



# Heart of the Hospice

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# Welcome

With the exciting launch of our In-Patient Unit, we thought it only fitting that this issue's Welcome comes from our Chief Executive, Joanne Sloan. Joanne has worked at the Hospice for over six years, originally overseeing all clinical areas as Director of Clinical Services, and has seen the transformation from the old to the new facility...

As many of you will have seen, our new In-Patient Unit is now open, and myself and the team are delighted with the transformation. The facility is everything we could have hoped for, it is modern, warm, homely and will enable us to provide compassionate and dignified care for patients and their families. I am proud that we have achieved our goal to create a special place at the heart of the Hospice, a Hospice that is the heart of our community.

## We couldn't have done it without your help!

Our community raised an extraordinary amount towards our 'Furnish with Love – Give the Gift of Comfort' Appeal, enabling us to furnish the in-patient family lounge as well as adding finishing touches to the rest of the facility.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to the Hospice when restrictions are lifted, to share our fantastic new build and to celebrate the future of Dr Kershaw's.

You can still help our Hospice in so many ways! Our shops have now finally reopened so please remember to drop off donations that you have stored during lockdown. You could also take part in one of our fundraising challenges or sign up to our Hospice Lottery.

Thank you for supporting our Hospice, it means so much to us and our patients!

**Joanne Sloan - Chief Executive**

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# Our New In-Patient Unit is Open!

Despite unprecedented Covid-delays, a financial shortfall to the project, and pushing back the opening by five months, our new In-Patient Unit, which has the capacity to care for 12 patients, proudly opened its doors on 15th February.

Our state-of-the-art new In-Patient Unit will enable the Hospice to provide compassionate, dignified care for patients with life-limiting illnesses in a modern environment. The new facility is bright, with lots of natural light and aesthetically is a huge step forward from our old ward.



**Patient Rooms**

## Patient Rooms

Our vision for our new In-Patient Unit has been to create comfortable, modern patient rooms for our patients and their families to spend precious time in. We now have eight single rooms and two twin rooms, all of which have en-suite facilities, their own smart TV, a coffee table, lounge chairs, an integral fitted storage unit and a private patio area.



**In-Patient Family Lounge**

## In-Patient Family Lounge

Our in-patient family lounge was furnished thanks to the generous support that our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal received. We wanted to create a home from home for patients to spend time with their families in a unique, comfortable space.

## Relatives' Rooms

Our overnight relatives' rooms will allow family or friends to stay the night, or simply take a few hours to relax and recharge their batteries during the day, and still be able to stay close to their loved ones whilst they are at the Hospice.

**Giving our patients and their loved ones the opportunity to spend as much time together as possible is so important to us at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.**

**Joanne Sloan**  
Chief Executive



**Patient Bathroom**

## Patient Bathrooms

Our two new patient bathrooms feature specialist bathtubs, which will create a peaceful atmosphere for patients so that they can have a hot soak in bubbles, with their favourite music and mood lighting to feel relaxed and comfortable.



**We now have access to a number of new technologies which will support the clinical team to make each patient's care journey exceptional.**

**Dr Matthias Hohmann**  
Medical Director

## New Gardens Coming Soon!

The next phase of our development is the landscaping of the gardens, and once complete at the end of the year, the double doors of our patients' rooms will open up to stunning views. Our outdoor spaces will provide seating areas and walkways for patients and their families to spend time in.

**To watch our In-Patient Unit virtual tour visit the Hospice's social media channels or [www.drkh.org.uk/new-build](http://www.drkh.org.uk/new-build)**



## “The New Facilities Are Fantastic and Homely!”

When Michael O'Connor, 53, stood up to do his father of the bride speech at his daughter, Alison's wedding in May 2019 one of his legs went stiff. The symptoms on this day were later confirmed as a brain tumour, which was a massive shock for Michael and his family, even more so months later when they were informed that the tumour had spread.

Michael was one of the first patients admitted to Dr Kershaw's new In-Patient Unit, for pain management, here he speaks about how he felt going to the new facility...

“When I was first told I would be going to Dr Kershaw's Hospice I panicked, I thought that's it, it's my time. I calmed down straight away, the staff made me feel relaxed and I had two weeks of calmness.

