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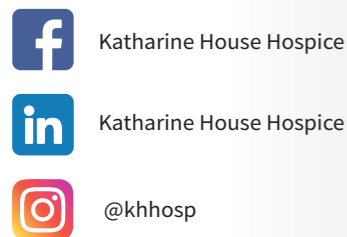
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# THE ROSE



Welcome to the autumn issue of *The Rose*.

All of our services have settled back into the building well following our refurbishment. Inevitably, much like moving home, it takes a little while to get everything back where it should be, but we are really reaping the benefits.

Although there were some concerns about losing our carpets, we have seen a very direct increase in bed capacity since we installed the hard floors – it used to take many hours for rooms to be ready for a new patient after cleaning, mainly due to the time it takes a carpet to dry. We can now welcome new patients much more quickly, ensuring that we're able to help more of the people in our community who need our inpatient support.

Our Living Well services (see pages 4–5) continue to welcome many patients on a regular basis and for a range of activities. I am lucky enough to hear their beautiful singing every Monday afternoon when they gather for choir practice. Not only does it really help with breath control and lung capacity, but it also brings a real sense of togetherness and certainly lifts the spirits – and not only for those singing!

Our community nurses continue to support many hundreds of patients across the villages and towns of north Oxfordshire and south Northamptonshire. We work hard to ensure patients can stay in their homes, if that is where they want to be, making them as comfortable and pain free as possible.

We have a fantastic team of catering staff and volunteers who have done a wonderful job of feeding our patients for many years, but soon we will all be able to enjoy their food! Our Garden Café (see photo above) will open in the autumn, serving hot and cold drinks, light breakfast options, lunches and sweet treats. The offering will be limited to start with, as we learn what people want, and we will be asking for feedback to help us evolve the offering.

We hope you enjoy this autumn edition of *The Rose*, which features supporter stories (see pages 6–7) and news about upcoming Christmas events (see pages 16–17). Thank you for your continued support of our work. You can see exactly how you have helped on pages 4–5. We are so grateful to every one of you.

*Emma Radley*

## Fundraisers are go!

This year, we brought together a band of loyal supporters of the hospice to form the Katharine House Fundraising Group! As well as raising crucial funds for Katharine House, the group is all about having fun, coming up with new and exciting ideas, supporting each other and making the best of their skills, experience and contacts.

The more the merrier, we say! So if you would like to find out about being part of the Fundraising Group or helping at their events, please email fundraising@khh.org.uk or give us a call on 01295 816484. Many hands make light work!





Patients enjoyed many activities at the Living Well Olympic Games in July.

# Living Well with Katharine House

We were delighted to welcome Living Well back to the hospice following our refurbishment. We caught up with Living Well Lead Natalie Herbert to hear how the service has been helping to improve the wellbeing of patients.



## What is Living Well all about?

“When someone is navigating the challenging journey of a progressive incurable illness, it can be easy to lose your sense of self. The constant medical appointments, treatments and looming uncertainty can make it difficult to recognise the person you once were.

Our wellbeing programmes go beyond medical care and include physical, emotional and spiritual support to enhance the quality of life for patients.

Additionally, we offer support to families and caregivers, ensuring that their journey is as fulfilling as possible for everyone involved.

Our small team is supported by a wide range of staff and volunteers who share their expertise and enthusiasm with the groups.

Wellbeing means different things to different people, and so our aim is to offer a programme of varied support and activities.

Activities that we offer focus on different aspects of patients’ wellbeing and these include:




- ▶ **Physical activities**
  - > hand massage
  - > tripod flow
  - > tai chi
- ▶ **Creative activities**
  - > arts
  - > crafts
  - > photography
- ▶ **Social activities**
  - > conversation group
  - > Singing for the Soul choir
- ▶ **Practical activities**
  - > breathlessness workshops
  - > carer support sessions.”

## Why do we love working here?

“Living Well is a great place to work as it is so patient focused and you get to know people in a way that you don’t often get the chance to in healthcare settings. No two days are the same and, as well as patients, you get to meet so many fantastic volunteers.

You get to think of creative ways to work and problem solve to keep the service relevant and meeting the needs of patients.”

