

Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity

Summer Newsletter 2020

Dear Supporters & Fundraisers,

We have been delighted by the response to our Spring Newsletter 2020, which came out in April earlier this year and we are very excited to share our latest news with you in our Summer Newsletter 2020! Thank you for your ongoing support.

On Sunday 5th July 2020, the NHS celebrated its 72nd birthday! Now more than ever is a time to give thanks to our colleagues here at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT). This is also an opportunity for us to say thank you back to members of our local community, businesses and community groups who have gone above and beyond to support us in these difficult times. Whilst it is a time for celebration, it is also a time for reflection and remembrance for those we have lost due to this devastating and ongoing pandemic.

The tremendous support we have received over the last few months has been invaluable! Volunteers for the Harrogate Scrubbers made over 2,000 sets of scrubs for HDFT staff to help keep home and work clothing separate. We have received hundreds of letters and cards of kind words and well wishes along with countless donations of treats, goodies and essential items to lift staff spirits and keep our staff store well stocked. This has made a huge difference to colleagues. **Thank you!**

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 HDFT, for the benefit of patients, their families and staff. Your donations are 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 still have much more to do and there are many ways in which you can get involved, details of which you can find inside.

Inside this exciting issue, we will focus on:

- Our Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity (HHCC) and Volunteer team
- The NHS 72nd birthday
- Our Wall of Hope and Encouragement
- HHCC merchandise
- How to fundraise for HHCC
- You – our wonderful fundraisers
- An update on our staff store
- Harrogate Railway FC
- And how to keep in touch with us.

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 invaluable support to our NHS family. As always thank you to every one of you – the impact **YOU** make is huge! I look forward to an exciting year ahead and seeing you all soon!



Sammy Lambert

Business Development,
Charity and Volunteer
Manager

The HHCC and Volunteer Team

The HHCC and Volunteer 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 HDFT.

The team works together to organise fundraising events, support your fundraising and organise appeals. We have the added support of the wonderful Trust Volunteers.

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. The best way to fundraise is to discuss your plans early on. We can then help you reach your target and have the biggest impact.



Part of the HHCC and Volunteer Team – (Left to Right) Yvonne Campbell: Charity Project Manager, Sammy Lambert: Business Development, Charity and Volunteer Manager, Dan Thirkell: Fundraising officer

NHS 72nd Birthday

On Sunday 5 July 2020 it was 72 years since the NHS began! HHCC and HDFT joined in the nationwide thank you to local communities including the biggest and loudest final clap for carers and key workers.

The NHS could not have responded to this challenge without the commitment and skills of its people including the dedicated team of staff at HDFT. **You may have seen and participated in some of the national events which happened. These included:**

- Saturday evening, July 4th, communities put a light in their windows in remembrance of those we have lost during the pandemic. Public buildings were lit up in NHS blue, including the Royal Albert Hall, Blackpool Tower, the Shard and the Wembley Arch.
- Sunday 5 July, 5pm a country-wide clap to say #ThankYouTogether. This major country-wide coming together was to thank all those who have been helping us through the pandemic and recognise the vital community connections that continue to support us all.



Broadcasters suspended normal transmissions at 5pm as people across the country paused what they're doing to think of others. Everybody was encouraged to stop what they were doing and join with others (following social distancing advice of course) in their streets or neighbourhoods to applaud not just the NHS and other key workers, but all those who have volunteered or helped keep services and community networks going.



HHCC have created a special thank you video comprised of staff across the trust thanking you for your support! To watch the video please scan the below QR code.

Wall of Hope and Encouragement

After receiving hundreds of cards, drawings, letters and well wishes, HHCC have created a Wall of Hope and Encouragement - located by the chapel at HDFT. The wall aims to inspire positivity to our colleagues and thank them for their hard work and dedication.



Wall of Hope and Encouragement

If you wish to include messages, letters, drawings or cards to our wall please get in touch with the HHCC and Volunteer team.

HHCC Merchandise

We are excited to bring you our line of HHCC Merchandise!



HHCC Merchandise

We have a selection of Neon Notebooks, Pens, Water Bottles, Tote bags, Sticky Notes, Badges, and Notepads! Check out our items here: <https://hhcc.co.uk/shop/>

You – our Fantastic HHCC Fundraisers

We would love to share with you some of our fantastic fundraisers that have been supporting us over the last few months.

The Doorstep Portraits Project for Harrogate Hospital

Stacey J Evans Photography, Lianne Price Photography, Nicole Wilcox Photography, Rachael Fawcett Photography & Sarah Warne Photography took on a unique project whilst out on their daily walks during lockdown by offering doorstep portraits. They raised £7,500! Their fantastic efforts were shortlisted in the top 3 of 1500 nominations for the Telegraph Lockdown Awards!