I was also apprehensive about being one of the first in a new building, but soon realised there was no need to be. The facilities are fantastic, my room was comfortable and it felt homely, something that means a lot when you're away from home. The room was spacious and very modern, two members of my family were allowed to visit me and were made to feel at home.

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The care I received whilst at the Hospice was second to none, I have never known care like it, nothing was too much trouble for the staff!”



Michael with his wife Carol and three children, Alison, Lisa and Karla

# Our New Family Lounge has Been Furnished with Love!

When we reached out to our community, to ask for your help in furnishing our new in-patient family lounge, we could never have known that so many kind and caring people would respond with love and give the Hospice a gift, the 'Gift of Comfort.'

Our community's generosity has raised over £35,000 for the 'Furnish with Love – Give the Gift of Comfort' Appeal, which has enabled us to furnish our new, fantastic in-patient family lounge with specialist furniture. We now have sofas and armchairs for comforting family cuddles, dining areas for those special family meals and so much more.

Plus, due to the unbelievable generosity of our local community, enough money was raised to

add additional furnishings and home comforts to patients' rooms and the rest of the Unit, ensuring a comfortable, relaxed environment for all our patients and their families.

Your help has given our patients the 'Gift of Comfort' and will enable them to spend precious time with their loved ones in a calming, safe, homely environment, it will mean so much to so many for years to come!



# How You Did It...

Our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal saw our whole community come together to support Dr Kershaw's Hospice, with many kind donations and fundraising challenges, here are just some of the many highlights...

Peter 'The Sweeper' Killan raised over £6,000 clearing the canal towpath in Uppermill.



Friends and family of Liz O'Donnell 'Legged it 4 Liz' raising over £5,000.



Noah Price, aged 11, raised over £1,000 riding 100 miles on his family's exercise bike.



Lynne Southworth raised over £1,000 with the company she works for contributing very generously too!



Budding confectioner Cameron, aged 11, made his own sweet treats raising £62.



Local schools and nurseries brought 'Christmas to Class' to raise money for the Appeal.

**Thank you for your kindness and support!  
Always remember you are at the heart of everything we do!**

**Kelly Foster, Senior Sister**

To watch our 'Furnish with Love Thank You' video visit the Hospice's social media channels or [www.drkh.org.uk/furnishwithlove](http://www.drkh.org.uk/furnishwithlove)

## Dr Kershaw's Helped us to Spend Time as a Family Again

Since the first lockdown, Janice Barlow has been caring for her mum, Jean, who was diagnosed with cancer in February 2020. In November last year, Jean, 82, who recently celebrated her Diamond Wedding Anniversary to childhood sweetheart, Jimmy, developed pneumonia and was admitted to hospital. Once home, Janice found that the level of care her mum needed was beyond what the family could physically provide and contacted Dr Kershaw's for help...



Jean, Janice's mum

"Our lovely mum, Jean, has 4 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. When mum was unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer it was a shock to us all, and I moved back home to help. Mum coped exceptionally well with her treatment in the summer but when she developed pneumonia, it really knocked her for six. We weren't trained to provide the level of care she now needed, and as a family we felt mum deserved more.

Contacting Dr Kershaw's was the best decision I made, within the hour, nurses arrived to make an initial assessment and agreed mum would benefit from Hospice support. Since then I can only compare the Hospice team to the scene from Snow White when the animals are tidying up, they have floated in, taken care of everything and have lifted a huge weight.

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**Clinical Staff from our Hospice at Home Team**

Caring Hands now visit four times a day, to ensure mum's physical needs are met and that dad and I are coping emotionally. Mum is also under the care of Hospice at Home and the service they provide is priceless, we receive daily phone calls to check on mum and also get visits - even when I say mum is comfortable, they still pop in to check.

**“The staff at Dr Kershaw’s have encouraged us to stop being carers and to start being a family again.”**

Every single carer and nurse who has walked through our door has been lovely and has lifted our spirits. They’ve encouraged us to stop being carers and to start being a family again, which was a lovely sentiment and what we needed to hear as there is a lot of guilt attached to realising that you can’t cope alone anymore. They have taken away a lot of the stress so that we can now spend more quality time with mum as a family.

