

Hospice news

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35th Anniversary Edition



Eden Valley
Hospice



Cumbria's Children's Hospice

For 35 years, you've been at the heart of every story in these pages. Thank you for being our loyal friend, ensuring families across Cumbria can always turn to your hospice in their time of need.

Thank you!



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35 years of caring for Cumbrian communities...

Your hospice's very first inpatient was an 11-month-old baby when the doors opened for the first time in October 1991. Over the last 35 years, lots has changed, but the one thing that hasn't changed is to ensure those in North Cumbria can receive quality end-of-life care and compassion when it matters most.

Dawn, Healthcare Assistant, has been working at the hospice for 19 years and said *"I can say that it is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done; it's been a privilege to care for so many amazing children and their families, sharing so many moments of joy, laughter and celebration whilst also guiding them through some of the most difficult times they may be facing, including end of life care and bereavement."*

Over the years, I have seen many changes; we only had one computer in Jigsaw, and all our notes and individualised care plans were handwritten!

I will always be grateful and humbled by the trust families place in me and for all the memories made along the way. Working at the Hospice has not only shaped my career but also the person I am today."

Linda, Staff Nurse, has been working at the hospice for 28 years and said *"I have seen many changes within the Hospice over that time but the main thing that has not changed is the care and compassion we all strive to provide for patients and their families, and also the amazing children who attend Jigsaw."*

For me personally, the hospice has become a part of my family, and I have felt supported in many ways through some difficult times of my own. There have been many happy times, some challenges along the way too, but working alongside such amazing people is the best experience."

As we celebrate 35 years of caring for local people, it's important to say a heartfelt thank



you for making it all possible. Whether you have donated, volunteered, fundraised, played the lottery, attended an event or simply helped raise awareness, you continue to be part of this incredible story.

You're invited!

To celebrate this milestone and recognise your remarkable support, we warmly invite you to a special 35th Anniversary Celebration event taking place during the week commencing 5th October 2026, along with a themed Pop-up Café from 5th to 10th October! More details will be shared soon, but we hope you will be able to join staff, volunteers and fellow supporters in reflecting on the past 35 years and looking ahead to the future of hospice care in Cumbria.

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Hospice care in numbers

2025-26



**Eden Valley
Hospice**

Adult Inpatient Unit



206

total number
of admissions



10.8

average
length of stay
in days



2,214

nights of care
delivered



27%

of patients went
home or to another
residential setting



Cumbria's Children's Hospice



46

babies, children and
young adults supported



761

days of care



422

nights of care



8

babies, children and young
adults supported in the
Butterfly Room

Patient and Family Support



955

hours of counselling



666

face-to-face sessions of
spiritual care delivered

Specialist advice to health professionals



214

phone calls to our 24/7
advice line for healthcare
professionals

172

patients supported from
this advice line

Living Well Services



324

attendances for
Bereavement Peer
Support Groups

32

attendances for
Neuro Living Well Programme

68

attendances for Saturday Club

38

children supported by Baby Group

Get ready for our first-ever Race Across Europe



This October, teams of two will be taking on our first-ever Race Across Europe challenge – a homage to BBC's Race Across the World! Starting in Carlisle, they'll embark on an exciting journey across Europe, with no idea of their next destination. Each new destination will be revealed along the way, as they navigate their route across Europe, embrace the unexpected, and make unforgettable memories all while raising vital funds to support hospice care.

Over the course of the week, we'll be sharing regular updates, highlights and stories from all the teams as they make their way across the continent. From navigation challenges to moments of triumph, there's sure to be plenty to follow.

Keep an eye on our social media channels to see how they're getting on and who will race their way into the history books as our first-ever Race Across Europe winners!

Love the sound of Race Across Europe?

If you'd be interested in taking part in something similar in the future, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact: fundraising@edenvallyhospice.org

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Got a fundraising itch? We can help make it happen!

Baking 100 cupcakes? Walking a mountain? Hosting dinner parties? Cycling overseas? There are so many ways to fundraise and support local families.

Every fundraiser starts somewhere: a conversation over a cup of tea, a challenge you've always wanted to try... if you've got an idea, let our friendly fundraising team in on it!

You'll receive a fundraising pack, full of top tips and guidance. We can help you set up online fundraising pages, provide sponsorship forms, collection buckets, and banners to help make your fundraiser a success.

