

Support for anyone affected by a life limiting illness in North West Leicestershire

Hope House - from Vision to Reality

This shortened Autumn newsletter has one main purpose....and that is to bring all our many supporters the fantastic news that North West Leicestershire District Council granted the Charity planning permission on 7th September to change the purpose of the downstairs of a large house in Griffydham from domestic usage into our proposed Day Hospice.



This rural location in the heart of our area is ideally suited for our Day Hospice, bringing an air of tranquillity, which we foresee will have a positive impact on the people we will be supporting. The property will be known as 'Hope House' and at last we can start to provide much-needed day hospice services that the area has been lacking since the closure of Staunton Harold many, many years ago. Our aim is to offer a homely atmosphere, a place to find support, benefit from complementary therapies, enjoy creative activities, a nutritious meal and very importantly guests will have the opportunity to discuss their needs and concerns with an experienced nurse.

Hope House will exist to provide support for 'guests' (sounds so much friendlier than patients) with life limiting conditions, where sadly their life expectations have been greatly affected. Carers will also benefit from knowing that their loved-ones are safe and well looked-after, allowing them to take a much-needed break from their caring role. Initially, Hope House will open 2 days a week from 10.30 am to 3.30pm, with guests offered a choice of days to attend. It is expected that over a 5 year period, the opening times will increase up to 4 days a week. Our three established Support Cafés in Ashby, Coalville / Whitwick and Ibstock will continue to operate on a weekly basis as normal, on a drop-in basis.

Now that planning permission has been granted, the Charity can start to put its plans into action. Legal agreements with the property's owner are being drawn up and a schedule of building works, for the necessary alterations to comply with health and safety requirements and disabled access laws, is in-hand. There is a lot to do, but we hope to be in a position to open Hope House early in 2017.

Details of the salaried Day Hospice Nurse Manager position will be on our website soon. The opening of Hope House also means that more volunteers are urgently needed.

Join us as a Hope House Volunteer and 'Help Make it Happen'

We will need volunteers in the following areas:

Day Hospice Volunteers, Gardeners, Kitchen/Dining Assistants, Drivers, Decorators and people with general DIY skills. If you are over 18 and can offer regular help, we would love to hear from you.



Fundraising

Naturally our fundraising efforts will also have to be doubled (if not trebled!), so if you are an individual, group or company wanting to fundraise and like to see that your money benefits local people, then please get in touch.

Our Board of Trustees will now be working tirelessly to get Hope House operational as quickly as possible, updates will be posted on our Charity's website and Facebook page on a regular basis and a Winter newsletter will be issued towards the end of October. If you have any questions, just drop us an email at info@hospicehope.org.uk and 'Help Make it Happen'-thank you for your support!

Fundraising



Thank you!

Jim's Tractor Run 2016

What a difference a hot sunny day makes! Blessed with fantastic weather, this year's event was a huge success and Hospice Hope received £1,357.63 in donations on the day through our bucket collection and stall games.



Ashby Open Gardens 2016

Another fantastic event, which saw record attendance for the second year running with 596 visitors, raising an amazing £2,800. The money was generously donated by the organisers equally to Hospice Hope and Air Ambulance.

Holiday Raffle

Congratulations to Mrs J Foy of Ashby and Mrs H Wilks of Hugglescote who won the two amazing prizes in our Holiday Raffle, which was drawn at the Ashby Show on 10th July.

Many thanks to everyone who bought and sold tickets, and to Villair of Ashby for their support throughout the 'raffle' year.

Thank you also to **Packington WI** for a generous donation of £500 following their coffee morning on 6th August.

Coffee Date!

Don't forget to pop along to Ann's fabulous Coffee Morning on Wednesday 26th October at New Lount Bowling Club, Gelsmoor from 10am. This amazing event has raised £3,000 for Hospice Hope over the last two years!



Celebration

There will be a service of celebration at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 30th October, celebrating all that Hospice Hope has achieved, the many local people we have supported over the years and everything we hope to achieve at Hope House. Do come and join us.



Santa Fun

The Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle have again decided to support Hospice Hope with this year's Ashby Santa Fun Run and Walk. This fun-packed event takes place on Sunday 4th December from Ashby Bath Grounds at 10am. Enter online at: www.ashbysantarun.com

Wednesday 26th October Coffee Morning

10am - New Lount Bowling Club

Entrance is £3 to include drinks and cake. Lots of great stalls and raffle.

Sunday 30th October Service at Holy Trinity Church

3pm - Ashby de la Zouch

Friday 2nd December Carol by Candlelight

7pm - Staunton Harold Church

Carols, readings and seasonal refreshments.

Sunday 4th December Ashby Santa Fun Run & Walk

10am - Ashby Bath Grounds

Sunday 4th December Lights of Love 2016

Ferrers Centre, Staunton Harold

Our annual gathering around the Christmas Tree to remember loved ones. Details online soon and in the Winter newsletter.

Monday 12th December Spare Change Collection

Tesco, Ashby de la Zouch

Volunteers needed, please contact us if you can help.

Friday 16th December Ukulele Evening

7.30pm - Packington Village Hall

A fun filled night with local Ukulele Band 'Go Ukulele Crazy'! Tickets are £10 each and will be available online from early October.


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