I really don’t know where we would be without Dr Kershaw’s, to anyone reading this who feels that they and their loved ones need physical help and emotional support, please contact them, it will be the best thing you do.”

*Article supplied by the family - January 2021*

**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**

# We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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

## 48 Miles in 48 Hours for Dedicated Brothers!

Joe McLoughlin, 18, a Blue Coat 6th Form student and his brother Josh, 14-year-old Hulme Grammar pupil, took on a mega fitness challenge in memory of their gran, Patricia, who passed away at the Hospice in April 2017.

The super-fit duo took on American fitness guru, David Goggins' 4x4x48 challenge- running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours. They totalled 48 miles each over 12 runs through the day and night. Not even blistered feet, weary legs, or lack of sleep could stop these two as they finished their final leg of their journey at the Hospice, and raised an incredible **£4,060** towards patient care at Dr Kershaw's!



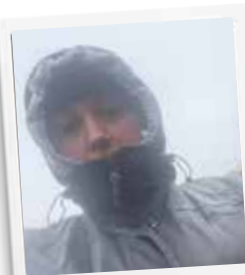
## Poppy's Garden Parade

In 2020, Poppy gave up chocolate for Lent to raise funds for Dr Kershaw's Hospice. This year our fantastic junior fundraiser, Poppy, aged 6, who was inspired by the exploits of the late Captain Sir Tom Moore, combined bags of energy with a wardrobe of wonder to create her very own event – Poppy's Garden Parade. Sporting different outfits for each of the 46 days of Lent, Poppy completed a fantastic 662 laps of her garden, and raised an amazing **£550** for the Hospice!



## Stacey's Support for Keira's Wishes

Stacey Arnold, proud mum to our Junior Fundraiser, Keira, set herself a challenge of walking and running a total distance of **100 miles** in February to raise funds for 'Keira's Wishes', a fund which grants patients at our Hospice their last wishes. Stacey braved the cold and rain which we saw in February and clocked up the miles to raise over **£500** for our patients' wishes.



## Paul's Own 268 Mile Spine Challenge

Braving the cold, rain, wind and snow in January, Paul Gladwell completed his very own 268 Mile Spine run! Paul not only succeeded with his virtual Spine challenge to run the same distance as this brutal annual run, which usually tracks the backbone of the UK (268 miles from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm in the remote Scottish borders), but he also raised over **£1,000** for our Hospice! And he's not hanging his running shoes up yet, as he is now in training for the virtual Virgin Money London Marathon for Dr Kershaw's!



## Mandy's 50 Mile Challenge



Inspired by the kindness and support her step-dad, Sid, received at the Hospice, before sadly passing away in August, Mandy Fensome decided to set herself a challenge to give back to Dr Kershaw's. Mandy smashed her goal of running 50 miles in January, raising an incredible **£1,255** for Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

“Running a few miles each day in horrible weather was hard, but my motivation was to do it in memory of Sid for Dr Kershaw's who supported him and our family.”

## Donations Make a Difference

We continue to receive the support of so many amazing organisations within our community with kind donations from The Rotary Club of Oldham, Saddleworth Round Table, Oldham Metro Rotary and Life for a Life Memorial Forests.



**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)**

YOUR CHALLENGE

# MOVE IT MARCH!

YOUR WAY

In February, we launched 'Move it March' encouraging individuals and groups to pick their own fitness challenge whilst also raising money for their local Hospice. We gave each fundraiser a free t-shirt or vest and off they went...

## 5km a Day for Becky

PE Teacher and Hospice Volunteer, Becky Crawford has always been active, but running was impossible up until last year due to a long-term foot injury. Needing some inspiration, Becky signed up to 'Move it March', setting her own challenge of running 5km a day, to raise money for the Hospice who cared for her dad when she was aged just 11. Becky smashed her running challenge totting up a total distance of 155km, whilst raising over **£2,500** for our Hospice!