## Living Well in numbers

-  Patients attended - 100
-  Appointments - 751
-  Volunteers - 16

-  Music therapy - 37
-  Social work appointments - 366
-  Chaplaincy appointments - 560



## Sherman’s story

Meet the wonderful Sherman Neblett who recently used Living Well for three months. Sherman, 61, was a bit of a celebrity in Banbury, having worked at the local Sainsbury’s for 35 years. His phenomenal customer service and friendliness earned him the fond nicknames of Mr Sainsbury’s and Sherman the Legend!

And he had a similar effect on staff, patients and volunteers at Katharine House Hospice when he started visiting Living Well.

### Living Well is life

After ill health forced him into retirement last year, Sherman was missing the interaction with other people. His heart specialist recommended our Living Well service and Sherman said he was so grateful she did.

“When you come here, it’s like a breath of life. I’ve met so many wonderful people. You can just forget everything and relax and chat. I didn’t know what to expect when I first came, but it’s good here. Living Well is life. I hope it will always be here for people because it’s needed.

“It’s up to you what you want to do. You can get involved with the activities and learn new things if you want, or you can just chat to people. The people at the hospice are lovely. They talk to you. They give you fruit. You get cake! And I love the singing – Abba, The New Seekers, Dean Martin...” (Sherman starts humming *That’s Amore*.)

### Sharing stories

Sherman said one of the best things about Living Well was that you are given a chance to forget about your health problems and you’re treated as a person. He said: “We talk about the past, share memories and swap stories. Some of the stories are so good, you meet such characters here.”

Unsurprisingly, one of the things Sherman liked to share were tales from the job he loved, serving customers in the café and on the tills: “I always had the biggest queue. People tended to want to come to my till because I liked to chat and ask them about their day. It doesn’t cost anything to care about people.”

### Fondly remembered

Sadly, Sherman passed away shortly before *The Rose* went to print, never realising his goal of attending his daughter’s wedding next year. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family and remembered by those lives he touched at the hospice.



# Supporter stories

We see so many examples of incredible kindness, generosity and determination when it comes to our hospice. Here are just a few ways our brilliant supporters have been helping recently.

## A round of applause for Jayde

When Jayde's mum died in October last year from a rare and aggressive form of cancer, he was already planning a 72-hole golf challenge to fundraise for Katharine House. While Jayde's mum, Lana Marie, wasn't cared for at the hospice, her dad was looked after at Katharine House during his own illness, and it was always a very special place to her.

So on the longest day of the year, which also happened to be Lana Marie's birthday, 23-year-old Jayde was surrounded by a team of family and friends ready to tee off and complete 72 holes at Rye Hill Golf Club.

Jayde explained: "We had around 11 people play throughout the day with seven of us finishing the challenge. My younger brother, Courtney, even took part in South Africa, where they had their shortest day of the year!"

### A day to remember

"The challenge really takes a toll on your body," continued Jayde. "We started at 5am and finished 16 hours later after walking 22 miles and close to 60,000 steps in the process. But the hardest part of the day for me was knowing it was my mother's birthday and the emotions of it all."



**£2,883**  
raised

"My mum was there, I could feel her energy throughout, and I think beyond the challenge, having family and all those people together for her birthday would have made her happy. She loved her family above everything."

"I know she suffered tremendously with the loss of her father, so knowing the money was going to Katharine House where he passed would have made her so proud. She truly loved the place, its peacefulness and warm people whenever she visited. I wouldn't have done it for any other charity."

Thank you to Jayde and everyone who took part or supported such a special event. What an incredible tribute to Lana Marie and a phenomenal amount has been raised for the hospice in her memory.

“ We started at 5am and finished 16 hours later after walking 22 miles and close to 60,000 steps in the process. ”

## Many HANDS make light work



**£2,867**  
raised since 2017

Thanks to the can-do attitude of Babs Hands and her brothers, they are turning metal into money for the hospice.

Babs, who is a registered waste carrier for scrap metal, first began by collecting foil for us back in 2017 – when she donated £20. Since then, support for the scheme has grown massively, and the most recent annual donation in January was a staggering £1,135!

