratch cards will be 31st March 2023, at only £1 each and with the jackpot of £1,000 still up for grabs, there's all to play for! You have to be in it to win it! Our scratch cards are a fantastic way of supporting the Hospice, making a huge difference to our patients and their families, whilst giving you the opportunity to win a cash prize!

**Our  
£1,000  
Jackpot Prize**  
is still up  
for grabs!

**£1 per  
scratch  
card**

with the chance to  
win by matching  
three amounts

If you are wondering what to buy for that Christmas stocking filler, Secret Santa or table gift for your Christmas guests, at just £1 each our Hospice scratch cards could be just the thing! They also make great and unique wedding favours and a lovely thank you gift! They are a fantastic way of supporting your local Hospice whilst providing friends, family or yourself with the opportunity of instantly winning a cash prize, plus the icing on the cake- our jackpot of £1,000 is still out there, ready to be won!

Joanne Penketh, Hospice Head of Lottery & Donor Stewardship



Buy your scratch cards from our Hospice reception, our shops, our Christmas brochure or contact our Lottery Team on 0161 624 9213 or [lottery@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lottery@drkh.org.uk)

**A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Autumn Draw, helping to raise a fabulous £11,198.50! Your contributions and continued support never cease to amaze us, we are truly grateful! Congratulations to our 10 lucky prize winners!**

As Christmas fast approaches why not take part in our final draw of 2022 which takes place on Friday 16th December. With a wonderful £2,250 worth of cash prizes, one of them could drop through your door just in time for the festive period! If you don't currently receive ticket numbers and would like to participate in our Christmas Draw, please get in touch.

If you have £1 a week to spare and want to be in with a chance of winning our weekly jackpot prize of £1,000 or one of five £50 prizes, then join our Weekly Lottery now via our website below, or call us on the lottery number and give yourself a chance to win and a way to care!

With the difficulties we are all facing at the moment due to the cost of living crisis, we would like to send an enormous thank you to all our lottery supporters for your continued support and generosity, as you continue to make a difference to our patients and their families, we couldn't raise these vital funds without you, we are truly grateful.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

#### The Lottery Team



### Lottery Gift Vouchers



Looking for a Christmas gift for the person who has everything, or maybe a Secret Santa? Our Lottery Gift Vouchers start from as little as £10 and are available for all occasions. A gift that keeps on giving with the chance to win our jackpot prize of £1,000. The first draw for 2022 Christmas vouchers will take place on Friday 30th December 2022. You can purchase a gift voucher on our website or by contacting the Lottery Team.

### Mobile Phones Don't Dump, Donate!

Hoping to fish a new mobile phone out of your Christmas stocking and wondering what you would do with your old one?

Please don't throw them away, bring them into the Hospice or one of our shops, we can dust these old phones off and convert them into cash, with or without accessories! Our mobile phone scheme has raised over £8,800 which is a tremendous amount of money, contributing to the specialist care our patients receive in the Hospice and our community.



**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)**



## Shops Directory

### Lees Hospice Shop

99 High Street, Lees,  
Oldham, OL4 4LY  
Tel: 0161 628 7100  
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

### 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

To buy new and used furniture and for all furniture and small electrical item donations please visit our new furniture store or contact the store on the details below:

### The Furniture Hub

Neo House, Shaw Road  
Oldham, OL1 4AW  
Tel: 0161 510 0102  
Facebook: @FurnitureHubDrKH  
Email: furniture@drkh.org.uk  
Mon – Sat, 9am – 5pm



## SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GLITZ AND GLAM AS OUR DANCERS COMPETE AGAINST WILLOW WOOD HOSPICE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BOTH OF OUR HOSPICES! THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL BE THEMED: BEST OF BRITISH.

**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023**

Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham

If you are interested in signing up to be a dancer at Strictly Dance 2023, please contact our Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984** or [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk).

Details on ticket sales to attend Strictly Dance 2023 will be announced on our social media pages shortly.

## Contact Details

For general enquiries, patient information, volunteering, Friends of the Hospice:

**Tel: 0161 624 2727**

**Fax: 0161 628 0181**

**Well-Being Centre:** 0161 785 5625

**Macmillan Nurses:** 0161 778 5918

**24 Hour Advice Line:** 0161 785 5635

**Fundraising Office:** 0161 624 9984  
[fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk)

**Lottery Office:** 0161 624 9213  
[lottery@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lottery@drkh.org.uk)

**Dr Kershaw's Hospice**

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**Website:** [www.drkh.org.uk](http://www.drkh.org.uk)

**Charity No:** 1105924

