



# WELCOME TO OUR Quarterly Newsletter

Dear Volunteer,

We are delighted to welcome you to the very first edition of this new Salisbury Hospice Charity Volunteer Newsletter, a space just for you, our incredible volunteers.

Whether you are part of a fundraising committee group, help out at events, offer your time at the hospice, or support us behind the scenes, you are a vital part of our hospice family. Your compassion, dedication, and generosity make an incredible difference to the patients and families we care for.



This newsletter is our way of keeping you up to date with what's happening across the charity and hospice, sharing inspiring stories, celebrating your contributions, and letting you know about upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

We hope you find it useful, uplifting, and full of the community spirit that makes Salisbury Hospice such a special place.

Thank you, from all of us, for everything you do.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Tamsin*





# Midnight Walk Magic

The streets of Salisbury were alive with colour, music, and light on Saturday 26th April and it was all thanks to you, our amazing volunteers.

Because of your time, energy, and enthusiasm, 321 walkers took part in our annual Midnight Walk, helping to raise an incredible £42,000 to support patients and families in our care. This year, we also saw a 7% increase in average sponsorship, with nearly £200 raised per walker - a huge achievement that made this one of our most successful walks yet!



A heartfelt **thank you to all our incredible volunteers** - your support made the event truly remarkable. Special shoutouts go to Di Bishop and Ruth Futchter for their warm welcome at registration, Elaine Perry for capturing joyful moments at the photo booth, and George, Steph, and Adrian for bringing fun and flair to the merchandise stall with flower crowns and flashing gear, always with a smile. Every role mattered, and we're so grateful to each of you.



A big thank you as well to all our brilliant marshals across the city centre, who kept our walkers safe and motivated. In particular, Ian Lester and Jeni Colton brought boundless energy to the Lower/Netherhampton marshal point, waving, cheering, and lifting spirits with every step. Your kindness and commitment made the night truly special—thank you for going the extra mile.

To each and every one of you: thank you. You helped make this night unforgettable—not just for us, but for the patients and families who benefit from your efforts. We hope you enjoyed being part of the evening as much as we loved having you there.

As always, we welcome your thoughts, if there's anything we can do to make future events even more special or rewarding for you, please don't hesitate to let us know.

## We simply couldn't do it without you.





# Records Broken!

## Fonthill House welcomed a record number of visitors for Open Garden event...

On Sunday 27 April, glorious sunshine, sweeping views, and the warmest of welcomes made the Fonthill House Open Garden volunteers made a truly special day raising an incredible £16,500!



Over 800 guests joined us to explore the breath-taking gardens, set high above the Vale of Wardour, in a rare chance to enjoy these stunning grounds in full spring bloom.

We're incredibly grateful to Lord Margadale for choosing us as the beneficiary of this exclusive event, which opens to the public just three times a year.

## A message from Lord Margadale

*"We were blessed by the gorgeous weather, and are thrilled that so much has been raised for Salisbury Hospice. Huge thanks must go to the volunteers, the stallholders and the generosity of everyone who came."*

Alongside vibrant rhododendrons, apple blossom, and cascading wisteria, visitors enjoyed wandering the private kitchen gardens and greenhouse - a true springtime delight. Guests browsed a wonderful selection of artisan stalls, with everything from plants and books to cakes and crafts. Food highlights included fresh sandwiches and empanadas from Sol Bakery, drinks from Gardner & Beedle, ice creams by Joanna's Gelato, all complemented by many local artisan stalls and a popular clothing stall curated by Lord Margadale, all enjoyed to the sounds of the St John's Swing Band.



A heartfelt thank you goes to our amazing Tisbury Fundraising Committee for their hard work and all of the many volunteers who helped make the day such a huge success. Special thanks must go to Alison Ritchie, John Del Nero, Jane Fawcus, and Richard Fawcus, who also gave their time at our Midnight Walk the evening before an extraordinary show of support!

## Thank you





## Legacy of Love

Your support, awareness and community spirit helped us fund a third Cuddle Bed



What began as a heartfelt hope to offer patients the opportunity to experience love, comfort, and connection through a cuddle bed has blossomed into something truly extraordinary. After launching the appeal with the goal of funding two additional cuddle beds for Salisbury Hospice, the appeal has gone above and beyond. Thanks to the heart-warming response, a third additional bed has now been funded, bringing the total number of cuddle beds at the hospice to five.