Babs explained: "We've recycled thousands of cans as well as foil over the years, and it's really grown as more people have become aware – we now have around eight drop-off points around the Shipston area. And of course, the more weight we have, the more money we raise. I've known people who have been cared for at the hospice over the years and this is a very accessible way to raise money, so why not do it?"

### Positive METAL attitude

By July this year, Babs estimated they had already scrapped just over 1,000kg since January – which raised £734 – so they are on target for another brilliant year!

"It's a real community effort," Babs continued. "As well as my brothers, the scheme is supported by friends, local shops, pubs, businesses and people around the Shipston area. And when we have a good amount, they are crushed, bagged-up and taken to be processed at Smiths of Bloxham scrap merchants, who then make the donation."

Thank you, Team Hands, and everyone who supports the scheme for showing your mettle!

## Maisy and Sophia band together



**£126.17**  
raised

We love hearing from our supporters and finding out what they've done to help our hospice. We were thrilled to receive a card and photos from Bloxham Primary pupils Maisy and Sophia earlier this year. The note said: "Last week we had a loom band and cake sale. We made the loom bands and cake ourselves. We also sold ice pops. We would like to donate all the money to you because of all the hard work you do. Thank you for everything you do for the people in our area. We chose loom band jewellery because we had lots at home and enjoy making them."

Thank you, Maisy and Sophia! Your hard work has helped make a big difference for local people who are having a difficult time. Keep up the brilliant work.



Feeling inspired by these hospice heroes? Take a look at our A-Z of fundraising ideas for different ways you could support Katharine House.  
[www.khh.org.uk/a-z](http://www.khh.org.uk/a-z)



# HOW YOU HELPED

Last year, Katharine House Hospice supported 1,206 people affected by a life-limiting illness. Here's how your support helped the hospice in 2023-24.



## Inpatient Unit

Our team of specialist nurses and doctors offered end-of-life care to 245 patients in a calm, home-from-home environment that helped them feel more like themselves again.

In 2023-24, this included accommodating a Spitfire flyover, hosting two weddings, reinstating the popular drinks trolley and purchasing a cuddle bed to allow patients to be close to their loved ones.

## Bereavement Services

Last year, Katharine House Hospice's Bereavement Services grew to include a new administrator, officer and manager. The service held two counselling training sessions, recruiting a further two volunteer counsellors.

The 18 volunteer counsellors supporting people in the Katharine House catchment area, carried out hundreds of sessions during the year.

## Therapy

Katharine House's new therapy team, consisting of an occupational therapist and two physiotherapists, supported 216 patients, helping them achieve the goals important to them. This included:

- ▶ providing a special wheelchair and hoist for a patient to enjoy a drink with his friends at his local pub
- ▶ and enabling another patient to have the luxury of a bath when it became impossible for her to do so alone.

## Community Palliative Care Team

In 2023-24 the Katharine House CPCT nurses made 1,661 visits to people in their own homes, helping 421 patients manage their symptoms and meeting the emotional and practical needs of them and their families.

## Living Well

The multi-professional Living Well team provided holistic care to 100 patients, running wellbeing activities such as arts and crafts, Tai Chi, family tree writing, breathing workshops, a family and carer group and choir sessions, as well as facilitating events like museum visits at the hospice, a Christmas bingo session and even a puppet show. To find out more, see pages 4 and 5.

## Who we supported

IPU patients	245
Lymphoedema patients	269
CPCT patients	421
Living Well patients	100
Therapy patients	216
Chaplaincy patients	147
Social work patients	73
Bereavement patients	137
Music therapy sessions	37

## Charity

Our charity team has been working hard all year to raise the funds we need to ensure that the hospice's vital services can continue.