Get in touch today and one of our friendly fundraising team will reach out to support you:

fundraising@edenvallyhospice.org

Your events calendar

- 18th April 2027: **Manchester Marathon**
- 30th May 2027: **Edinburgh Marathon**
- 4th to 20th October 2027: **Everest Base Camp**

From Autumn to Spring, there are plenty of marathons for you to lace up your trainers and support Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw!

Visit our website to find out more!

edenvallyhospice.org/support-us/events



Danielle and Myles' Jigsaw journey

When Danielle's son Myles was just two years old, life changed forever.

Myles was diagnosed with stage 4 high-risk neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer. What followed was more than a year spent in hospital, enduring intensive treatment that left lasting effects on his health and wellbeing.

"During Myles' treatment, he couldn't talk, he couldn't walk, and he became really afraid of nurses and doctors," explains Danielle, who lives in Carlisle. "A lot happened to him during that time."

Today, Myles is approaching his fifth birthday. While he is thankfully in remission, the impact of his treatment remains. He is tube-fed, profoundly deaf in both ears, has reduced kidney function and mild chronic heart failure, alongside other complex medical needs.

When Myles was preparing to start school, Danielle and her family were understandably anxious. His health can change very quickly, and after everything he had been through, being around healthcare professionals could still be frightening.

"We were really nervous about him going to school, but we knew that if he got used to coming to a place like Jigsaw, where there were nurses and doctors, then if anything did happen, he would be in a safe environment."

The family began attending Jigsaw less than a year ago, and the difference has been remarkable.

"He's not scared of people dressed in nurses' uniforms anymore. He enjoys being around them, and I think Jigsaw has played a really big part in that."

For Myles, Jigsaw has become affectionately known as "the nurse's house".

"The smoothie bar is his favourite place," laughs Danielle. "As soon as we come in, that's where he wants to go. He loves playing with Lego, colouring, having a bath, watching television and running around."

Most importantly, Jigsaw gives Myles the freedom to simply be a little boy.

"Everybody knows his name and talks to him. From the nurses to the reception team, everyone is so smiley and caring. It feels really homely... Nothing is ever too much to ask for. They made us feel completely at ease."



While Myles enjoys spending time at Jigsaw, Danielle and her family benefit too. As parents of three children, respite care gives them valuable opportunities to spend quality time with their other children, knowing Myles is safe and happy.

Family events have also helped Myles' siblings feel part of the Jigsaw community.

"The Christmas party was amazing. Myles was able to bring his brother and sister and they absolutely loved it."

Looking back, Danielle struggles to imagine what life would be like without the support of Jigsaw.

"If anything happens to him, he'll be okay here. That gives us such a sense of safety."



Danielle and Myles supported the hospice in May by being part of an awareness video for Jigsaw to explain the care and support offered to local families.

You can watch Danielle and Myles' story here, - [scan the QR code or visit jigsawhospice.org](https://www.jigsawhospice.org) and click 'your hospice stories'

Dawn and Cameron's story

"It became less about fear, and more about comfort and care."

When Dawn's brother Cameron was diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer in August 2024, life was suddenly turned upside down.

While Cameron was in hospital in Carlisle, Dawn travelled back and forth from her home in Liverpool, determined to be by his side. *"I was living in Liverpool and working full time, so travelling back and forth was exhausting."*

Dawn made the difficult decision to camp nearby for four weeks so she could be there for Cameron whenever he needed her;

"Accommodation was expensive, and I simply couldn't afford to stay away for that length of time. Many people kindly offered me a place to stay, but I felt I needed space to process what was happening in my own way."

Everything changed when Cameron was admitted to the hospice in August 2025.

Dawn remembers how overwhelming those early days felt. "I was frightened, initially, accepting that the end was coming. And admittedly, I didn't know what to expect. But once we got there, it just felt so much less scary."

When Cameron arrived at the hospice, the teams on the ward listened to Dawn, hearing how challenging it had been for her – camping and facing a long journey every day to be with her brother. Wanting to ease that burden, that same day, they checked the availability in the hospice visitors' flat and offered Dawn a place to stay so she could be close to her brother.



Supporting families to remain together is at the heart of hospice care, and families are always given the choice to stay with their loved ones during such difficult and precious times. For Dawn, that care and understanding came exactly when she needed it most.