*"We've been truly touched by the extraordinary response to this appeal," said Tom Goodinge, Director of Marketing & Fundraising at Salisbury Hospice Charity. "Because of our community's generosity, more families can now share precious moments of closeness with their loved ones at the end of life."*

*Senior Sister, Natalie Taylor-Muir, who led the campaign, added:*

*"These cuddle beds are about so much more than medical care - they represent love, comfort, and a sense of normality. Seeing couples lie side by side, just as they have throughout their lives, brings a deep emotional comfort during incredibly difficult times. We're so grateful to everyone who helped make this possible."*



Leaving a true legacy of love for future patients and their families.





## Other News

### London Marathon



**Hospice hero Charlie took on the London Marathon in support of Salisbury Hospice Charity — raising over £5,000 in the process!**

Charlie told us:

*"It's been absolutely fantastic raising funds for the Hospice... The marathon itself was incredible, definitely something I'll never forget. It's been a real pleasure to give a little something back."*

### New Hospice Signage



As part of phase 1 of our branding project, we're excited to share that new signage has been installed at Salisbury Hospice, bringing a fresh look and feel to the charity's presence on-site.

This is the first step in our wider effort to refresh and build awareness of the Salisbury Hospice Charity brand, ensuring it reflects the warmth, care, and dedication at the heart of all we do.

We're looking forward to sharing more updates as the project progresses - thank you for being part of this journey with us.







## Running Towards 500: A Tribute to Al's Determination and the Power of Compassion

Al, a much-loved patient on our Inpatient Unit, had completed an extraordinary 480+ Parkruns, each 5K a testament to his passion for running and community. His goal was clear: to reach 500 runs. Sadly, as his health declined, it became apparent he wouldn't be able to complete them all on his own.

Determined not to let that dream go, Al's friends and the hospice team rallied together. With their support, he managed to complete several more runs in his wheelchair, bringing his total to an inspiring 492.

As Al's condition continued to deteriorate, IPU Sister Natalie and her team stepped in with a touching gesture. Eight hospice staff members each dedicated a Parkrun in his honour, helping him symbolically reach that incredible 500-run milestone. Natalie even contacted Salisbury Parkrun to see if these efforts could be officially recognised, and they graciously agreed.

**Al's friends were deeply moved by the hospice team's compassion. One shared:**

*"I and Al's other friends are overflowing with goodwill and gratitude after seeing the work you do. Our time at the hospice made a terribly sad few weeks as happy and Al-like as it could possibly have been under the circumstances. There is certainly a Parkrun story to be told!"*

We're incredibly grateful to everyone who made this possible, from staff and volunteers to the local Parkrun community. This story is a powerful reminder that even in the most difficult times, small acts of kindness and shared determination can make dreams come true.







# Fabulous Fundraisers

## Thank You to the Fabulous Funday Committee – Turning Love Into Legacy



Since 2013, a remarkable group of individuals has brought joy, community spirit, and extraordinary generosity to Salisbury all in the name of love, remembrance, and giving back. We are incredibly proud to shine a spotlight on the Fabulous Funday Committee, who have raised an outstanding £163,000 for Salisbury Hospice through the annual Fabulous Family Fun Day.

This much-loved event began as a deeply personal mission. In 2013, Greig Futchter launched the very first Football Fun Day following the heart-breaking loss of his wife, Lyn, who received compassionate and dedicated care from the Salisbury Hospice team during her final days. Left with three young sons, Greig was determined to give back. Together, this incredible team has now raised over £163,000, with this year's event alone bringing in almost £31,000 - a testament to their passion, dedication, and unwavering support for hospice care in our community.

*"I wanted to give back after Lyn and our family were given such outstanding, phenomenal care – the nurses went above and beyond to ensure we were all coping in the best way we could," Greig shared.*





That first year, Greig and his close circle of family and friends raised £668. From that small but powerful beginning, the Fabulous Family Fun Day has grown into a major annual event, powered by the tireless efforts of a truly fabulous committee: Spencer, Sarah, Sam, Claire, Jason, and Tamsin.