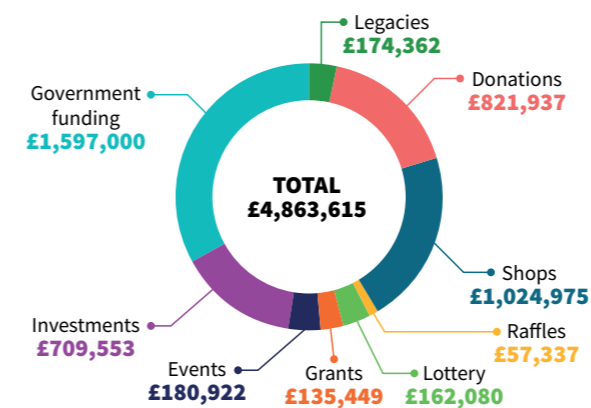
We pay Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH) a grant to manage our clinical services and although we receive some government funding, we rely heavily on fundraising and the support of our community to raise the remaining £3 million needed to cover the hospice's total costs.

Highlights from the charity this year include the following excitements:

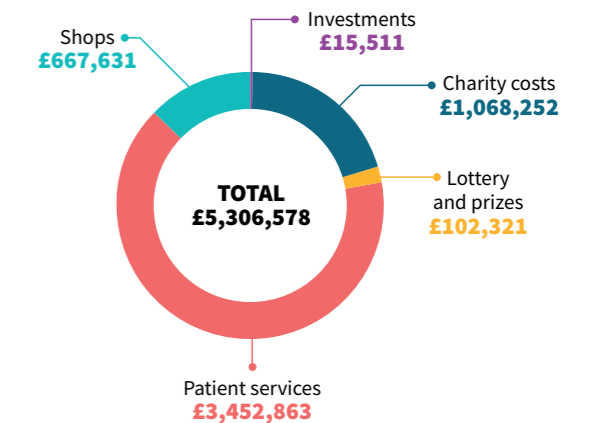
- ▶ The unprecedented success of the Tractor Run, which raised over £49,000 and achieved regional TV coverage.
- ▶ The opening of Katharine House Hospice's new community shop in Banbury Hillview.
- ▶ Our shops reaching £1 million in revenue for the first time.
- ▶ Investment into the charity's lottery scheme.
- ▶ Trialling new events and campaigns to add to our calendar to engage with the community more and increase income.
- ▶ The welcome return of the popular Accumulator Challenge.



## How we raised funds in 2023-24



## What it costs to run the hospice



## Volunteering

In 2023-24, 276 people volunteered for us in a range of different ways, including on the ward, at events, in our gardens, on reception, in the local community, at the office or in one of our shops.

Throughout the year, our volunteering team has been focusing on improving services and support for our highly valued volunteers, hosting welcome evenings and socials and improving communications.



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# ACCUMULATOR CHALLENGE

Success story

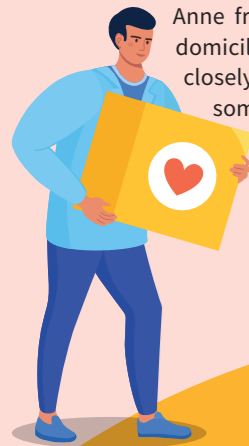
With less than a month before the Accumulator Challenge kicks off, we look back at a shining example from one of last year's alumni.

Caroline Cares for You, winners of the Community Award, took part in the challenge for the first time last year and raised an incredible £2,364. They also impressed the judges so much that they were chosen as runners up in all categories.

As a small team of 13, they crammed a lot into four months, including Christmas craft stalls (selling homemade fudge, Christmas cake, knitted knee blankets and homemade gifts), a quiz night, a raffle and a pop-up second-hand clothes shop called The Preloved Parlour. The team also had sustainability at the heart of everything they did, reusing old materials and even planting a tree in the National Forest to offset their carbon footprint.

Anne continued: "We've had the best fun as a team and it's been a fantastic way to bring us all together. We didn't realise how much talent existed between us!"

Anne from the team said: "As a domiciliary care agency, we work closely with Katharine House as some of our clients need end-of-life care. We love the work that the hospice does and we have seen firsthand how clients are fully supported."



## Join us for this year's challenge

We're excited to see what the class of 2024/25 get up to! The challenge is simple. We give your team a £50 start-up fund and you have between 21 October and 21 February to turn that investment into as much money as possible, through creative and inspiring fundraising.

As well as having fun, it's also about supporting your local hospice, creating awareness of the vital work we do and engaging with the local community.

We hope you can join us this year and help us surpass the £31,000 raised in 2023/24!

There's still time to sign up! Registration closes on Friday 11 October.

