



# Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity

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Dear Supporters & Fundraisers,

I am thrilled to share with you our Winter 2021 newsletter and with it my best wishes for the year ahead. Our first edition of 2021 is packed with exciting news, the work undertaken by our Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity (HHCC) festive elves over the festive season, our fundraisers and Volunteer updates.

I am delighted to formally welcome Yvonne Campbell to her new role as Head of Charity and Business Development Project Manager. Yvonne will be a familiar face to you as she has been working with the HHCC and Volunteer Team since Christmas 2019. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her on her new role.

At the start of a new year, it provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months. This time last year we had no idea as to the challenges and difficulties we were about to encounter. With your help the HHCC and Volunteer Team worked tirelessly throughout the year to support our colleagues. With the support you continue to offer we are able to make life changing differences to patients, their families and our colleagues across Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT).

The support we have received from local businesses, fundraisers and you, our incredible local community is astonishing. The creativity, sense of belonging, and coming together in such challenging circumstances is humbling and such a privilege to see, thank you. Our work is never done and we face an uncertain start to 2021. We need your help now more than ever.

**HHCC wanted to end 2020 with a bang and of course lots of sparkle!** Covid-19 continues to have a huge financial impact on many families and we wanted to make their Christmas a little more special. With the help of HHCC elves, Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate (QE), Volunteers, the HDFT Exec Team, Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C, HHCC supporters, HDFT and Harrogate Integrated Facilities (HIF) colleagues, we achieved this. Below is a snapshot of what happened:

- **1,000 + Gifts:** working with QE on their gift appeal, we provided over 1,000 gifts to Children, Young People and Families across our 0-19 Children's Services
- **1,000 + Festive Hampers:** the team and I sourced, packed and delivered over 1,000 Festive Hampers to families in need with the help of the Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C. First Team Squad and the HDFT Exec Team
- **1,000 + Miles Covered:** Chief Elf Les (his day job being a porter with HIF), along with the HHCC elves, covered over 1,000 miles to deliver the gifts and Festive Hampers
- **1,800 Mince Pies:** delivered to bring festive cheer to those who may be lonely or isolated

Your support and donations are used to raise vital funds for staff, patients and their families who work and access facilities across HDFT. You make huge positive differences.

We still have much more to do and there are many ways in which you can get involved, details of which you can find inside. If you would like to make a donation, fundraise or find out more about HHCC, please get in touch – we are here to help you give invaluable support to our NHS family. Every pound donated makes huge differences.

As always, thank you to each and every one of you – the impact you have as individuals is immense and together we can achieve so much. Keep bringing the 'Sparkle' to all you do!



**Sammy Lambert**

Business Development,  
Charity and Volunteer  
Manager

## Volunteer Update



We have had a busy few months, the HHCC and Volunteer Team are now a fully integrated team. We have had lots of students from St Aidan's School volunteering at HDFT and we have consistently reviewed our Volunteer offer due to the changing restrictions. This helps keep everybody as safe as possible.

We are so grateful for the continued commitment from all our Volunteers. You make a huge difference and support HDFT immensely.

## International Volunteer Day (IVD)

We celebrated IVD on 5 December 2020, our Volunteers told us what it is like to Volunteer at HDFT:

Nick Smith said: ***"Calm, a nice smile and adds a bit of sparkle to their day"***

Mark Oldfield said: ***"I like giving back to the community and it is an experience, more than I could ever have expected"***



## Gift Appeal

Our Volunteers supported the QE Gift Appeal, one of our Volunteer drivers, Jonathan Voller delivered over 700 gifts with wrapping paper to other Volunteers. Thank you to our Volunteer elves who wrapped and labelled the donated gifts. This project all came together in less than 10 days!

## Festive Volunteer Day



Our Volunteers participated in our Festive Day held on 17 December 2020. Jonathan Voller pictured left was awarded a prize for being the 'Most Festive Volunteer'.

He covers nearly as many miles as Father Christmas himself!

**Take a look at his Festive jumper!**

## Christmas Staff Store

Peter Hunt one of our Volunteers pictured right ran our Christmas staff store over a six week period securing donations for HHCC in excess of £1,000.00. This was for a range of Christmas gifts, including the lovely hand crafted wooden Christmas decorations created by a local HHCC supporter.



## Coming Soon...

Look out for a brand new section run by one of our Volunteers Mary. She will be getting to know other volunteers in her 'Mary Meets' column.



## Meet our New Head of Charity and Business Development Project Manager



Meet Yvonne, our new Head of Charity and Business Development Project Manager here in the HHCC and Volunteer Team. She may look familiar! Who better to tell you about Yvonne than herself?

“I have worked in the NHS in a number of roles for 20 years and for the last 13 years in the Planning Department which incorporates Business Development and the Charity and Volunteer Teams.”

Over the last 14 months, I have supported HHCC in a project management capacity and have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and making a real difference with the donations, activities and opportunities throughout 2020.