Their work has not gone unnoticed. In 2020, Greig was honoured as Charity Fundraiser of the Year at the Spire FM Local Hero Awards, a well-deserved recognition of the love, energy, and time he continues to pour into this cause. On behalf of everyone at Salisbury Hospice Charity, we extend our deepest thanks to all the Fabulous Committee Members and all the volunteers that have worked tirelessly on the day over many years. Your efforts have not only raised vital funds, but have also created an annual tradition that brings people together and keeps Lyn's legacy alive in the most meaningful way.

*Thank you for turning heartache into hope. Your kindness changes lives.*



**£30,869**

Is equivalent to the running cost of the Inpatient Unit for 1 week



**£30,862**

Is equivalent to the running cost of the Hospice at Home Service for 1 month



**£8,957**

Is equivalent to the entire running cost of Salisbury Hospice for 1 day



**£1,000**

Contributes to a full year of bereavement support for one family.



**£250**

Funds a handheld nebuliser, heat pads, comfort fans, and refreshments.



**£50**

Funds essential exercise equipment and therapy tools, helping patients maintain mobility,





# Volunteer Spotlight

We'd like to shine a spotlight on just a few of the incredible volunteers who make a difference every day and extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously gives their time and energy. Whether you've supported us in the office, at events, or helped raise awareness about the hospice, we're truly grateful for all that you do.



## Thank you Jacqui

Jacqui first began volunteering with us in 2022, after running a stall at the Hatch House Open Garden. She soon joined the Tisbury Fundraising Committee, generously giving her time and energy and quickly became an invaluable presence at the event. Her warmth, reliability, and can-do spirit made her a much-loved and essential part of the team.

More recently, we've been incredibly fortunate to have Jacqui supporting us the charity office, and we would like to give her a heartfelt and well-deserved shoutout. Working alongside myself, she's made wonderful progress in evolving our volunteer roles and responsibilities, helping to review our application process, responding to volunteer emails, and keeping our records up to date. Your attention to detail, time, and dedication have made a real impact, thank you, Jacqui!



## Thank you Michele & Henry

Michele began volunteering in 2020, after a chance conversation with a lady on a bench. Alongside her beloved spaniel Henry a trained PAT dog Michele brought joy and comfort to many Hospice patients. Although Henry is sadly no longer with us, Michele's dedication continues.

She supports countless events, cheerfully taking on roles from car parking to hours spent washing dishes always

with a smile. And let's not forget Michele, also soared to new heights with our Wing Walk Challenge, raising an amazing £2,000 along the way! Together with her husband Tony, Michele has also worked hard to transform the once-overgrown outdoor space at our charity offices into a beautiful garden and meeting place, which the staff love.

We're also delighted to welcome their new dog, little Mabel, who is already becoming a familiar face at our events. Thank you, Michele, Tony, Henry and Mabel. We are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all – your time!





# Volunteer Spotlight



## Thank you Inas

Inspired to volunteer after her husband John was cared for by the Hospice in 2017, Inas has been a dedicated supporter ever since. Also a volunteer at Salisbury Cathedral, Inas brings enthusiasm, kindness, and tireless energy to everything she does.

Over the years, she has played a key role in many events, including the Sale of Sales, Fabulous Family Fun Day, Salisbury

Summer Fair, Hatch House Open Garden, and Light up a Life. Inas has also provided invaluable help in the office during the busy lead-up to these occasions.

Thank you, Inas – we love having you with us. You brighten every event with your warmth, dedication, and an unmistakable touch of style.



## Thank you Jason

We'd like to extend a special thank you to Jason Judd, whose long-standing support and dedication have made a lasting impact on our events and community so much so, he's somehow managed to stay out of every photo over the years!

Jason first came on board in 2013 to support our Midnight Walk and has been a valued and consistent presence ever since. Whether working behind the scenes or lending a hand on event day, Jason's commitment has helped shape the success of many key events from Midnight Walk and Salisbury Summer Fair.

His early involvement came through Sporting Bears, helping us attract classic vehicles to our summer show. Around 2017, Jason officially joined the event team, generously offering his time, insight, and enthusiasm as a dedicated committee member.

Jason, thank you for the time, energy you have given to each event. Your passion and consistency make a real difference, and we're incredibly grateful to have you as part of our volunteer family.