## 2021km in 2021 for AFC Oldham

Players and volunteers at community football club, AFC Oldham, took to the streets to support Dr Kershaw's 'Move it March' challenge running a breath-taking 2021km between them. Unable to play their usual matches, their individual virtual runs took place throughout the month, with the club raising over **£1,300** for our Hospice!



## Debbie's Half a Million Steps

Middleton Iceland's, Community Champion, Debbie Cooper has supported Dr Kershaw's through the years in her role at the local supermarket. Deciding to go a step further, Debbie signed up for 'Move it March' setting her own challenge of doing 500,000 steps throughout the month, an average of over 16,000 steps each day. Debbie definitely stepped it up completing her half a million steps whilst raising **£786** towards patient care at Dr Kershaw's Hospice!



**For more information on our next fitness challenge, The Virtual Hospice Walk, contact our Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom on 0161 624 9984 or [lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk)**

# 60 Seconds with... Health Care Assistant, Carole England



**Carole has worked at Dr Kershaw's for 29 years and has seen the transformation that has taken place from the dated Cottage Hospital building to the new state-of-the-art In-Patient Unit...**

## **Firstly, tell us about your role as Health Care Assistant?**

I care for patients both on the ward and in the community helping them with things that they may struggle to do on their own such as personal care. Their friends and families often need support and I am there if they need me.

## **How has your role changed in the time you've been at the Hospice?**

At the old Cottage Hospital, we used to care for 8 patients on the ward only, my role is now split between caring for people in the Hospice but in the community too, meaning we can care for many more people at any one time.



## **Tell us about the new In-Patient Unit?**

The difference in the new facility is incredible! It's like a home from home for our patients, the bedrooms are fitted out beautifully and everything is now compact in each room which makes a real difference to our patients' care journeys, such as piped oxygen, which is readily accessible, instead of using oxygen concentrators for patients which previously generated a lot of heat and noise.

## **How have patients and families reacted to the new facility so far?**

Our first patients through the door, and their families, have been really impressed with the new facility saying how grateful they are and how beautiful it is.

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

The people. Patients are always so grateful for everything that we do to care for them. It's just part of our job, and they're always so thankful. The staff become your friends too and I've made some great friends over the years.

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# Keira Wins Awards and Reaches £35k for Dr Kershaw's!

**Our amazing junior fundraiser, Keira Arnold, aged 13 has been fundraising for us for over four years raising money for 'Keira's Wishes' to provide patients in our care with their last wishes whilst at Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Keira started her fundraising journey for Dr Kershaw's after her dad was cared for by our doctors and nurses.**

Earlier this year Keira's fundraising reached an incredible £35,000! Her fundraising activities have seen her organising hugely successful virtual markets during the pandemic, supporting both small local businesses and the Hospice. She's organised many celebration day raffles asking local businesses to support with prizes, and her craft skills have seen her make and sell anything from cards and baubles to dream catchers, wreaths and bookmarks, with all the proceeds going to 'Keira's Wishes.'



## Young Citizen of the Year Award Winner 2020

Her sole aim to help make special forever-memories for our patients and their families has seen weddings, early Christmas days, trips to the seaside, and her funds have even given patients the chance to just enjoy their favourite tippie or a chippy tea. Keira also kindly used some of her funds raised to buy smart TVs for each of the 12 patient beds in the new In-Patient Unit.



'Keira's Wishes' grants the perfect wedding day for one of our patients

**Over £35,000 raised!**

**I am shocked but delighted to have raised £35,000 for the Hospice and to have won two awards! A big thank you to our amazing community for their support as none of this would be possible without them!**

**Keira Arnold  
Junior Fundraiser**

Dr Kershaw's Hospice is so grateful for the support we have had from Keira, and how she has inspired other young fundraisers to follow in her footsteps, that we nominated her for the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Young Citizen of the Year Awards 2020. There were over 200 nominations for just 10 awards (one for each borough) and Keira won!

The awards celebrate kindness, thoughtfulness, bravery and actions that made a difference to our communities, with nominations considered for young people aged 11-18 who have done something exceptional in the last year.