HG Community Lockdown Fest

The online festival was carried out over May Bank Holiday weekend, included: dance classes, quiz, music, activities something for everyone! They raised over £1,000. Harrogate Town AFC joined in with the HG Community Lockdown Fest, and did a Live Shirt Auction and raised an incredible £6161.00

Harrogate & District Got Talent

Velton who organised this spectacular online talent contest and the group raised £2260 for HHCC whilst showcasing some amazing local talent! Velton is going to be running the talent contest twice a year. Check out the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/538634320133753/about/>

#staircasechallenge

Craig the General Manager from The Harrogate Arms is taking on a 7 Summits #staircasechallenge Craig has climbed the equivalent of the 7 Summits around the world (including Everest!) via his staircase!

Lee Murphy Personal Training

Lee (who is one of our amazing partners) carried out a virtual social for his members and ran a virtual quiz and online concert, this raised over £300!

You – our Fantastic HHCC Fundraisers...

Runners

Running 4 Good: Joe Horne and his friends ran every day for 31 days hoping to run 200km between them. They raised over £3800!

Andy Sharpe, a brother of a HDFT colleague, created his own entertaining Public Services Fancy Dress Marathon, to show his support for the HHCC. Using a small car park in Ilkley, he ran a marathon over 4 separate days in different costumes from Thursday-Sunday. Andy raised £2,400. The marathon was also live-streamed each morning at 10am via Facebook.

Black Shire Villains

Woodlands Ward at HDFT has received a wonderful donation from the Black Shire Villains, a local chapter of the Bearded Villains, which is an international club for bearded men with thousands of members worldwide.

The core organisation's aim is to unite men of all cultures, races, creeds and sexualities who are committed to kindness, fraternity and charity, and of course, the beard. Operating largely on Instagram (@Beardedvillains), they hold events and sell merchandise such as hats and t-shirts to raise money for a variety of causes. The local chapter (@black_shire_villains on Instagram) is made up of 16 members mostly from Yorkshire and holds social and family gatherings, as well as charity fundraisers. It has recently become a not-for-profit organisation.



Black Shire Villains visiting Harrogate Hospital

Fundraising for HHCC

Thinking of fundraising for HHCC? Then please get in touch with the HHCC and Volunteer team, we would love to hear your ideas and support you through your fundraising.



James one of our Virtual Runners with his medal after completing his Virtual Run Challenge! **Well done James!**

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Have you taken up running during lockdown? Or are you missing running challenge events? Then why not take on our HHCC Virtual Run Challenge?! Take on a half marathon, marathon or ultra-marathon! You can do your challenge at any pace, anytime, anywhere! Once you have completed your challenge we will send you an exclusive HHCC Virtual Run Challenge Medal! Sign up today: <https://hhcc.co.uk/hhcc-events/hhcc-virtual-run/>

Staff Store

Our "HHCC Pop Up Store" is continuing to have an incredible impact on our colleagues!

All our items are free to staff at [HDFT](#), with the stock so kindly donated by both the local community and businesses. We ask staff to take responsibly, whatever they need to make life a little easier and if they wish, a donation can be made to HHCC to help reinvest.

One community group going above and beyond in keeping our staff store well stocked is the Facebook Group: Supporters of Harrogate Hospital Pop-up Shop! They provide us with two large deliveries per week! If you would like to support them and us find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262327661691424/>

Our staff store has also had a location change and is now located by the Antenatal Clinic.

While staff are still getting paid, we are aware the financial difficulties some families may be feeling and the anxiety caused queuing in supermarkets. So this was HHCC response to meet this concern.

HHCC are also distributing donations to all our community teams, so all our colleagues can benefit!



Supporters of Harrogate Hospital Pop up Shop delivering items for the staff store to the HHCC and Volunteer team

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One way you can raise funds is with 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/>

Harrogate Railway FC

Harrogate Railway FC have chosen HHCC to be their charity of choice for the forthcoming year. This season, they will feature on the Club's 85th celebratory kits.



The Club's Chairman, Mick Edwards, says: "We are delighted to support the fantastic work they do for our local hospital and the community it serves, the profit from the sale of each celebratory shirt will be donated to HHCC."

Sammy Lambert, Business Development, Charity and Volunteer Manager said: "We are delighted to be working together; Harrogate Railway FC have a large community focus, it is wonderful they have chosen to support the work we do for HDFT. This season HHCC will feature on their 85th celebratory match kits, with the profit from the sale of every shirt to be donated directly to us.

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

 Harrogatehospitalcharity

Website:

www.hhcc.co.uk

Or to get in touch with the team:

Tel: 01423 557408

Email: hdfthhcc@nhs.net

Post: Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity
Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
Planning Department, 3rd Floor
Lancaster Park Road
Harrogate
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Ways to Donate

There are many ways to donate to HHCC to help us do more for staff, patients and their families!

- Donate via our website: www.hhcc.co.uk
- Donate via BACS (please contact the HHCC team)
- Donate via Cheque: Payable to Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity



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!

 <https://hhcc.co.uk/>

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Bye for now!

Once again, thank for reading our newsletter and for your wonderful support of 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 and Volunteers Team!



HDFT Staff proudly wearing scrubs made by the Harrogate Scrubbers