



Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals Charity Newsletter

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Autumn ball raises funds for Ophthalmology Sensory Garden

The generosity and support of staff, family and friends helped raise thousands of pounds for a bespoke sensory garden at the Ophthalmology Autumn Charity Ball on Friday 17 October.

The event, held at The Village Hotel in Warrington, was organised by the department to raise funds for the WHH Charity Ophthalmology Sensory Garden Appeal, launched in memory of Tracey Parry, a much-loved Orthoptist who worked at WHH for more than 25 years. The evening welcomed 120 guests who enjoyed stand-up bingo, a silent auction, and a raffle bursting with prizes.

The ball raised £3,931, bringing the total raised for the garden to £14,731 – edging closer to the £20,000 target needed to start work.

Once complete, the garden will offer a calm and welcoming outdoor space filled with sensory plants and peaceful surroundings for patients, families and staff to enjoy.

Debbie Kirk, Senior Assistant CBU Manager, said: “Every donation reflects a shared commitment to making a difference and honouring Tracey’s legacy.”

[Read more about the appeal.](#)



Skydivers soar to new heights for Willow Tree Hub Appeal

The determination and generosity of local supporters helped raise more than £3,000 for the Willow Tree Hub Appeal as three brave fundraisers took to the skies on Saturday 1 November.

After being postponed twice due to bad weather, the long-awaited charity skydive finally went ahead, with Jodie Atkinson (Cloud Ledger Solutions Ltd), Michael Lancaster (Minuteman Press) and Anita Van Schaick (Alliance Connectivity Ltd) each taking the leap from an incredible 13,000 feet.

Their thrilling challenge raised vital funds to support the Willow Tree Hub appeal, which aims to create a dedicated community space at Warrington Hospital of which will provide a calm, private space away where families can grieve, reflect and receive the help and guidance they need in a compassionate and supportive setting.

Helen Higginson, Head of Fundraising at WHH, said: “We’re so grateful to Jodie, Michael and Anita for their amazing courage and commitment. Their fundraising efforts will make a real difference to local people who may rely on the support of the Willow Tree Hub.”

Feeling inspired? Get involved and take on your own fundraising challenge, [drop us a message](#) to find out how you can make a difference.



Moobs and Boobs go the distance for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Staff from across the Trust went all out this October to support the Moobs and Boobs Appeal, raising £1,769 for breast cancer care.

From raffles and tombola’s to a fun-filled fundraising day, everyone came together to help enhance treatment areas and comfort for patients.

A special shout-out goes to Caitlin O’Brien, Improving Screening Uptake Officer, who completed an incredible 30-mile sponsored walk between Runcorn, St Helens and Warrington breast screening sites – taking more than 12 hours!

“It was tough but so rewarding,” Caitlin said. “Knowing that the money raised will support our patients made every mile worthwhile.”

Every pound raised helps fund improved facilities, specialist equipment and enhanced care for patients across our breast care services.

Join us in supporting the Moobs and Boobs Appeal – [reach out to see how you can get involved!](#)



Community support blossoms thanks to local garden centres

Outdoor spaces at Halton Hospital have been transformed into beautiful wellbeing gardens thanks to volunteer Alison Kinross and generous support from local garden centres.

After spotting areas in need of care, Alison teamed up with The Wonky Garden, Notcutts Rivendell, Cottage Nurseries and Cronton Garden Centre, who donated plants and supplies to create peaceful spaces for staff and patients to enjoy.

Both the Occupational Therapy and Delamere Centre gardens are now thriving with fresh produce, colourful flowers and inviting seating areas.

Alison said: “It’s been a real community effort, and I hope everyone enjoys spending time in these much-improved spaces.”

A huge thank you to Alison and our local partners for helping to bring colour and calm to Halton Hospital.



Dr Anil conquers Everest Base Camp for bereaved families

Congratulations to Dr Anil Gopalakrishna, consultant paediatrician and governance lead at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals, who reached Everest Base Camp, raising £1,834 for the Willow Tree Hub Appeal.

Battling snow and storms, Anil trekked for two weeks to reach his goal.

The Willow Tree Hub will be a dedicated space offering comfort, privacy and specialist support for families facing the heartbreaking loss of a baby.

Anil said: “It was one of the toughest things I’ve ever done but knowing it will help families through their hardest times made every step worthwhile.”

An incredible effort for a cause so close to our hearts.

[Learn more about the appeal.](#)



Local school brings joy to hospital wards

Pupils from Sacred Catholic Primary School brought smiles, songs and thoughtful handmade cards to patients at Warrington Hospital’s Forget Me Not Unit and Stroke Unit.

The Year 2 and musical theatre groups performed cheerful songs and shared messages of kindness that lifted spirits across the wards.

Emily Thompson, Patient Activities Co-ordinator, said: “The children bring so much warmth and positivity – you can see the joy it brings the moment they start to sing.”

Sacred Heart are long-time supporters of the hospital and are already planning a festive visit in December.

A big thank you to these young stars.

[Watch their video.](#)



Christmas is coming – help make it special at WHH

It’s the most wonderful time of the year, and we’re getting ready to make Christmas extra special for patients, families and staff at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals.

- **Toy and gift appeal:** Donate a new, unwrapped toy or gift (up to £5) to make sure every patient in our care feels the magic of Christmas.
- **Win £5,000:** [Join our WHH Charity Lottery](#), before 30 November for a chance to win our special Christmas Eve jackpot.
- **Festive market stalls:** Visit our Thursday markets at Warrington Hospital’s main entrance for gifts, crafts and holiday cheer.

Every donation, ticket and gift helps us bring joy and comfort to patients spending Christmas in hospital.



How you can help

There are many ways to show your support – from fundraising and events to volunteering.

Every contribution is truly appreciated.

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