

Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity

Spring Newsletter 2020

Dear Supporters & Fundraisers,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter 2020! We are really excited to share with you our very first edition and hope you enjoy reading about our fantastic fundraisers. The difference your support has made and the exciting events we have coming up in 2020, will raise funds to make a difference across Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust.

COVID-19 is causing many challenges for everyone. We are very busy here at HHCC and supporting Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust whole-heartedly during this unprecedented time.

I have always been proud to work for the NHS but never more proud than I am today. The challenges we are facing, we are doing so as a family of NHS teams and individuals. We are truly humbled by the generosity of the surrounding areas and I would like to personally thank you all for your support, letters of encouragement and donations. It is amazing to know you are all supporting us during these challenging times.

As many of you will know, our Charity funds specialist equipment, training and services; going above and beyond the provision of the NHS to help improve treatment and facilities. We raise funds for all departments and services provided by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, for the benefit of patients and their families. Your donation will be used to help fund new equipment, training and to improve the environment for patients across the Hospital and wider community, where the need is greatest.

We are delighted by the amazing support we have received from our fundraising community and as a result we have been able to make a huge difference. However, we still have much more to do and there are many ways in which you can get involved, details of which you can find later in our newsletter. Your donations make a significant difference here at HDFT. We are as always committed to providing high quality care to our patients and service users whilst providing the best possible working environment for our colleagues.

Inside this issue, we will introduce you to our team; tell you about the amazing Community Spirit, the new Staff Store, Our HHCC Virtual Run Challenge, Dates for your Diaries, how to keep in Touch with us and the ways to do so.



If you would like to make a donation, fundraise or find out more about HHCC do not hesitate to get in touch – we are here to help you give valuable support.

Sammy Lambert

Business Development, Charity and Volunteer Manager

Meet the Team:

The Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity team are here to support you with your fundraising and to make sure that your donations make a difference to the patients, their families and our staff at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust. We are a lively bunch of enthusiastic individuals who are all committed and determined to champion our charity. The team works together to organise fundraising events, support your fundraising and organise appeals.

We are here to provide you with advice on making a donation, leaving a legacy or holding your own fundraising event. Get in touch to find out more about how you can get involved.



L-R: Yvonne Campbell – Charity Project Manager, Dan Thirkell – Fundraising Officer, Georgia Hudson – Community and Events Fundraiser, Sammy Lambert – Business Development, Charity and Volunteer Manager

Staff Store:

We are overwhelmed from the response our “HHCC Pop Up Store” has received. All our items are free to staff at [Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust](#), with the stock so kindly donated by both the local community and businesses.

We ask staff to take responsibly what they need to make life a little easier and if you wish, you can donate to HHCC to help reinvest.

While staff are still being paid, we are aware of the financial difficulties some families may be feeling and the anxiety caused queuing in supermarkets. So this was HHCC response to meet this concern and support our teams. Staff can take items and make a donation to HHCC if they wish, this will help to reinvest as required.

Once again thank you to all our corporate supporters and the community for helping to maintain stock for our store!



Community Spirit:

As everyone is aware, COVID-19 is causing many challenges and all of our staff across the organisation are working extremely hard during this unprecedented time showing their wonderful NHS spirit! Also working hard are our amazing supporters.... **YOU!**

We have been blown away with the response from the community and how everyone has pulled together in these testing times, the amount of donations you have all so kindly donated is staggering, from local businesses to members of the public we cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity.

It truly shows what an amazing community we have. All our colleagues are very grateful for the generosity they are receiving from you all and the donations are making a huge difference! We are looking forward to planning a Thank You Event for you all as soon as we can get together again.

HHCC Virtual Run Challenge: Date for your diaries!

Can you complete our HHCC Virtual Run Challenge?

HHCC are challenging you to three different run challenges for you to choose from:

1. *Half Marathon (13.1 miles)*
2. *Marathon (26.2)*
3. *Ultra-Marathon (30 miles +)*

You can choose a duration of time to complete your challenge, from all in one go to splitting your runs to make up the difference.

Participants sign up through our website and pay a set £25 donation, which includes a fabulous medal at the end of your challenge.

If you also wish to fundraise whilst completing your challenge you could also set up a Virgin Money Giving account as well all in aid of HHCC.

Tag us in your social media posts by using **#HHCCVIRTUALRUN** and start sharing your routes and times with us!

When you have completed your challenge, why not nominate your friends.

HHCC promotes social distancing during this challenge— reiterating participants only run with members of your household, only go out on one allocated exercise per day and avoid running in populated areas where possible.

The Harrogate Proms – Saturday 26 June 2021

It was with great regret earlier this month we announced the postponement of our summer event, The Harrogate Proms, due to the continuing health crisis. However, it is our intention now to perform this concert on 26 June 2021.

We are excited to be working alongside Harrogate Choral Society (HCS) and Harrogate Symphony Orchestra (HSO) to present you with The Harrogate Proms with Harrogate Symphony Orchestra and Voices for Harrogate being held at The Harrogate Convention Centre.

Two leading music organisations HCS and HSO are joining forces to present a special showcase concert, which will be compered by popular BBC Look North broadcaster Harry Gratton.

The programme will feature a feast of Operatic and Proms favourites as well as other popular works such as Carl Orff's O Fortuna, Verdi's Grand March from Aida, Jenkins' Suite from the Armed Man and Rutter's Look at the World.

All proceeds from this fantastic event will come directly to Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity.

We are still looking for sponsors and raffle prizes and although we have many fantastic ones on offer, we would love to add to them. We hope to see you there!



Can we Keep in touch?...

We would love to keep in touch so you can hear about how your donations have made a difference. We are determined to do all we can to raise funds for specialist equipment, training and services to help improve treatment and facilities for our patients, their families and staff.

If you are happy for us to do so, please let us know how you would like to hear from us and fill in our "Let's Stay in Touch" form.

If we don't hear back from you, we will no longer be able to let you know all the excellent work we are doing. We really don't want to say goodbye!

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Your details will be kept safe and secure, only to be used by us or those that work for us. These will not be shared with anyone else. We use the information you have provided and how you have helped us, to decide how and what will be best way of communicating with you. If you would like to know more or understand you data protection rights, please review our privacy policy on our website at www.hhcc.co.uk/privacy-policy/

Please add your details below:

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Ways to get in touch:

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:

Online:

 Harrogatehospitalcharity

 @harrogatehcc

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Website:

www.hhcc.co.uk

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Bye for now!

Once again thank 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 members of staff. You are all NHS fundraising champions!!

THANK YOU the HHCC Team