What followed was immediate reassurance in what had been an uncertain time.

Dawn remembers the relief she felt that first night, *"It was priceless",* reflecting on those precious moments she was able to share with Cameron, *"I could sit with him late into the night when he called for me. I could be beside him when he wanted to sit up, play cards, watch reruns of Star Trek, and reminisce about our lives."*

For the first time, she could stop worrying about how she would get back and forth each day, or where she would stay. She could just focus on being there with Cameron – knowing that he was comfortable and cared for, and that if he needed her, she could be with him.

The flat offered more than just a place to stay, it became a place where she could rest and begin to process everything she was going through.

"I remember going back one night and finding cream and moisturisers. They couldn't have done more – they just kept giving."

Dawn stayed in the flat for the last two weeks of Cameron's life. And was with Cameron in his final moments.

"I put my arm around him, and my face against his. I was so thankful I could be there. He wanted me to be with him when he passed – and I couldn't bear to think if I hadn't been. I needed him to know I was there."

Dawn reflects on what the hospice gave them: "I'll never forget the kindness of everyone at the hospice. I wouldn't have been able to give the farewell that Cameron needed without their support."

"Because of them, my brother's death is not something I try to forget. Instead, it is a time I remember with meaning, with closeness, and even with moments of peace. That is something truly priceless."

How is your local hospice funded?

You might have heard a lot about hospice funding in the news recently. Often these articles are daunting, and it's difficult to understand what is going on, especially in your local area. Hopefully this page will explain how Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw, Cumbria's Children's Hospice, is funded and how your collective impact is making the biggest difference.



This year, 17.6% of our running costs are being funded by the NHS; the other 83.4% of our income comes from you. Your fundraising, donations, charity shop purchases, events and gifts in Wills all generate the income needed to keep our doors open.

Each year, the percentage of NHS funding has been dropping, which means we need to rely on you even more and continue finding innovative ways to fill the funding gaps. This year, Hospice UK and Together For Short Lives (two national hospice charities) have been lobbying the government for fair and sustainable funding that is guaranteed year-on-year.

What does 'fair funding' mean?

Hospices provide an essential part of the healthcare system. Last year, 2,200 days of care were provided to patients who would have otherwise been in hospital. Despite this, hospices are reliant on charitable funding to deliver services that support the NHS.

We also offer a 24/7 professional helpline for healthcare professionals, such as GPs, paramedics and district nurses. Day or night, our Medical team will answer the phone and offer specialist advice to those administering end-of-life care; reducing both pain and admissions to hospital.

The North Cumbria Integrated Care Board is now funding this vital service, which means our expertise is supporting families out in the community, even if they don't know it.



Kate, Quality and Safety Lead, and Suzanne, Director of Clinical Services, went to London in June to visit Parliament, along with Together For Short Lives, to campaign for fair, sustainable funding.

Suzanne said, "We're grateful to MPs for taking the time to hear first-hand from parents and carers what hospice care means to them and why fair hospice funding matters so much."

The visit helped open the door to ongoing conversations with MPs, creating valuable opportunities to raise awareness of the challenges facing hospices.

But what does that mean for you?

The main takeaway of this page should be just how impressive **you** are. Collectively, you are funding thousands of days and nights of care for local families every year.

80p of every £1 you donate is spent directly on patient care. The remaining 20p is invested in the building, keeping it safe, comfortable and warm, as well as the fundraising activities that ensure hospice care is here for local families in the future.

That means you can be confident that everything you do to support your local hospice is truly having an impact. You are providing comfort, dignity, cherished memories and tailored support to adults with life-limiting conditions and children with serious illnesses.

Your generosity has helped keep this vital service here for 35 years, at the heart of the community. Please consider donating, fundraising and supporting your local hospice today for the generations to come. Thank you.

New Carlisle charity shop in time for Christmas!



This year is particularly special as we prepare to open our fifth hospice charity shop, giving even more people the opportunity to shop sustainably, find festive bargains and support your hospice. Your new Carlisle-based shop, 'Outlet and Furniture Shop', will offer end-of-line bargains and much more space for large furniture donations!

The shop will create new opportunities for new purchases, volunteering, donating goods and funding quality end-of-life care for local people - we'll be sharing more details soon, so watch this space!