My experience with the Charity over the last year has provided me with an insight into a team that make a real difference to the environment and experience that staff, patients and families have at HDFT. When the chance arose for a permanent role in the team, I couldn't let this pass me by. I am delighted I can continue to make a difference with the Charity team.

I am very excited about the events programme we have scheduled for 2021 and look forward to sharing this with you. It feels different particularly in the current lockdown. However the team has explored different ways to interact with our supporters and review how we host events. I look forward to seeing all the fantastic work our supporters get involved with over the course of the year.”

## QE Gift Appeal

Working with QE on their gift appeal, we provided over 1,000 gifts to Children, Young People and Families.

A huge thank you to QE for this immense appeal, what a fantastic achievement!

Thank you to those who donated to the gift appeal, you made such a difference.



We received wonderful feedback from the gifts so kindly donated, they really added that extra sparkle:

***“I wanted to thank you for all the gifts and stocking that my 1.5 year old daughter has received. It has meant the world to us and her this Christmas. I burst into tears at the generosity. One of the gifts was a tea set which has helped us encourage her to drink lots of water and meant we avoided having to have a tube inserted to get fluids in - what a win!! Thank you”***



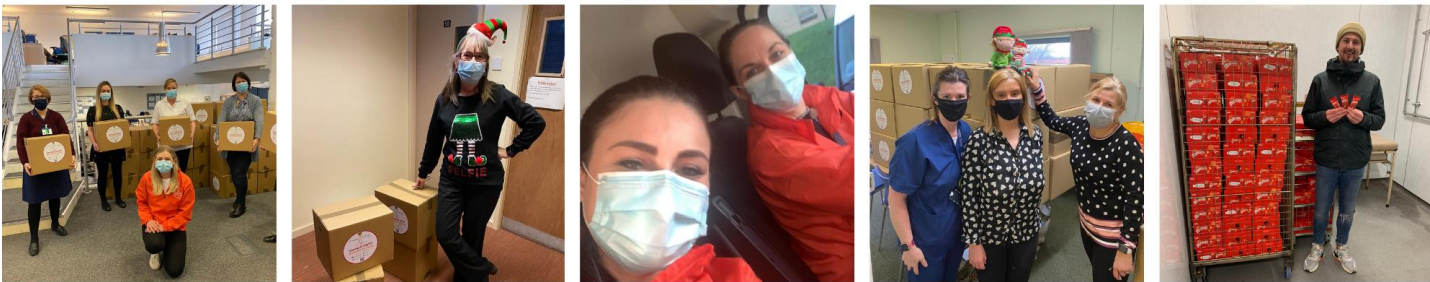
## Cheer Boxes

HHCC provided 1,800 mince pies in our cheer boxes, which were delivered to service users across our adult community services across HDFT to help spread festive cheer.

Pictured right is a lovely recipient of our cheer boxes who has recently celebrated a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!



## Festive Hampers



With the help of our fantastic Volunteers, the Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C. First Team Squad, the HDFT Exec Team, and lots of wonderful elves, we sourced, packed and delivered over 1,000 Festive Hampers.

We delivered our Festive Hampers to different locations where HDFT provide services across County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, North Yorkshire, Middlesbrough, Stockton-On-Tees and Sunderland. Each Festive Hamper brought cheer to Children, Young People and Families who may have found the recent festive period difficult.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, we filled our Festive Hampers with food, drink and festive goodies to bring a smile to families during December.

We are so grateful for the support we received to make this magical project come to life. In particular, the Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C. First Team Squad for their hard work in packing and allowing us to use their premises as our HHCC Elf Headquarters. A special thank you to Farrahs of Harrogate for lending us a pallet truck! The team certainly kept fit that week.



After our hamper packing production line closed and our Festive Hamper deliveries were completed, we loved receiving responses from our hamper recipients:

***“Thank you for the hamper. I was surprised when my daughter’s physiotherapist brought us the hamper and two gifts for my two daughters. I cried once I closed the door. It was a wonderful thought for my family. Thank you again.”***



## Spring Fundraising

Would you like to make a difference and fundraise for HHCC? As spring is just around the corner and we welcome better weather with brighter days, what a fantastic time to fundraise for your local NHS.

Watch this space for updates and ideas on ways you can get involved this spring to make a difference to patients, staff and their family's lives.

Pictured right a photograph by Jamie Mackay of the Stray Blossoms. This stunning image featured in our 2020 calendar.



## You – our Fantastic HHCC Fundraisers... Here's a Snapshot...

### Harrogate's Pine Street Allotment

Pine Street Allotments in Harrogate faced up to the challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic to raise £1,125.00 for HHCC through the sales plot holders' hand-grown produce. Such an amazing way to fundraise and support their local NHS.

### Co-op Funeralcare Harrogate

Thank you so much to Nic and the team at Co-op Funeralcare Harrogate for their continued support and bringing a little festive cheer this season. They provided Christmas gifts for patients on Farndale Ward here at HDFT.

