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Autumn Newsletter 2020

Dear Supporters & Fundraisers,

I am delighted to share with you our Autumn newsletter. This is filled with a variety of exciting news including how the HHCC and Volunteer team are continuing to raise the profile of our Charity during these challenging times. I am delighted to welcome Emma Parker to the team, Emma takes up the role of Charity and Volunteer Officer. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a warm welcome to the team. We will hear more from Emma later!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support during these unprecedented times and we very much look forward to welcoming you soon at one of our events. This year has been one of the hardest for so many people. The sense of belonging and community spirit has been wonderful. Whilst there has been isolation for so many there has also been a really strong sense of togetherness in so many communities. YOU make the difference to so many people and I would like to thank you personally and on behalf of the team for all you have done to help and support HHCC. Thank you.

Due to the current Government guidelines, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel our Pop up Christmas Market, which was scheduled to take place on 29 November 2020 by kind permission from Harrogate Railway Athletic Football Club. We have checked with Father Christmas and he will still be visiting you all on 24 December 2020! As Christmas is fast approaching, we have some fantastic handmade gifts available, which are perfect for loved ones or to treat yourself. You can find out more about this later!

Harrogate Railway Athletic Football Club were disappointed that our Christmas Market has been cancelled. We will continue to work closely with them and are very grateful for their continuing support. You may have seen that our very own Dan Thirkell has returned to play for Railway! We have a match day on Saturday 5 December 2020, which will raise funds for HHCC, we hope you will come and join us!

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. With winter fast approaching we need your help more than ever to support the Charity and the work we are able to do, directly from the funds you so generously donate.

I have been so impressed by your innovative fundraising abilities in these unprecedented times. 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. Every pound makes a difference.

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



Sammy Lambert

Business Development, Charity
and Volunteer Manager

#TeamHDFT

The HHCC and Volunteer Team

The HHCC and Volunteer Team lead the work for The Charity. Our main focus is to raise funds for specialist equipment, training and services, going above and beyond the provision of the NHS to help enhance treatment and facilities which can improve the environment for staff, patients and their families in all departments and communities across HDFT.



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We also coordinate the amazing volunteers for HDFT, who enhance and improve the quality of services, improve patient experience and make a difference over and above the core responsibilities of the NHS. They add extra value and as Sammy Lambert likes to say, 'Volunteers add that extra Sparkle!' On behalf of the Trust, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers for their time and support for our services.

Jonathan Voller, pictured left, is one of our fabulous volunteer drivers making journeys across the geographical footprint we cover, delivering key items and goods to our teams in the community.

Meet our New Charity and Volunteer officer

Emma Parker is our new Charity and Volunteer Officer here in the HHCC and Volunteer Team. Who better to tell you about Emma than herself?

"Hello, I'm Emma, following my graduation in 2019 from the University of York I joined a Charity Consultancy firm based in Silsden. I come from a rural farming background where I loved to be in the outdoors, I enjoy baking and I am an active runner. I am really looking forward to being part of the team, and I cannot wait to get stuck in and take on this new challenge! I look forward to meeting you all very soon."



Christmas Cards



We have a great selection of Christmas cards available with each pack containing ten cards of the same design. These are available for £3.50 a pack. The money raised from these cards will benefit HHCC.

Please browse our selection on our website: <https://hhcc.co.uk/christmas-cards/> or scan the QR code



Handmade Christmas Decorations and Gifts

We have a magical selection of Christmas decorations and gifts available to purchase on our website: <https://hhcc.co.uk/christmas/> you can also scan the QR code to browse our festive range. All of these beautiful items are handmade by a local supporter. The proceeds will go to HHCC to help us do more for patients and their families. You can also gift aid your donation, if you are a UK taxpayer, to add an additional 25% of the total to come directly

to our Charity. Please note each item is handmade, therefore the actual product may look slightly different to the sample picture due to the wood used. These items will make the perfect gift for Christmas or a nice treat for yourself!

So why not get organised early for Christmas whilst supporting your local NHS charity!



Flower Power; A collection of paintings by Jos Haigh

Jos, a local artist has donated an incredible collection of artworks available to purchase on our website: <https://hhcc.co.uk/art/> scan the QR code to browse.

A massive 100% of the proceeds from these artworks will go to HHCC helping us to do more for patients and their families.



These artworks are perfect as a gift or to brighten up your home whilst supporting HHCC!

We are holding an exclusive preview evening on Friday 27 November 2020 between 3pm - 6.30pm. You can meet Jos and talk about her work whilst safely enjoying a mince pie and mulled wine at the Cedar Court Hotel. Tickets are required and more

Information. Follow. You can see more of Jos's work at: www.joshaigh.com or follow her on Instagram: @joshaigh



Keep an eye out for more info!