**The time and effort Keira puts into fundraising is incredible. She inspires so many others to get involved and always has the next big project in mind!**

**Lillie Winterbottom  
Dr Kershaw's  
Community Fundraiser**

Keira was presented with the award for Oldham by the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Eamonn O'Neal DL. She received a trophy, a certificate and a cheque for £50 specifically for Keira to spend on herself, a thank you for all she does for others. The award she received has not been given out in 20 years, and Keira is one of only 10 Young Citizens!

The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Eamonn O'Neal DL commented: "Keira's nomination stood out for the judges. She has a remarkable capacity to care for others and is innovative, inspiring and determined. She is very deserving of her Young Citizen of the Year Award and I'm sure she will continue to influence and inspire all those around her."

Keira was also recently honoured with The Mayor of Oldham's Appreciation Award for her commitment and dedication in raising funds for Dr Kershaw's Hospice.



'Keira's Wishes' bought smart TVs for the new In-Patient Unit



'Keira's Wishes' grants one of our patients an evening with his favourite tipple

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# A Tribute to our Former Chair of the Board, Colin Smith

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Colin Smith at the beginning of the year. As a founding member starting in 1984, Colin took on the role of Chair of the Board of Trustees for many years at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Colin's professional role as Chief Executive of Oldham MBC, ensured that he was instrumental in influencing the development of the Hospice from the start. After 20 years as Chair of the Board of Trustees, Colin retired from his position at Dr Kershaw's in 2014, yet continued to support and champion the work of the Hospice throughout his life.

He will doubtless be remembered fondly as a well-loved and highly regarded past Leader from within the Oldham Community. Although originally from Burnley and a lifetime supporter of Burnley FC, Colin had a strong affinity with Oldham and its people and was proud to call Oldham his home town.

Colin's time at Dr Kershaw's secured a firm future for our Hospice and for that we will be eternally grateful. Over the years, Colin successfully led the team to deliver improvements in Hospice facilities worth over £2.5million. He was also instrumental in launching this very newsletter back in 2002, establishing the first of our Hospice shops, and introducing the Hospice Lottery with the first draw taking place in October 2003.



Colin was always passionate that the funds so generously raised and donated by the people of Oldham should provide excellent value for money. He diligently used his accountancy experience and financial skills to ensure a financially viable Hospice, and above all, a first-class palliative care service for the community of Oldham.

We are indebted to Colin for his support and leadership, and on behalf of the staff, members of the Board of Trustees, our volunteers and our patients we would like to extend our thoughts and love to Colin's wife, Marian and his family. He will be sadly missed by all.

**The long-term success of the Hospice has been due in no small part to Colin's financial acumen and skill. Our gratitude is immeasurable.**

**Mirriam Lawton  
Current Chair of the Board  
of Trustees**

# Volunteer Recognition

Volunteers are an integral part of Dr Kershaw's Hospice and without them we wouldn't be where we are today. We value each and every one of them, and their support makes such a big difference to our patients and their families. Due to their important role, and the fact we receive so many positive comments about our volunteers, we have decided to launch a Volunteer Recognition Scheme to show just how much their help means...

**Have you witnessed a volunteer go above and beyond?  
Do you think they deserve a special mention from the team?**

If you've had a positive experience with one of our volunteers and think they deserve a special mention for their efforts, we would love to know!

You can send your feedback to the **Volunteer Team** via email [volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk](mailto:volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk)

Or by post to  
**Volunteer Team**  
**Dr Kershaw's Hospice**  
**Turf Lane**  
**Oldham**  
**OL2 6EU**

Alternatively, you can pick up a 'Special Mention Slip' at our Hospice reception or in one of our four Hospice shops.

**"We get so much lovely feedback about our volunteers that we wanted to launch something more structured to show our volunteers how much they mean to our Hospice!"**

**Leanne Gurney**  
**Volunteer Coordinator**



Do something amazing. Volunteer!

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)

# 50 Years Apart, Volunteers Megan and Marie Strike Up Lovely Friendship

When 72-year-old, Marie Williams signed up to volunteer for Dr Kershaw's Hospice she never anticipated becoming friends with someone 50 years younger than her. Yet, Marie and Megan Riley, aged 21, struck up a firm friendship volunteering on the afternoon tea trolley together two years ago and have remained friends since, supporting each other through the various lockdowns despite their volunteering roles being temporarily suspended due to the pandemic...