**We're honoured to celebrate all of your journeys as a volunteer. Your commitment, passion, and stories are the beating heart of the charity. Your support is our future.**





# Volunteer Opportunities

2025_2026 Volunteering Opportunities				
Date	Event	Role	Location	Time
27 Jul 2025	Grimsdyke Goose Fair	Car Parking Hospitality Traffic management	Coombe Bissett	Shifts between 6am and 6pm
13 Aug 2025	Shaftesbury & Gillingham Show	Help to run a stall and promote the Hospice	Turnpike Showground, Shaftesbury	Shifts between 9am and 5pm
14 Aug 2025	Shaftesbury & Gillingham Show	Help to run a stall and promote the Hospice	Turnpike Showground, Shaftesbury	Shifts between 9am and 5pm
16 Aug 2025	Earlcoate Construction	Give out Balloons Hospice Charity Stall	New Forest	9.30am-4pm
23 Aug 2025	Teffont Village Fete	Hospice Charity Stall	Teffont Evias	12 noon to 5pm
25 Aug 2025	Donhead St Andrew	Hospice Charity Stall	Donhead St Andrew	1pm to 5pm
4 Sept 2025	Salisbury Racecourse	Exit Collection	Salisbury Racecourse	3pm to 6pm
5 Sept 2025	Hatch House Open Garden	Marquee erection Setting up stalls Hanging clothes Marketing materials	Hatch House, Tisbury	9 am to 2 pm
6 Sept 2025	Hatch House Open Garden	Car parking Traffic management Stallholder support Hospitality team Clothes marquees Pack down	Hatch House, Tisbury	Shifts between 9 am and 6 pm





## 2025\_2026 Volunteering Opportunities Cont.

Date	Event	Role	Location	Time
7 Sept 2025	Hatch House Open Garden	Marquee pack down Sorting left over items	Hatch House, Tisbury	10 am to 1 pm
27 Sept 2025	Fire & Lego Walk	Stewards Hospitality Set up Pack down	Guildhall Square, Salisbury	5.30pm to 10pm
Various days throughout October, November and December	Christmas Card support	Packing Christmas cards Delivering them to retail outlets	Charity Office and surrounding areas	Shifts within office hours
17 Oct 2025	Corporate Gala Quiz	Raffle Hospitality Team	Salisbury Arts Centre	6pm to 10.30pm
23 Nov 2025	Light Up A Light	Hospitality Team	St Thomas Church, Salisbury	1pm to 5pm
29 Nov 2025	Illuminated Tractor Parade	Collection Buckets	Sturminster Town	4pm to 7pm
6 Dec 2025	Illuminated Tractor Parade	Collection Buckets	Gillingham Town	4pm to 7pm
Mid December Dates TBC	Santa Sleigh Run	Collecting Donations	Salisbury and surrounding areas	Evenings
9 / 10 / 11 Jan 2026	Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling	Driving Vans Loading Trees Navigating Routes	Various routes – leaving from Hospice	TBC
25 Jan 2026	Stonehenge Stomp	Marshals	Salisbury and Stonehenge	7am to 7pm





# Community Events

  
**NEW SARUM SINGERS**

*Come to the Fair*

**5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

**Bemerton Methodist Church**  
**Roman Road, Salisbury**  
**SP2 9BH**

**Musical Director: Lewis Edney**  
**Choir Accompanist: Mary Douglas**  
**And Guest Soloists**

A retiring  
collection  
in aid of



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**Bokfest @ The Bridge Inn**

BBQ • Live Music • Cocktail Bar •  
Pizza • Boerewors • Braais'

Join us for an absolutely lekker day!  
Serving traditional South African food, beys and  
amazing music from Lee Powell and Sarah Saville!

Raffle prizes including an awesome South African  
goodies hamper, all proceeds to Salisbury Hospice.  
So join us and #Have A Jo!

11am - Midnight

**SATURDAY  
5 JULY 2025**

The Bridge Inn,  
Upper Woodford  
Salisbury, SP4 6NU  
[www.bridgeinn-upperwoodfordpub.com](http://www.bridgeinn-upperwoodfordpub.com)

Extra parking  
available in our  
overflow car park!

