



Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals Charity Newsletter

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Celebration of Hope raises £6,633 for Willow Tree Hub Appeal

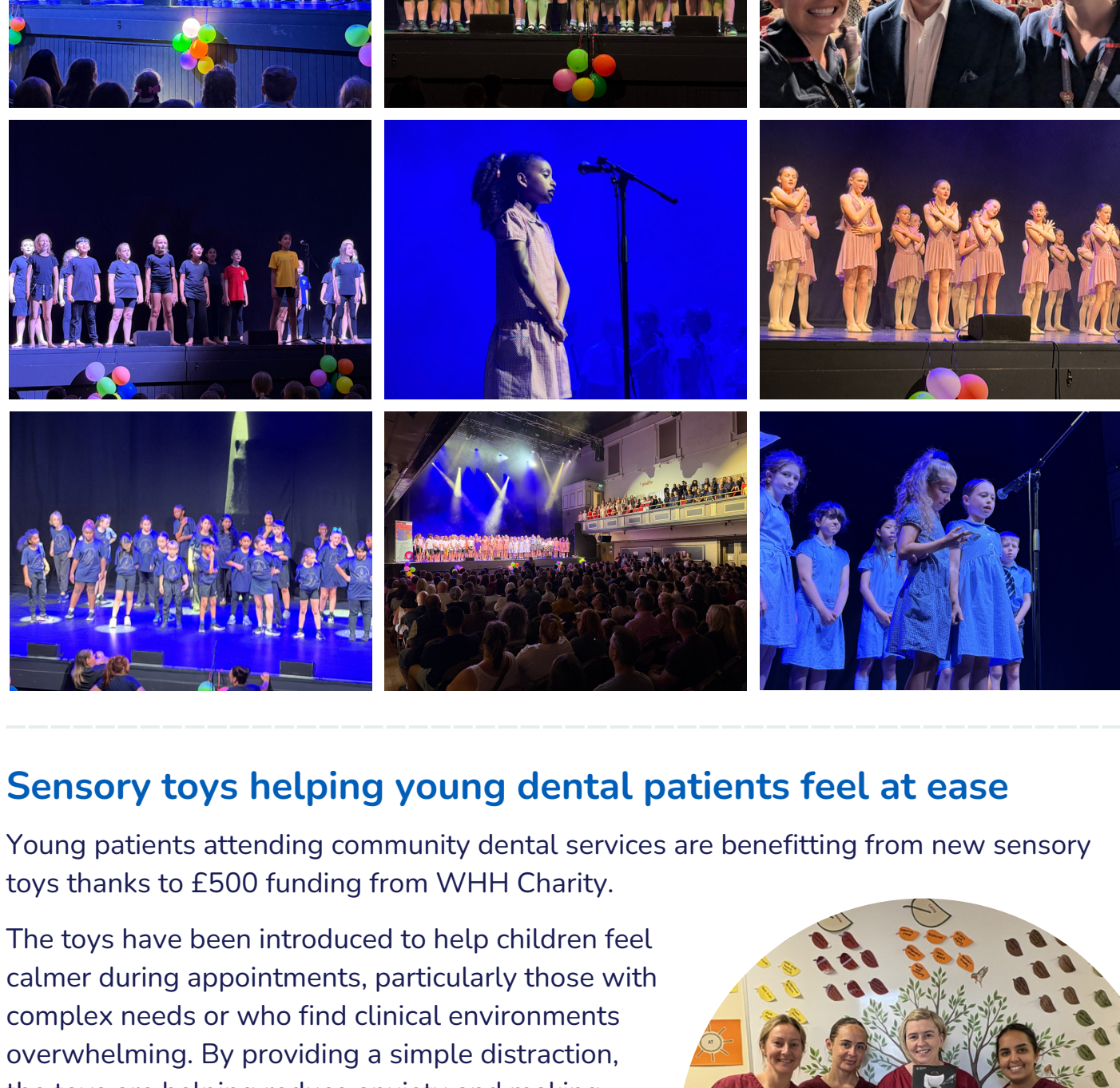
Hundreds of children from Catholic primary schools across Warrington helped raise an incredible £6,633 for WHH Charity after performing to an audience of 600 at the Parr Hall.

The Celebration of Hope concert brought together pupils from 13 schools for an evening of music and community spirit, with every performance helping move the Willow Tree Hub Appeal closer to its £200,000 goal.

The Willow Tree Hub will provide a dedicated space for families experiencing baby loss or pregnancy after loss. Located at Warrington Hospital, it will offer bereavement counselling, support sessions, and a calm, private environment away from busy clinical areas. The building will also become home to a specialist Rainbow Clinic, supporting parents during pregnancies after a previous loss.

Helen Higginson, head of fundraising, said: "It was a wonderful evening that brought our community together for a cause that means so much to so many families. We'd like to thank every pupil, teacher, volunteer, sponsor and supporter who made the concert such a success."