L-R – Firm friends, Megan and Marie

## Megan

"I decided to volunteer for Dr Kershaw's as my grandma had been cared for at home by the Hospice's incredible Caring Hands Team. I wanted to give something back and use the time I would have spent with my grandma at the Hospice helping others.

When I first started I was really nervous, I wasn't used to being around patients and was worried it would be difficult.

That's when I met Marie, she trained me and helped me have the confidence to speak to patients on the ward. We hit it off straight away, Marie is funny, upbeat and always puts me in a good mood! We've kept in touch over the last year, texting, ringing, and even writing letters and buying each other Christmas gifts. I feel lucky to have started volunteering at Dr Kershaw's and to have met Marie!"



## Marie

"Before I retired I was a care worker for over 30 years, and decided to volunteer at the Hospice to keep this up whilst also keeping myself busy. I didn't think the Hospice would need a volunteer as old as me but they did, they welcomed me with open arms! I didn't expect the Hospice to be such a happy place, but it makes such a difference to patients to see a smiley, happy face.

It was so nice to first meet Megan, she's

such a lovely, happy person and keeps me cheerful and smiley. A lot of my family are in Ireland so she's been a great support to me over the past year, just with her texts to check in on me, and her calls which brighten up my day. She even bought me some lovely earrings for Christmas!

Volunteering for Dr Kershaw's Hospice has been great fun, it's got me out the house, I've made friends and got myself a social life."

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**Megan has been a great support to me over the past year, with her texts to check in on me, and her calls which brighten up my day.**

**Marie  
Hospice Volunteer**

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## Did You Know?

**Despite all the restrictions brought on by Covid, our fabulous team of volunteers still managed to clock up an incredible 18,548 hours of volunteering for Dr Kershaw's Hospice in 2020!**

**Our volunteers support us in the Hospice, with our gardens, in our shops and so much more!**



**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)**

# Launch of Virtual Well-being Sessions

With our day patients unable to access their usual activities, our Well-being Centre Team have launched virtual well-being sessions to support current patients as well as other members of the community.

The new virtual sessions are specifically designed for those living with life-limiting illnesses, and have been created by both the Hospice team and volunteers to help improve members of our community's well-being from the comfort of their own home.

Initially, three weekly virtual meetings have been launched: a quiz, exercise classes, and relaxation sessions, with everything needed for each activity provided by the Hospice.

Staff Nurse, Chloe Pilcher said: "We launched the virtual sessions to support our patients and others in the community during lockdown. Those signed up have loved the sessions and we hope to see more people get involved!"

Ken Garland has been taking part in the virtual sessions, he said: "The sessions have been wonderful, I've been able to reconnect with others, and its broken up my week."



To find out more about the virtual sessions contact the Hospice's Well-being Centre Team on 0161 785 5625 or 07811 713 235

## Did You Know?

Despite all the challenges brought on by the pandemic in 2020 and our In-Patient Unit being closed for almost half the year, our dedicated clinical team still managed to have a huge impact both in the Hospice and the community, providing specialised care and support for 556 patients and their families in our borough!



Check Out Our New Look Website!  
[www.drkh.org.uk](http://www.drkh.org.uk)



Our team came together recently on the National Day of Reflection (a year since the country first went into lockdown) to join with the community for a minute's silence, as well as sharing messages on the Hospice's social media channels to thank the community in what has been the most difficult of years.

Our Chief Executive, Joanne Sloan said: "As we mark one year since our country went into lockdown we would like to champion the support from our local community and say thank you to those who have been pivotal in helping Dr Kershaw's Hospice. From providing our team with PPE and tasty meals to sending in your rainbow pictures, playing our weekly Hospice Lottery and even holding your own lockdown fundraisers.

We couldn't continue the vital work we do without your continued support."

At the end of last year, we also launched our first ever 'Thank You Week' to thank staff for going above and beyond during the pandemic, giving Senior Management and the Board of Trustees the chance to share their thanks and appreciation with a series of messages and videos. Each member of staff also received an extra day's holiday as a 'Thank You Day' for their exceptional contribution in what has been the most challenging of years.