We also want to say a big thank you to this year's sponsors, HSBC UK.

To find out more contact the fundraising team at [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or visit our website: [www.khh.org.uk/accumulator](http://www.khh.org.uk/accumulator). Let the challenge begin!



# CELEBRATE

## our corporate supporters

Read our corporate stories online:  
[www.khh.org/corporate](http://www.khh.org/corporate)



A huge thank you to all the local businesses that continue to support us in so many ways. Here's a few of our favourite stories from the past few months...

### Banken on their support

**£2,750 RAISED**



We're thrilled that Handelsbanken has chosen Katharine House as its charity of the year! The team kicked off their support by holding a quiz night back in March, which raised over £2,000. Then in the summer, Chris Andrews and his wife Sarah took part in the Broughton Castle Sportive, cycling 78 miles and raising over £750. What a cracking start to their fundraising campaign! Corporate Banking Manager Andrew Hook said: "The team in Banbury is delighted to support Katharine House as our charity of the year. The hospice provides such an invaluable service to the community and we are proud to work with them." The team has said they'll be doing more throughout the year to support us and we can't wait to see what they come up with!

### Every little helps

**WORTH OVER £4,000**



Team members from Tesco Extra in Banbury have been busy this summer raising money for the hospice. The local store has already raised money to buy a new TV for the hospice reception and its staff were also hungry to help fund an exciting project... The dining room downstairs at the hospice was not included in the recent refurbishment, so when the Tesco team approached us for a project, they jumped at the chance to give our dining room a makeover. It will become a lovely place for patients, visitors and staff to enjoy refreshments and home-cooked food and create lots of happy memories. And last, but definitely not least, the store donated over 80 chocolate bars in July to help patients, staff and volunteers celebrate World Chocolate Day.

### Peak performance

**£5,158 RAISED**



Back in May, two teams from Silbury Ltd took part in the Samworth Brothers Charity Challenge in the Lake District. This was a 10-hour endurance race, which saw some of the biggest food companies compete for their chosen charities. Silbury Marketing Manager Louise, who took part, said: "We chose Katharine House as this is a local charity to Silbury and one that plays a vital role for the community". The team completed a gruelling course of cycling, kayaking and hiking in just under 10 hours and raised an incredible £5,158! This was the second time staff had taken part in the challenge, which takes place every two years, and they have already pledged their support for 2026!



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# Ways to remember

Everyone is unique in the way that they grieve, but many people find that being able to pay tribute and remember the life of someone special is hugely important to them. Here are just a few of the ways we help our whole community to remember a loved one.



Bethan and family

## Rose to Remember

More than 300 people attended our second Rose to Remember event back in June, which saw 350 white roses form part of a stunning installation at National Trust property, Upton House and Gardens.

For Bethan and her family, it was a wonderful way to remember their much-loved mum and grandmother, Jennie Lloyd-Edwards, since they were unable to say a proper goodbye at a funeral or memorial service.

Bethan explained: "Mum was an incredible lady and such a great mum and grannie. She gave her body to teaching/training nurses and doctors at a training hospital in Bristol, so we won't get her ashes back for nearly four years. It's so typical of her to still be helping people even though she's no longer here. Mum was an ITU nurse, so it's what she wanted," continued Bethan. "However, we never really said our proper goodbyes as she didn't want a service, so Rose to Remember was utterly wonderful. It was so lovely and a perfect way to be able to help the hospice carry on the incredible work."

### Thank you

We are so grateful to Upton House and Gardens for hosting and CMS Wealth Ltd for sponsoring Rose to Remember 2024.



“Rose to Remember was utterly wonderful. It was so lovely and a perfect way to be able to help the hospice carry on the incredible work.”

# Other ways to remember



## Lights of Love

Every December, our Lights of Love event offers our community a chance to come together in memory of those we have lost. Our Bereavement team play a large part in organising the special remembrance event and are present throughout the evening to offer support to anyone who needs it.

Lights of Love is taking place on Thursday 5 December at St Mary's Church in Banbury and is open to people of all faiths and none. Find out more: [www.khh.org.uk/lights](http://www.khh.org.uk/lights).