Every donated item, every volunteered hour and every purchase you have made has opened the door for local families to receive hospice care throughout the year. Your ongoing support is the reason we can open this exciting new shop for the local community. Thank you for giving us the key to open your new shop!

Your local shop on the high streets or online!

Find your local hospice charity shop and the most up-to-date opening hours on our website by scanning the code or calling **01228 810801**.

Can't visit our shops in person? Discover unique bargains online and support your local hospice! Simply scan the QR code or visit our website today.

edenvalleyhospice.org/support-us/our-shops



Pop-up Café success continues...

The Pop-Up Café is located in the main hospice building and is a wonderful way to raise funds for the hospice. Visitors, both new and old, are welcome to enjoy a brew, some cake and light bites. We're delighted to keep the doors open every **Monday and Tuesday between 10am to 3pm**, welcoming supporters for refreshments, conversation and a warm hospice welcome. The café has become an easy way for people to connect or re-connect with the hospice while supporting local care.

We're also excited to announce a **festive Christmas Pop-Up Café** is planned for later in the year, dates to be confirmed. We hope you'll join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chance to celebrate your local hospice very soon!

Celebrating the season together!



Christmas at the hospice is all about coming together. No matter which area of the hospice you work in, everyone plays a role in creating special moments for the children, adults and families in our care.

While clinical and medical teams provide expert care and support, they are backed by colleagues across the organisation who help make Christmas feel truly magical. From Catering staff preparing favourite festive treats, to Housekeepers creating warm and welcoming spaces, Facilities teams keeping everything running smoothly, and Finance teams ensuring resources are in place, every person contributes in their own way.

A perfect example came from Julie, Hospice Chief Executive, who was asked whether it might be possible for someone staying at the hospice to enjoy a small New Year's Eve dram.



After a busy New Year's Eve, with just hours to go before the celebrations began, Julie discovered the hospice drinks cupboard was empty – a rare occurrence. Not wanting anyone to miss out on a special moment, she made a last-minute dash to the shops before they closed, returning with a bottle of whisky and some festive fizz ready to ring in the New Year.

"Not everyone will be well enough to enjoy a wee dram, but for those who can on New Year's Eve – or any other night – we will do our best to make it happen!"

It may have seemed like a small gesture, but it reflected something much bigger. Hospice life is about making the most of every moment, and at Christmas and New Year especially, it is often these thoughtful acts of kindness that mean the most.

Together, with your support, every member of the team helps create comfort, joy and precious memories for the families who need us.

Join the festive celebrations: Light Up A Life

This Christmas, **Light Up a Life** offers a special opportunity to remember and celebrate your loved ones. By donating and dedicating a light in their memory, you can honour their life by supporting future families who will benefit from hospice care.

You're invited to two events, which bring our community together to reflect, remember and share hope during the festive season. Whether you're remembering a family member, friend or colleague, everyone is welcome to be part of this meaningful tradition:

- Hospice Light Switch-On on Sunday 29 November at 4.30pm
- Cathedral Service on Friday 11 December at 7.30pm

To make your dedication, please visit our website or call the Fundraising team on 01228 817649.



Rob's story: finding comfort in company

Grief can feel isolating, but no one has to face it alone. Whether your loss is recent or happened many years ago, the hospice's Walk and Talk Group and Comfort Café are open to anyone living with bereavement.

After losing his wife, Fiona, Rob Sim found support at the hospice's Comfort Café – a welcoming bereavement support group where people can connect with others who understand the experience of grief.

Fiona had received end-of-life care at Eden Valley Hospice, and after her death, Rob turned to the Comfort Café to find connection, understanding and support. Facilitated by hospice staff and trained volunteers, the group offers a space where people can talk about their grief at their own pace, share memories, or simply enjoy a cup of tea with others who understand.

For Rob, the biggest difference was being surrounded by people who truly understood what he was going through.

"What makes such a difference is that people there understand," he says. "They know what it's like to lose somebody. You don't have to pretend you're okay."

Today, Rob continues to attend the group and has found himself able to support and comfort others too.

"I feel that maybe I can help other people a little bit just by listening to them and talking to them because of what I've been through."