Kid's Corner, Party  
Paks, Bingo, Raffle and  
MORE!

 **SARAH SAVILLE**  
 **LEE POWELL**



**BRAEMAR LODGE  
SALISBURY**

**Summer  
GARDEN PARTY**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**2:00PM - 4:00PM**

**Fun for all the family!**

£5 entry with all  
proceeds going to  
Salisbury Hospice.



**Selina Snow | Love and Loss**

**10th June - 29th June 2025**





**28 Market Place | Salisbury | SP1 1TL**

**Opening times**  
Tuesday, Friday and Saturday: 11 – 5pm  
Sunday: 11 – 2pm

Snow Story - The Victorian Pose ©Selina Snow 2009  
Casals ©Selina Snow 2025  
More details: [www.selinasnow.com](http://www.selinasnow.com)





# Community Events

**Salisbury Hospice Charity**  
Registered charity No. 283924

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

## GRIMSDYKE GOOSE FAIR

**Auction & Car Boot Sale**  
Supporting Salisbury Hospice Charity

Back for another year - Join us at Grimsdyke Goose Fair for a fantastic day out with fun for all the family!

**Auction | Car Boot Sale**  
**Trade Stands | Food & Drink**

7am - Sellers | 8am - Car Boot Opens  
10am - Auction

**£1 Entry**  
Free Parking

**Auction Entries:**  
Email [grimsdykegoosefaire@gmail.com](mailto:grimsdykegoosefaire@gmail.com)  
Call 07356 044961  
Closing Date 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Car Boot Sellers:**  
Cars £10 / Vans £20 / + Trailer £10  
Traders: On Application

Swaynes Firs, Grimsdyke, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, SP5 5RF  
Mob: 07356 044961 | Email: [grimsdykegoosefair@gmail.com](mailto:grimsdykegoosefair@gmail.com)

## Downton Open Gardens 2025

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June from midday to 5pm**

**Simplified map - not to scale!**

**Parking:**  
**P<sub>1</sub>** Moot Lane car park, SP5 3JP  
**P<sub>2</sub>** Downton Baptist Church, South Lane, SP5 3NA  
**All parking in Downton is free of charge**

**Donation of £8 for entry to all 12 gardens, cash preferred**  
**All proceeds to Doctors Without Borders and Salisbury Hospice Charity**

**Gardens:**

- Prebendal Cottage, Barford Lane potty garden
- St. Laurence's Church churchyard with treasure hunt
- 3A The High Street secluded garden with pizza
- Church House, Church Hatch young garden with tea & cake
- 142 The Borough riverside garden with plant sale
- Dragon House, 134 The Borough the 'good life' garden
- St. George's Cottage, 132 The Borough riverside garden
- Danewell House, 130 The Borough riverside garden with strawberries & Pimms
- Baptist Church community garden
- Fishers Cottage, 52 The Borough four in one garden
- Foxes Sleep, 42 The Borough country garden with jars of fresh flowers
- Topps Cottage, 14 The Borough artist's garden with music and teas

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Head to our website to keep up to date with local community events





# Join Our Hospice Driving Team

## Make a Meaningful Difference



We are currently looking for volunteers to join our Hospice Day Service driving team. As a hospice volunteer driver, you'll play a vital role in helping patients attend enriching sessions such as creative arts, gardening, and "living well" workshops. These visits not only support patients' wellbeing but also give families a much-needed break, knowing their loved ones are in safe hands.

The commitment is light but impactful: most volunteers drive once a week (10:30 drop-off and 13:30 pick-up) for a 12-week period often with the same patient each week, allowing real connections to form. We also welcome cover drivers to help during holidays or sickness.

We cover a wide area, and you can choose a local route or one slightly further afield. All passengers are able to get in and out of vehicles independently, although some may use walking aids or mobility equipment.

You'll be joining a small, friendly, and supportive team who find this role deeply rewarding. If you'd like to make a difference from the driver's seat, we'd love to hear from you.

## Thank you

As we wrap up this edition, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your time, care, and commitment are the foundation of everything we do.

Whether you're driving a patient, helping at events, supporting behind the scenes, or simply spreading the word - you are making a difference.

Your support is our future, and we're so proud to have you by our side.

With gratitude,

*Salisbury Hospice Charity Team*

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