## Celebration Tree

If you've visited the hospice over the last few years, you will have seen our stunning Celebration Tree, which takes pride of place by our reception.

The specially commissioned rose tree celebrates the lives of loved ones and can also mark special occasions, such as birthdays and anniversaries. It's a beautiful piece of artwork that everyone in the hospice can enjoy. Learn more on: [www.khh.org.uk/celebration-tree](http://www.khh.org.uk/celebration-tree).



## MuchLoved tributes

Setting up an online tribute page is a special way to ensure that a loved one's memory lives on.



We are partnered with MuchLoved, an online platform where you can create a personalised and free online memorial.

You can use your page to share photos, memories and details of the funeral service, creating a permanent memorial where you, family and friends can remember your loved one and celebrate their life.

You can also fundraise for Katharine House Hospice, keep a running total of donations and make your page as private or public as you want.

Please visit [www.khh.org.uk/tribute](http://www.khh.org.uk/tribute) or call us to set up your online tribute page.



## Bereavement pack

As part of our commitment to care not just for the patient but for their loved ones as well, we will be launching a new bereavement pack this autumn to offer support, guidance and information for families during the difficult time of grieving.

The pack will contain resources and materials that detail what to expect following the death of a loved one, aiming to help people navigate the complex emotions and challenges that come with loss.

Information includes practical help on a variety of subjects, such as arranging the funeral and notifying relevant organisations. It will also signpost support groups, including our own Katharine House Bereavement Service, which provides continuous care and support after the death of a loved one.

Watch out for more information on our website. Don't forget, you can also find a range of information in our online EPiC Resource Centre - [www.khh.org.uk/epic](http://www.khh.org.uk/epic).



# Volunteering is a win win win!

Every year, around 270 volunteers selflessly contribute their time, energy, skills and experience to Katharine House. We chatted with a few of our brilliant team to hear what they get out of volunteering and the benefits of their benevolence.

It may surprise you to know that we have around 50 different volunteering roles across the hospice and community! These include: gardening, indoor and outdoor maintenance, admin, ward and front reception, catering, Living Well therapies, driving, shops, bereavement, hospice companions, needlework and crafting, fundraising, event support and ambassadors in our community.

Inside or outside, working with people or solo, a couple of hours ad hoc work or regular shifts – there is something for everyone.

Quite simply, our volunteers make Katharine House what it is. The thousands of hours contributed make a massive difference to our patients and their loved ones, supporting our “making every moment matter” ethos.

Volunteering also has life changing benefits for our volunteers...

## Making a difference

By making a difference for Katharine House, you are making a difference for yourself too.

From friendship to improved mental health, to giving back and contributing to our local community, Katharine House is a very special place which offers volunteers a rewarding opportunity to enhance their own wellbeing. Over many conversations with our volunteers, they often mention other benefits, as you can see below.

A recent volunteer applicant wrote “I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for considering my application... the opportunity to contribute to such a meaningful cause excites me.” If you would like to join our volunteer family as well, please get in touch. We would love to discuss your needs and interests and how we can help each other.

To all our volunteers: past, present and future – thank you for everything you do.

## New volunteer roles

Our list of volunteer roles keeps on growing! We’ve launched a host of new roles recently, including a Retail Driver and Open Gardens Ambassador. If you’ve got an idea about how you could use your skills at the hospice, we’d love to hear from you. Contact us on [volunteer@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@khh.org.uk).



If you've been inspired by our volunteers and would like to find out more about how you can get involved, visit [www.khh.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.khh.org.uk/volunteer).



**Karin**  
Event volunteer

“After many years of just thinking about it, I decided to take the plunge and offer my services as a volunteer. Volunteering locally and for the right place was important as I am a huge believer in being proud of what I do. I heard nothing but positive things about Katharine House, which gave me the opportunity of feeling that pride and as I’ve been working events for many years, I can use my experience and keep doing what I love while volunteering too.”



**Alice**  
Gardening volunteer

“I love that I volunteer outside with a lovely group of volunteers, who have become friends. I think it is good for my mental health and I enjoy volunteering at such a beautiful place and doing something for the community.”