Find your closest peer support group for bereavement support:

- **Comfort Café: Brampton Community Centre** – 4th Thursday of every month from 10am to 12pm.
- **Comfort Café: Wigton Library** – 3rd Thursday of every month from 10am to 12pm.
- **Comfort Café: Keswick Museum** – 1st Monday of the month from 10am to 12pm.
- **Walk and Talk Group: A gentle walk around Chances Park, Carlisle** – 1st Tuesday of every month from 11am.
- **Walk and Talk Group: A gentle walk around Hammonds Pond, Carlisle** – 3rd Tuesday of every month, meeting at the car park off Blackwell Road from 11am.



For more information:

Visit edenvalleyhospice.org or contact the Living Well Services Team directly on **01228 810801** or email livingwell@edenvalleyhospice.org

Community support and outreach

Neuro Living Well Programme

A safe and welcoming 6-session programme for those with a neurological condition and their carers. Share experiences, receive expert guidance and gain practical well-being and independence tools.

To find out more or submit a referral, please call **01228 810801** or email livingwell@edenvalleyhospice.org

Baby and Toddler Group

The last Thursday of every month from 10am to 12pm at Jigsaw Cumbria's Children's Hospice.

Free 'stay and play' sessions for infants and young children who are seriously ill but not yet at school – open to all, no need for a referral or previous hospice support. Bring the whole family and come along for two hours of fun that everyone can join in.

Saturday Club

For those aged 16 and over living with a life-shortening condition, the sessions are guided by you with a variety of activities. There's no pressure, no judgement, just a space to meet new people and have fun!

Takes place bi-monthly on a Saturday, with dates varying throughout the year. To find out more, please contact **01228 810801** or evh.jigsaw@nhs.net



Meet Marilyn

“Including the hospice in your Will is a wonderful way to leave a gift, knowing that your generosity will live on through the care the hospice provides.”

When Marilyn Salkeld first began volunteering with the hospice in 2017, she worked on reception, welcoming visitors and offering a friendly face to those coming through our doors. Since then, her role has evolved, and today she supports our Fundraising team, helping to ensure gifts left in Wills continue to make a difference for future generations.

Before retiring, Marilyn spent more than 30 years working as a stockbroker. Part of her role involved valuing stocks and shares for probate, which gave her experience working alongside many solicitors across Carlisle and the surrounding area. When the opportunity arose to support gifts in Wills at the hospice, she was keen to put that knowledge to good use for the hospice.



Marilyn knows just how important gifts in Wills are to the future of hospice care. *“Over the years, I’ve seen how vital gifts in Wills are in helping provide comfort and care for patients, and their families. These generous gifts help ensure that the hospice can continue to make a difference in our community for years to come.”*

Contact Eleanor,
to talk about your next steps:

eleanor.viney@edenvalehospice.org
or 01228 817618



Marilyn's Top Tips

Would you like to leave a gift in your Will but aren't quite sure on where to start? Marilyn has shared her top tips for anyone considering leaving a gift to support hospice care in their Will.

- 1. Start with your family and friends:** Think about what you would like to leave to those closest to you first, then consider leaving a gift to your hospice.
- 2. Decide on the type of gift you'd like to leave:** You may choose to leave a share of your estate (a residuary gift), a fixed sum of money, or even personal items. Some choose to leave their car, a favourite painting, their home or a bottle of bubbly; any gift makes a difference!
- 3. Speak to a professional:** A Will is a legally binding document. A Solicitor can help ensure your Will truly reflects your wishes and offer you legal advice.
- 4. Let the hospice know:** There's no obligation to tell us, but if you choose to, we'd love the opportunity to thank you and keep you updated on hospice plans.

Benefits of leaving a Gift in Your Will

- You will help protect hospice care for future generations.
- Gifts left to charities in your Will are exempt from Inheritance Tax, which may reduce the amount of tax due on your estate. We recommend seeking professional advice to understand what this could mean for you and your family.
- Once you've thought of your family and friends, a Gift of even 1% of your estate will cost you nothing today but can help secure the future of hospice care for years to come.

Your Hospice Heroes

Dennis Tanner

Dennis Tanner shaved his hair for hospice care! After he jokingly said he would cut his hair off, volunteer gardener Dennis braved the clippers and shaved off all his hair. He raised an amazing £2,000! Taking his seat in the hospice coffee lounge and allowed members of staff and some of the children attending Jigsaw to chop off chunks of his hair. He thankfully had a professional hairdresser on standby to ensure he didn't leave with any hair left on his head. Huge thank you for your efforts and good spirits; it was brilliant to watch!