Adele Doherty, Director of Clinical Services said: "The extra day's holiday was gratefully received by the nursing team and was a huge boost to morale, giving the team an extra day to spend with their loved ones."

## In the News...

Each Friday, the Oldham Times features a full page of stories from our Hospice. We would like to invite the community to share their experiences of Dr Kershaw's to use in future issues.

If you would like to share how the Hospice's nurses and carers have helped and supported your family, then we would like to hear from you. Please email [info@drkh.org.uk](mailto:info@drkh.org.uk) and our Marketing Team will get in touch with you.



## Our Shops Are Back!

Since our shops had to close again at the beginning of the year, we've missed seeing all of your faces! We've used the time to refresh each shop, go through our donations, and launch our new window displays. If you haven't already visited our shops since the restrictions have lifted, we look forward to welcoming you back. Don't forget we are now once again accepting donations, please bring these into your local Hospice shop. We are currently only accepting two bags per person at a time.



## Local Business Support is Crucial to Our Hospice

Dr Kershaw's relies on the support of Oldham businesses and there are many ways for each business to help!

One recent supporter has been Oldham based, Little Owl Farm. Despite their own challenges brought on by Covid, they contacted Dr Kershaw's to find out how they could support their local Hospice. Their farm shop supported the Hospice by selling our calendars and diaries.

Little Owl Farm owner, Cindy Bramall said: "We know people who have been touched by Dr Kershaw's and how important the Hospice is to the community. We just wanted to help in any way we could."



All of our business partnerships are tailored to meet the needs of your business whilst supporting our Hospice. If you know of an organisation who could help our Hospice in any way please ask them to contact the Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984** or email **fundraising@drkh.org.uk**

## 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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## A CHANCE TO WIN Lottery A WAY TO CARE

With Spring well and truly upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our lottery supporters a happy and bright Summer. Your support has been, and continues to be magnificent, we hope that you are all keeping well as we approach the easing of lockdown.

Your amazing support via our Spring Lottery Draw raised a fabulous £14,557.60 from ticket purchases and donations, you never cease to amaze us! Due to minimal funding and the restrictions of Covid-19, the Hospice has relied more than ever on the contributions from our community, we truly value your commitment. Since Covid-19 hit, back in March 2020, our Hospice Lottery has lost over 1,759 weekly members which is totally understandable under such unusual circumstances. If you are not currently a member and feel you could support us by joining our £1 weekly lottery, click the 'Join our Lottery' button on our website, and give yourself the chance to win our £1,000 weekly jackpot prize or one of our five £50 runner up prizes. Alternatively, if you are already a member and would be interested in taking out a 2nd number to give you double the chance of winning, please give us a call and we can set that up for you.

Thank you for your fabulous support!  
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! Call our Lottery Team for more information.



## 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.



## Mobile Phones Don't Dump, Donate!

Did you receive a new mobile phone for Christmas and are wondering what to do with your old phone? Please don't throw it away, why not bring it into the

Hospice or our hospice shops, we can dust these old phones off and convert them into cash, with or without accessories!



**Our mobile phone scheme has raised over £8,770 to date, contributing to specialist round the clock care for our patients.**



**SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR VIRTUAL HOSPICE WALK THIS JUNE!**



**SIGN UP FEE:  
£8**



## Shops Directory

### **Oldham Hospice Shop**

Unit 10 Albion Street,  
Oldham, OL1 3BB  
Tel: 0161 628 2343  
(Store temporarily closed)

### **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 large pieces of furniture and large electrical item donations please contact Charlie at Big White Charity Van who will sell the items on our behalf. Please remember to mention Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

### **Big White Charity Van**

Unit 14, Pennant St Industrial Estate, Oldham, OL1 3NP  
Tel: 0161 222 0808 or 07944063884

**TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:  
[WWW.DRKH.ORG.UK/HOSPICE-WALK](http://WWW.DRKH.ORG.UK/HOSPICE-WALK)**

## 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  
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**Lottery Office:** 0161 624 9213  
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