Every pound raised brings the Willow Tree Hub one step closer to becoming a reality, giving families the privacy, compassion and support they deserve during some of life's most difficult moments.



Sensory toys helping young dental patients feel at ease

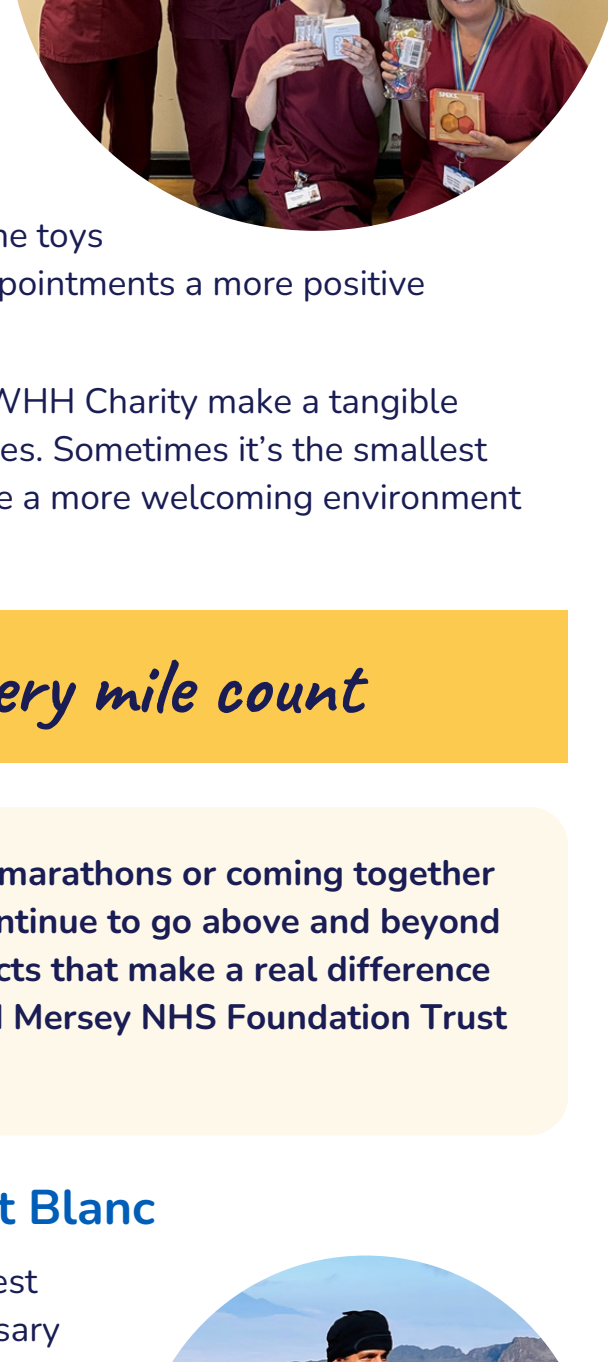
Young patients attending community dental services are benefitting from new sensory toys thanks to £500 funding from WHH Charity.

The toys have been introduced to help children feel calmer during appointments, particularly those with complex needs or who find clinical environments overwhelming. By providing a simple distraction, the toys are helping reduce anxiety and making visits less stressful for children, parents and carers.

Janine Watson, dental nurse team leader, said: "The sensory toys have made a real difference. We've seen children who were very anxious become more relaxed, helping them manage their appointments much more comfortably."

Parents have also shared positive feedback, saying the toys have helped prevent distress and made attending appointments a more positive experience.

This project is a great example of how donations to WHH Charity make a tangible difference across our hospitals and community services. Sometimes it's the smallest additions that have the biggest impact, helping create a more welcoming environment for children and their families.