**Marilena**  
Ward reception volunteer

“I really enjoy being surrounded by people who are caring and want to help others, it is such a positive atmosphere. I find it really rewarding.”



**Paul**  
Patio maintenance volunteer

“I know what a wonderful job hospices do from when my father-in-law was cared for by a hospice elsewhere in the country. I enjoy volunteering here and get a great deal of satisfaction out of it, I think it is a really good use of my time now that I am retired.”



# TRACTOR RUN

## The story so far...

The Tractor Run is back on 14 December and we're looking to make it even bigger and better than ever before! Here's how the Tractor Run became one of the biggest events on Banbury's Christmas calendar.

Tracking the Tractor Run

### 2004

Jennie Steenkamp's Grandfather Ray, spent his final days in the care of Katharine House Hospice.

### 2016

The Tractor Run was born when Jennie had a vision about creating a spectacular Christmas Tractor Run to raise funds for the hospice. The first Tractor Run took place with 26 tractors and raised just over £2,000.

### 2019

A whopping 100 tractors took part in the run and the event raised over £10,000.

### 2020

The country was in lockdown in the midst of the Covid pandemic. Christmas was looking very different with people unable to spend time with their loved ones. Supporters of the hospice and the Tractor Run came out in their thousands across the villages in Oxfordshire and with no collectors out on the streets, we relied heavily on text to donate and JustGiving. The support was overwhelming and the event raised over £24,000 for the hospice.

### 2022

Jennie decided to go even bigger and extended the route into Banbury! It was a huge success, raising over £27,000. Banbury Cross was a sight to be seen, with thousands of people gathered to watch the tractors. It opened the doors to a whole new bunch of Tractor Run spectators and fans!

This was the first year that many volunteers walked alongside the tractor convoy with buckets and collected donations from the spectators. On 14 December 2024, there will be more than 50 volunteers collecting along the route!

### 2023

Thanks to TWE Haulage, a great big truck joined the convoy to raise awareness for Katharine House and ensured everyone knew the text to donate details. The tractor run raised over £49,000.

Jennie said, "We were absolutely blown away by the incredible support of our eighth Tractor Run and we could not have achieved this staggering amount without each and every supporter. Myself and the team will never forget the crowds we saw and the cheers we heard. It was truly magical, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming out to support us and, of course, Katharine House Hospice."

### 2024

The Tractor Run featured on series three of Clarkson's Farm.

Jennie received a High Sheriff Award for the support she has given to Katharine House through the Tractor Run.

New for this year ... look out for our wooden Tractor Run Christmas tree decorations!



Find out more about what's on this Christmas at: [www.khh.org.uk/events](http://www.khh.org.uk/events)



## Also coming up this Christmas...

### Santa Fun Run

Join us to kick-start Christmas with our mighty Santa Fun Run at Spiceball Park on 1 December. Fun for all the family!



### Schools Santa Run

Our Schools Santa Run is an inclusive and enjoyable outdoor activity for the whole school community, including teachers! Schools choose any time and date to suit them between 2 and 20 December, making it really simple for everyone to take part.



### Christmas Wrap

Take the stress out of Christmas and come on down to Castle Quay Shopping Centre where we will wrap your pressies for you, in return for a donation to Katharine House. Santa's helpers will be there on the 6 and 7 December with festive paper, ribbons and tape galore!



### Christmas Tree-cycle

When the decorations are packed away for another year, register for our Tree-cycle! Our volunteers will be out and about in their vans collecting Christmas trees on the 9 and 10 January 2025, which will then be chipped by Acreman's Arboriculture, for which a big thank you. Thanks also to Beyond Carbon for sponsoring our Tree-cycle.





Donate this Christmas and see it  
**DOUBLED!**



We're doing something new this Christmas, giving you the chance to **DOUBLE** the impact of your donations. Here's what it's all about...

It's a simple idea – if you are in a position to donate to Katharine House Hospice between 3 and 10 December, your donation will be matched. We've signed up to Big Give's Christmas Challenge, which means that every £1 donated to Katharine House via the Big Give website during this period will be doubled!