### Sarah and William

Sarah and her son William donated over 60 wipeable books and activity books for our Children's Services in Harrogate and Ripon. Pictured is William with all the marvellous books donated. These books will have a huge positive impact on patients and their families. Thank you!

### Glasshouses Community Primary School

18 members of Class Three at Glasshouses Community Primary School in Nidderdale completed a collective total of 24 hours of skipping, raising over £400.00. What an immense achievement. Chloe who took part in the challenge said:

***"We chose to raise money for the NHS because we wanted to give back to them after all the hard work they have done keep our families safe this year."***



Sarah explains why they wanted to donate wipeable books:

***"Regardless of their diagnosis, all children need distractions, if anything to also comfort their worried parents and carers."***

## Fundraising for HHCC – Please Chat to us!

It doesn't take much to make a huge difference. Whether it is a bake sale, dress down day at work, quiz night, raffle, step challenge, sky dive, golf day or running a marathon - the HHCC and Volunteer Team are here to help.

We will help; get your ideas off the ground, set up fundraising pages, answer any queries or questions and promote your fundraising events. Fundraising is fun so get as inventive as you like.

**If you would like to get involved and support your local NHS please contact us today!**

**Email: [hdft.hhcc@nhs.net](mailto:hdft.hhcc@nhs.net) or Call: 01423 557408**

## Fleeces for #teamHDFT

HHCC are thrilled to be providing fleeces to members of our Community Teams. They look awesome and came in time for the recent cold snap. Pictured right; our Chief Executive Steve Russell and colleagues wearing their fleeces with pride.



Lynne Boyd, Matron Adult Community Services said: ***“The fleeces have been a real boost to team morale and has help them feel appreciated, thank you”***

### Ways to get in touch:

### Ways to Donate

#### online:

Keep up to date with the latest news and events from HHCC, we have many ways for you to get in touch or stay in contact with us:

-  @harrogatehospitalcharity
-  @harrogatehcc
-  @harrogatehospitalcharity
-  @harrogatehospital&communitycharity

Remember, we need you now more than ever.

There are many ways to donate to HHCC. Donate now and you will make life changing differences to patients and their families across HDFT.

Website: [www.hhcc.co.uk](http://www.hhcc.co.uk)

or to get in touch with the team:

Tel: 01423 557408

Email: [hdft.hhcc@nhs.net](mailto:hdft.hhcc@nhs.net)

#### Post:

Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity  
 Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust  
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 Lancaster Park Road  
 Harrogate  
 HG2 7SX



**Did you know you can donate to HHCC directly through our website?**

This is a simple, and effective way to make a no contact donation

**Donating has never been easier!**

- Donate via our website: <https://hhcc.co.uk/donate/>
- Donate via BACS (please contact the HHCC team)
- Donate via Cheque: Payable to Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity



### Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a great way to raise money for HHCC without any cost to you. When you shop with Amazon Smile they donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to us!

All you have to do is choose HHCC as your chosen charity and shop through: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>



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**3,000**

Scrubs made by our community for frontline NHS colleagues.

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**300+**

Activity packs provided by HHCC to patients which improved wellbeing.



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**1,000+**

The Communications Team arranged the delivery of over 1,000 Letters to Loved Ones enabling patients and their families to keep in touch.



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**200 +**

Fleeces provided by HHCC for colleagues in our Community Teams across Harrogate, Knaresborough, Boroughbridge and Ripon.



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**2,000**

Pizzas donated to HHCC and then distributed to our NHS colleagues.



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**7,782**

Between March - October 2020 our Volunteer drivers covered 7,785 miles delivering essential equipment.




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**3,500 +**

Examinations in 2019 using a state-of-the-art gamma scanner funded through HHCC.



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**3,000**

Plants planted in green spaces across Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust for the benefit of staff, patients and their families to improve health and wellbeing.

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**1,000 +**

Festive Hampers provided by HHCC to families in need, to help make Christmas a little more special.



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**6,420**

Between April - October 2020 our volunteers made an exceptional contribution during challenging times contributing 6,420 hours of their own time.



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**1,000 +**

With the help of Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate 1,000 gifts were provided to Children, Young People and Families to help spread a smile this Christmas.



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**1,800**

Mince pies in our cheer boxes, which were delivered to service users across our adult community services at HDFT to help spread festive cheer.



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**24**

Tablet devices provided by HHCC for patients to keep in touch with loved ones.



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**36,000 +**

Harrogate Hospital Radio listening hours providing entertainment to patients and their families. Improving wellbeing and beating boredom.



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**320+**  
Hours

Our staff store has been open to provide essential items to our NHS colleagues.

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**7,909**

Easter eggs donated to HHCC by the community and local business and then distributed to our NHS colleagues.




**Bye for now!**

Once again, thank you for reading our newsletter and for your wonderful support to HHCC. Without your kindness and generosity, we cannot carry forward the excellent work, which benefits our patients, their families and colleagues. You are all NHS fundraising superstars!

**THANK YOU** from the HHCC and Volunteer Team

*Dan Emma Georgia Lolmie Sarah Yvonne*