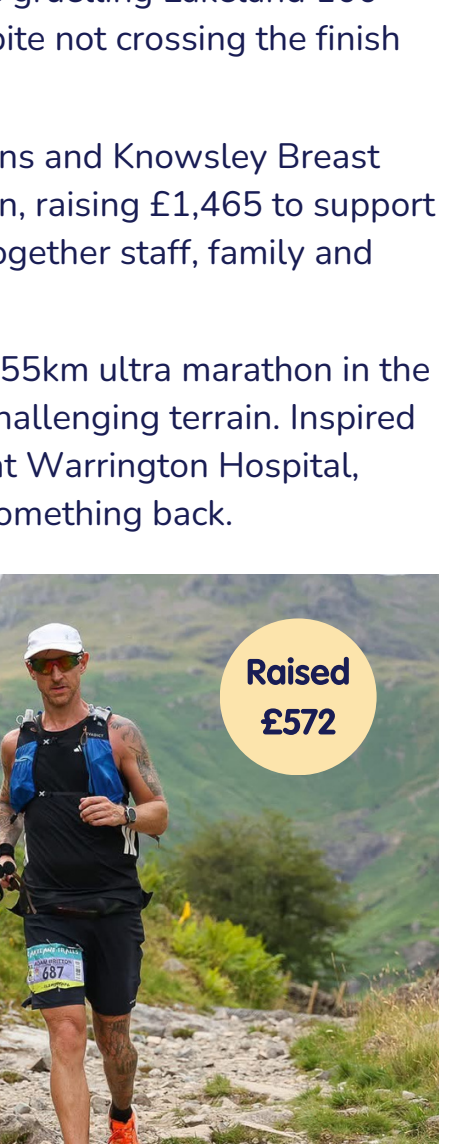
Fundraisers making every mile count

Whether it's climbing mountains, tackling ultra marathons or coming together for a local parkrun, our incredible supporters continue to go above and beyond to raise funds. Every challenge helps fund projects that make a real difference for patients and staff across North Cheshire and Mersey NHS Foundation Trust (NCM).

Consultant prepares to conquer Mont Blanc

Consultant Solomon 'Solo' Pudi is taking on his biggest fundraising challenge yet as part of our 30th anniversary celebrations.

From Saturday 22 to Sunday 30 August, Solo will attempt to climb Mont Blanc, Western Europe's highest mountain, following months of specialist alpine training and an acclimatisation climb in Italy. Having previously raised more than £400 for the charity by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, he is now setting his sights even higher.



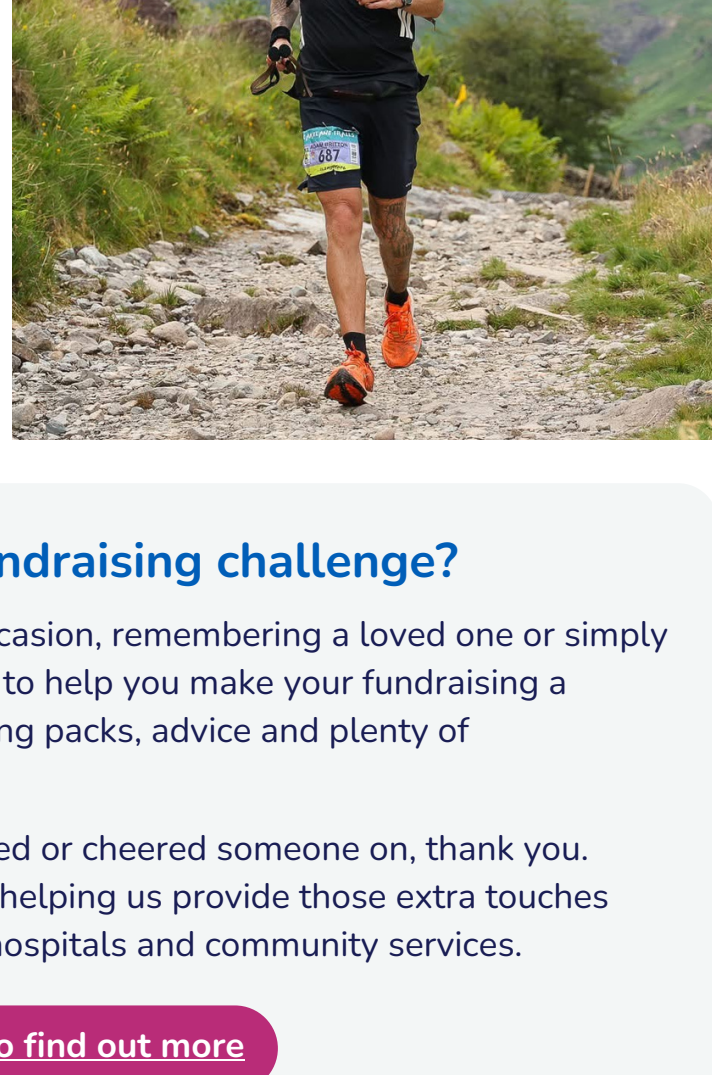
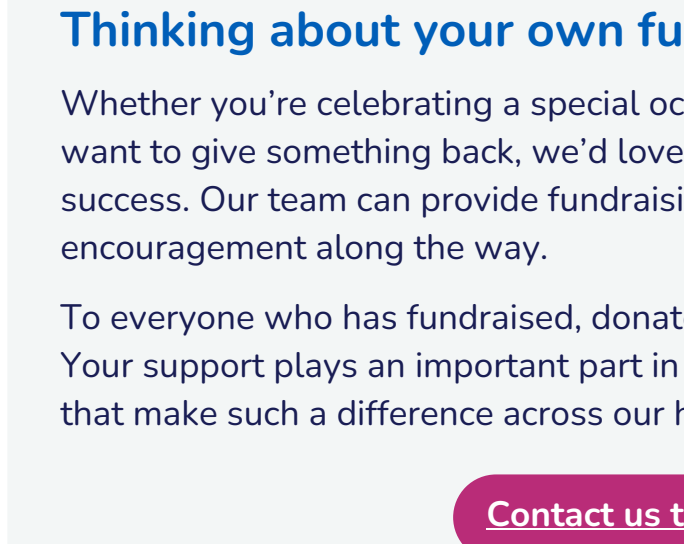
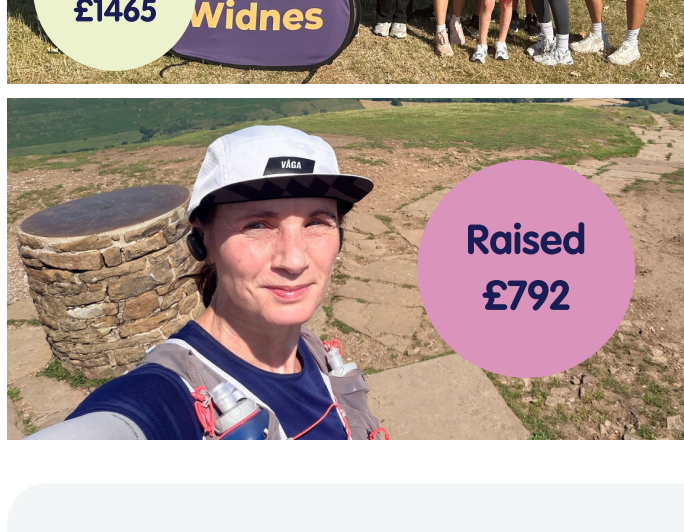
[Support Solo's challenge](#)