HHCC 2021 Calendars

Our 2021 calendar is now available for a suggested donation of £10. All of your £10 donation will benefit staff, patients and their families here at HDFT. Our calendar was developed using photographs submitted as part of our 2020 photography competition. The winning photos offer a variety of

interpretations but all celebrate **#teamHDFT** and are taken in various locations HDFT provides services. This includes; Harrogate, Knaresborough, Sunderland, County Durham and the Yorkshire Dales. The winning images have been submitted by members of the public and our colleagues.

To get your copy of the calendar please scan the QR code or visit: <https://hhcc.co.uk/shop/calendar>.



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.

Benjy one of our incredible young fundraisers held his very own craft stall. He sold bookmarks, birds of paradise, doll blankets, face cloths, egg holders, cakes and amazing rainbows. Benjy raised a whopping £316 to help his local hospital. What an awesome young man. He is already planning his next fundraiser – watch this space.

Hilary and Nigel held a socially distanced coffee morning over the August bank holiday weekend and raised over £260 for HHCC.

David and his wife Sheila organised two golf days and raised over £800 for HHCC.

Huge congratulations to Sharon on her incredible Art Exhibition 'Was I Really There' held at 'Art in the Mill' Knaresborough throughout August and September. Sharon held the exhibition to raise money for Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre Harrogate and raised a huge £6,002.17.

Sophie one of our wonderful fundraisers took inspiration from Captain Tom and took on her very own sponsored walk challenge. Sophie

raised an incredible £130 for HHCC. What an amazing young lady.

We would like to thank the students at Harrogate High School for taking on our virtual run challenge. 125 students from years: 7,8,9 and 10 took on this epic challenge on 20 October 2020. They are continuing to fundraise and have already raised over £2,000. Check out our social media for the grand total soon.



Fundraising for HHCC

It doesn't take much to make a huge difference for our staff, patients and their families. Whether it is a bake sale, dress down day at work, quiz night, raffle, step challenge, sky dive, golf day or climbing a mountain 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 should be 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: hdf.ft.hhcc@nhs.net or Call: 01423 557408



Staff Store

Our “HHCC Pop Up Shop” has now been established for over six months and still continues to have an incredible impact on our colleagues across the Trust.

All of the items available are free for staff at HDFT, with the stock very kindly donated by the local community, businesses and purchased by HHCC with the funds you have helped raise. We ask staff to responsibly take, whatever they need, to make life a little easier and if they wish, a donation can be made to HHCC to help reinvest. This helps the store to be sustainable.

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 a large delivery every week. If you would like to support them and us find them on Facebook.

We would also like to thank our incredible Volunteers who help run the pop up shop Monday – Friday and make our shop so successful with our

colleagues. They work so hard to keep the shelves stocked and tidy.

While staff are still being paid, we are aware of the financial difficulties some colleagues face with their family situation changing. This has caused a level of anxiety and worry for some so HHCC responded to meet this concern. HHCC are also distributing donations to our community teams, so all our colleagues can benefit.



Volunteers Thank You Events

In September the HHCC and Volunteer Team hosted three thank you events in the Tipi at the Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate for our volunteers who supported the Trust during the height of pandemic and beyond.



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big ‘Thank you’ to the Cedar Court, Harrogate for hosting the thank you events for us, which were opened by the Trust Chairman, Angela Schofield and facilitated by Sammy Lambert.

We had over 40 volunteers attend the events from the Friends of Harrogate Hospital, Community Teams, Harrogate Hospital Radio, Mask Station, Staff Store, Friends & Family and Driving volunteers alongside the Harrogate Scrubbers and Supporters of Harrogate Hospital Pop Up Shop.

It was a perfect opportunity for the Trust to say a huge thank you for all the time given for free during a very difficult time, it also gave an opportunity for the volunteers to tell their personal experience of being a volunteer during a pandemic, their stories were heart felt and emotional. Tea and pastries were shared by all attendees along with lots of laughter and happy tears, as time was taken to catch up with colleagues who hadn’t seen each other in over six months.

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
-  @harrogatehospital&communitycharity

Website: www.hhcc.co.uk

or to get in touch with the team:

Tel: 01423 557408

Email: hdfc.hhcc@nhs.net

Post: Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity
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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/>

Ways to Donate

Remember, we can't do what we do without your support. Winter will be an even more challenging time for us and we need your help more than ever.

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



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/>

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 the departments and services at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust for the benefit of all patients and their families. With your support we can carry forward the excellent work, which benefits our patients, their families and members of staff

- 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

Bye for now!

Once again, thank you 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 colleagues. You are all NHS fundraising champions!

THANK YOU from the HHCC and Volunteer Team.