Jim Boyle

Jim Boyle, more commonly known as 'Jazza', was the epitome of a hospice hero. His dedication as a fundraiser was recognised nationally with a Pride of Britain Award in 2016; an honour that remains proudly celebrated at the hospice today. He was a brilliant hospice advocate, knowing the impact every penny made. He also volunteered his time as a driver, delivering vital medication and samples to and from the hospital, along with various other deliveries.

Jim died earlier this year, before he could read this in the 'hospice heroes' section, but the difference he made, along with his humour, kindness and generosity, will be an ongoing hospice legacy. Thank you, Jim.

Vicky Viney

Vicky Viney decided to take on the Chills Swim Triple Crown to raise funds. This involves swimming the lengths of 3 of the lakes in the Lake District: Conistone (5 and a quarter miles), Ullswater (7 and a half miles) and impressively Windermere (10 and a half miles)! Vicky is fundraising after experiencing firsthand the difference hospice care made to her family. At the time of writing, Vicky's fundraising is sitting at £510, with Lake Windermere the final swim to go, which she admits is "the one that is worrying me the most!" Best of luck Vicky, we're sure you'll be amazing!



Janet Beeching

Janet Beeching said she had "an overwhelming desire to support the hospice" after her husband received a terminal diagnosis 5 years ago, which led to them attending the hospice weekly for support. She decided to make small craft items for Christmas and Easter to be sold at events and at the hospice. Since she began donating in 2024, Janet and others who kindly donated similar goods have collectively raised over £2,800!

"I am immensely proud to support a wonderful charity and will always be grateful for the kindness, dignity and compassion shown to my husband and our family. The hospice has given both comfort and hope, and for that, I will be eternally thankful."



Paul Browning

Paul Browning and his family, with support from Carlisle Window Systems, held a football fundraising day. *"We raised funds for Eden Valley Hospice in memory of my father-in-law, David Gillies. The hospice does amazing work caring for local people with life-limiting illnesses and conditions, so we wanted to give something back."*

Unfortunately, this page isn't long enough to list all of the kind people who provided food, prizes, activities and took part in what was an incredible day! But together they raised £11,133 – we were blown away at such a terrific effort! Thank you to all of you who made it possible!

Kelly Fitzpatrick

Kelly Fitzpatrick went above and beyond as a hospice hero, inspiring an incredible 36 family members and friends to join her in taking part in Gelt Gladiator 2026. Together, they raised an outstanding £5,764.50 in loving memory of her mother, Ann Marie, who was cared for by your hospice earlier this year. Kelly's dedication, enthusiasm, and determination have been truly inspiring, and her efforts are helping provide vital care and support to local families when they need it most.



Kathereen and Burnie

Kathereen and her husband, Burnie, raised £4,090 at this year's Dalston Tractor Run! On the day, more than 100 tractors lined up in Dalston, ready to set off on a journey through the countryside. Spectators gathered along the route to cheer them on, drop donations in buckets and watch the wonderful display, as the convoy came out in support of hospice care! Thank you so much to Kathereen and Burnie for all their hard work that made the day such a success, and to all the wonderful supporters who came out on the day to help raise vital funds!

Frankie, Declan and Hope

Frankie, Declan and Hope held their own stall selling handmade items, from bookmarks to body scrubs and sweet bags. Thanks to all their hard work and creativity, they raised an amazing £143! They came to the hospice so we could thank them for their thoughtful fundraising and for the difference their support makes. Your kindness has ensured comfort and compassion for local families can continue. Thank you!



Baxter and Geoff

Congratulations to Baxter, one of your hospice's much-loved Pets as Therapy Dogs, who has been named a finalist in the BBC Make a Difference Animal Award. Alongside his owner Geoff, Baxter regularly visits the hospice, bringing comfort, companionship and plenty of smiles to patients, families and staff alike.

Baxter has a remarkable way of helping people feel calm and cared for. Everyone at the hospice is delighted to see their special contribution recognised and wishes them both the very best of luck at the awards ceremony!

Feeling inspired?