**One donation, twice the impact**

Our Head of Fundraising Stephanie Lawless said: "The impact of the increase in the cost-of-living, growing demand for our services and a difficult fundraising environment means it has become harder to fund everyday costs.

"Christmas is such a special time of year for so many. So we want to raise as much money as possible to support our incredible teams who look after our patients 24 hours a day over the Christmas period and beyond."

**Make a BIG difference to our hospice**

Would you like to make a special festive donation and see it doubled? Visit [www.khh.org.uk/big-give](http://www.khh.org.uk/big-give) or scan this QR code to share your details with us. We'll then email you when the Christmas Challenge launches on 3 December.

Your donation really will **make a big difference**.

We'll be sharing more about the Big Give closer to Christmas, so look out for updates!

# Meet the team

Say hello to Kayley! As our Trusts and Major Gifts Officer, it's Kayley's job to apply to charitable trusts for much-needed funds for the hospice. She told us a bit about her role, her love for all things Italian and why she avoids pinecones...

**Name:** Kayley Rogers  
**Job title:** Trusts and Major Gifts Officer  
**Joined the team:** April 2023

**If I had to sum up my role in one sentence, I'd say:** Identifying charitable trusts whose funding objectives align with our cause and applying to them for much-needed funding.

**The best thing about my job is:** Meeting so many wonderful people, whether that be staff, volunteers or supporters. Hearing patient and family stories and what a difference Katharine House has made to them.

**My highlight since joining Katharine House is:** I participated in the Santa Fun Run a year before joining Katharine House. Then being a part of the team and seeing how hard everyone worked to pull it all together was amazing.

**If I could go anywhere in the world, I'd go to:** Italy. It is so beautiful, and the food is incredible.

**If I won the lottery, I would buy:** A villa in Italy.

**My favourite dessert is:** Tiramisu – can you see there is a theme here.

**My all-time greatest song is:** *Ain't Nobody (Loves Me Better)* by Felix Jaehn and Jasmine Thompson. It was the first dance song at my wedding and always makes me feel happy when I hear it.

**People are often surprised when I tell them:** I am scared of pinecones – don't ask.

**My favourite season is:** Autumn. Not too hot, not too cold and the colours are beautiful.

**If I had one superpower, it would be:** Super speed – imagine how many applications I could write or how much housework I could get done.

**My all-time favourite film is:** *A Star is Born*. Best to be watched alone so I can sing my heart out and not damage anyone's ear drums in the process.

**My favourite thing to eat is:** Seafood, although it's not appreciated in the office.

Read Kayley's full Q&A here:  
[www.khh.org.uk/kayley](http://www.khh.org.uk/kayley)



## What's coming up?

Don't miss out! Keep up to date with all the latest events...

DATE	EVENT	FIND OUT MORE
21 Oct-21 Feb	Accumulator Challenge	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/accumulator">khh.org.uk/accumulator</a>
7-13 Oct	Hospice Care Week	
14 Oct	Katharine House Hospice birthday	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/ourhistory">khh.org.uk/ourhistory</a>
26 Oct	Halloween Walk	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/halloween">khh.org.uk/halloween</a>
1 Dec	Santa Fun Run	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/santa">khh.org.uk/santa</a>
2-20 Dec	Schools Santa Run and Tots Santa Run	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/schoolssanta">khh.org.uk/schoolssanta</a>
3-10 Dec	Big Give Christmas Challenge	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/big-give">khh.org.uk/big-give</a>
5 Dec	Lights of Love	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/lights">khh.org.uk/lights</a>
6-7 Dec	Christmas Wrap event	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/christmas-wrap">khh.org.uk/christmas-wrap</a>
14 Dec	Tractor Run	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/tractor">khh.org.uk/tractor</a>
9-10 Jan '25	Christmas Tree-cycle collection dates	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/christmastree">khh.org.uk/christmastree</a>
May '25	Wing Walk	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/wingwalking">khh.org.uk/wingwalking</a>
18-21 Sep '25	Cycle London to Paris	<a href="http://khh.org.uk/L2P">khh.org.uk/L2P</a>



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# SANTA FUN RUN



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**When** 1 December  
**Where** Spiceball Park



£16 Adult  
£8 Child  
Includes Santa suit!