Incredible efforts from our fundraising community

Karen Ross recently completed an impressive 67 miles of the gruelling Lakeland 100 ultra marathon before reaching the event's cut-off time. Despite not crossing the finish line, she raised an amazing £796.

Meanwhile, colleagues from the Warrington, Halton, St Helens and Knowsley Breast Screening Service came together to complete Widnes parkrun, raising £1,465 to support breast cancer care across local services. The event brought together staff, family and friends for a fantastic morning of fundraising and teamwork.

Adam Britton also pushed himself to complete a demanding 55km ultra marathon in the Lake District, raising £572 after taking on steep climbs and challenging terrain. Inspired by the care his family received when his daughter was born at Warrington Hospital, Adam said completing the challenge was his way of giving something back.



Thinking about your own fundraising challenge?

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, remembering a loved one or simply want to give something back, we'd love to help you make your fundraising a success. Our team can provide fundraising packs, advice and plenty of encouragement along the way.

To everyone who has fundraised, donated or cheered someone on, thank you. Your support plays an important part in helping us provide those extra touches that make such a difference across our hospitals and community services.

[Contact us to find out more](#)

Ready, set, fundraise at the Warrington Running Festival

Taking place on Sunday 20 September, the event includes a half marathon, 10K, 5K and fun run, making it accessible for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Every mile completed and every pound raised will help our charity continue funding projects that make a difference for patients and staff across NCM.

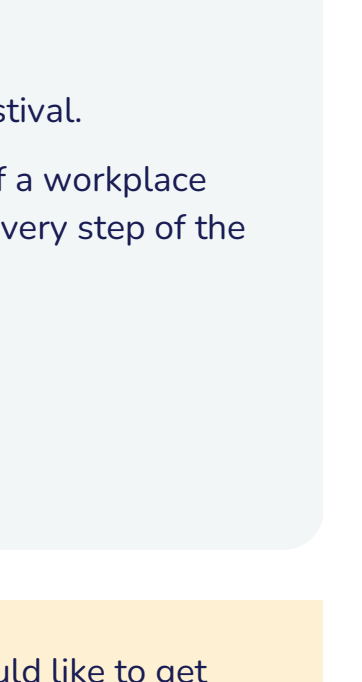
Local runners taking on the challenge

For Tom Mannion, this year's event marks a major personal milestone as he prepares to run his first ever half marathon.

Having only started running a year ago, Tom has been fitting training around long shifts at Amazon and is looking forward to taking on the challenge in his hometown.



Helen said: "It's not about being the fastest or breaking records. It's about challenging ourselves, supporting each other and having fun while raising money for a great cause."



Join Team WHH Charity

There's still time to be part of this year's Warrington Running Festival.

Whether you're signing up on your own, with friends or as part of a workplace team, we'd love you to run for WHH Charity. We'll support you every step of the way and you'll receive a WHH Charity T-shirt.

Ready to take on the challenge?

[Sign up at a discounted price](#)

If you would like more information on our upcoming events or would like to get involved, get in touch.

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How you can help

There are many ways to show your support – from fundraising and events to volunteering.

Every contribution is truly appreciated.

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