Get in touch and we'll be by your side with ideas, advice, and top tips to make sure your fundraising is a success!

Call: 01228 810801 or Email: fundraising@edenvalleyhospice.org

Mark and Shauna's meaningful wedding day gesture...

Shauna and Mark shared some truly beautiful moments from their wedding day with us.

For their special day, Shauna and Mark chose to make a donation to Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw, with each guest receiving a hospice lottery number on personalised favours, giving them the chance to win a number of prizes, including £1,000!

The meaningful gesture was in memory of Mark's late wife, Terri, who was cared for at the hospice, and a way of celebrating the care that meant so much to her and her family during her final months at the hospice.

Shauna shared how Terri was cared for with kindness, comfort and compassion, and that the hospice supported her children, husband and wider family through an incredibly difficult time, *"helping making those precious months gentler than they otherwise could have been."*

Shauna shared...

"For me personally, it was also a quiet nod of respect to the woman who created the family I've been so fortunate to love."



One of the guests even won a prize: *"It was fantastic when we spotted a winner in our party and the scramble to find the winner was hilarious!"*

Thank you, Shauna and Mark, for sharing your story, your gift makes a difference in so many ways.

And huge congratulations – we wish you a lifetime of love and happiness as you begin your next chapter together!

Our Lottery Wedding Favours can be ordered by calling or emailing the Lottery team, or by visiting our website (details below).

NEW! Christmas Cracker Draw Card

Support your local hospice this Christmas with a gift that makes a difference.

For £2, you can purchase a Christmas Cracker Draw Card and be entered into our Christmas Eve Lottery Draw on 24th December. These make perfect stocking fillers, Christmas table additions, or a gift for your family or friends. Each £2 card will give the recipient the chance to win one of 58 cash prizes, including our rollover prize of up to £10,000!

Every entry helps provide care, comfort and dignity to local families.

To order a Christmas Cracker Draw Card, please fill in the section on the Christmas order form. Alternatively, and for Wedding Favour orders, you can contact Kath or Liz from our Lottery team or visit our website.



Web: edenvalleyhospice.org/lottery-favours

Email: lottery@edenvalleyhospice.org

Call: 01228 817614

Please note that for all online orders, a member of the lottery team will call to process payment over the phone after the order is received.

*Terms and conditions apply; see our website for details.

The claimant and purchaser of the Draw Cards and Favours must be over 18 and a resident of Great Britain. Registered with the Gambling Commission under the Gambling Act of 2005. Account Number: 5200. Promoter: Eden Valley Hospice. If you have a problem with gambling, please visit begambleaware.org.

Partners that care

Behind every family that receives compassion and support, there are many individuals, businesses and organisations making these moments possible.

Local businesses are at the heart of our community, and by partnering with the hospice they help provide compassionate care for local families when they need it most. Whether through fundraising, sponsorship, volunteering or choosing us as a Charity of the Year, corporate supporters are making a lasting impact while demonstrating their commitment to their community.

**Do you know a local organisation that might like to get involved?
We'd love to hear from them!**



Fund 24 hours of care by joining Club 24

Launched in 2024, **Club 24** brings together businesses with one shared goal: Funding 24 hours of hospice care for a patient. Through affordable regular donations, **Club 24** members help ensure specialist care, comfort and support remain available across Cumbria. Together, our growing network of members is making a real impact for local people facing some of life's most difficult challenges; funding over 40 days of comfort and care each year!



Turn an unused corner into a source of support...

Could your business, café, waiting room or community venue find space for a hospice bookshelf? If so, our Book Club could be the perfect way to support local hospice care.

We provide everything you need, including the bookshelf, signage and a selection of pre-loved books – all you need is a small corner to give it a home. Visitors can then pick up a great read in exchange for a donation, helping raise vital funds while encouraging a love of reading in the community. Got a spare corner? Host a Book Club shelf and help every book make a difference.

Working together for local families

There are many other ways businesses can get involved, from event sponsorship and fundraising activities to volunteering and long-term corporate partnerships.

Whatever the size of the organisation, every partnership helps to continue providing outstanding care to adults, children and families across our community.

Together, our partners are helping ensure hospice care is here today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

To find out more about how your business might be able to support your local hospice, please contact Emma Rogerson at emma.rogerson@edenvalleyhospice.org or call 01228 817607.

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