



Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals Charity Newsletter

Celebrating a year of making a difference at WHH Charity

Discover how your support has transformed patient care, improved hospital spaces, provided vital equipment and supported staff wellbeing – read our 2024–25 Impact Report to see the difference you've made.



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Join the WHH Charity Supporters' Club

The WHH Charity Supporters' Club brings together businesses, community groups and individuals who share a passion for healthcare and supporting Warrington and Halton.

By pledging £500 or more, members contribute to initiatives that make hospital experiences more positive for patients, families and staff.

Membership benefits include:

- your name on our Supporters' Club wall
- membership certificate
- invitations to bi-annual exclusive events
- quarterly impact newsletter
- dedicated feature on our website
- recognition on social media and newsletters

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Local support in action

Lawrence Barrow, from Barrow Electrical Ltd, said:
"We support WHH Charity because we can see that their dedication to enhancing patients and their families experience whilst in hospital is invaluable. We ourselves have been supported by the charity in the most unfortunate of times and saw firsthand what an amazing job they do. By offering our support we can turn our personal experience into a positive impact and help WHH Charity continue to support others."



How to join

Becoming a member is easy. Email whh.charity@nhs.net or call 01925 662666 to join the Supporters' Club and help enhance healthcare.

Runners go the distance for their local hospital

A team of 28 runners proudly represented Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals Charity (WHH Charity) at Warrington Running Festival – a day filled with energy, pride and community spirit.

Held on Sunday 21 September, the festival brought thousands of people into the heart of Warrington for the half marathon, 10k, 5k and junior races. Among them were fundraisers who chose to run in support of their local hospital, making a real difference for patients and families across the Trust.

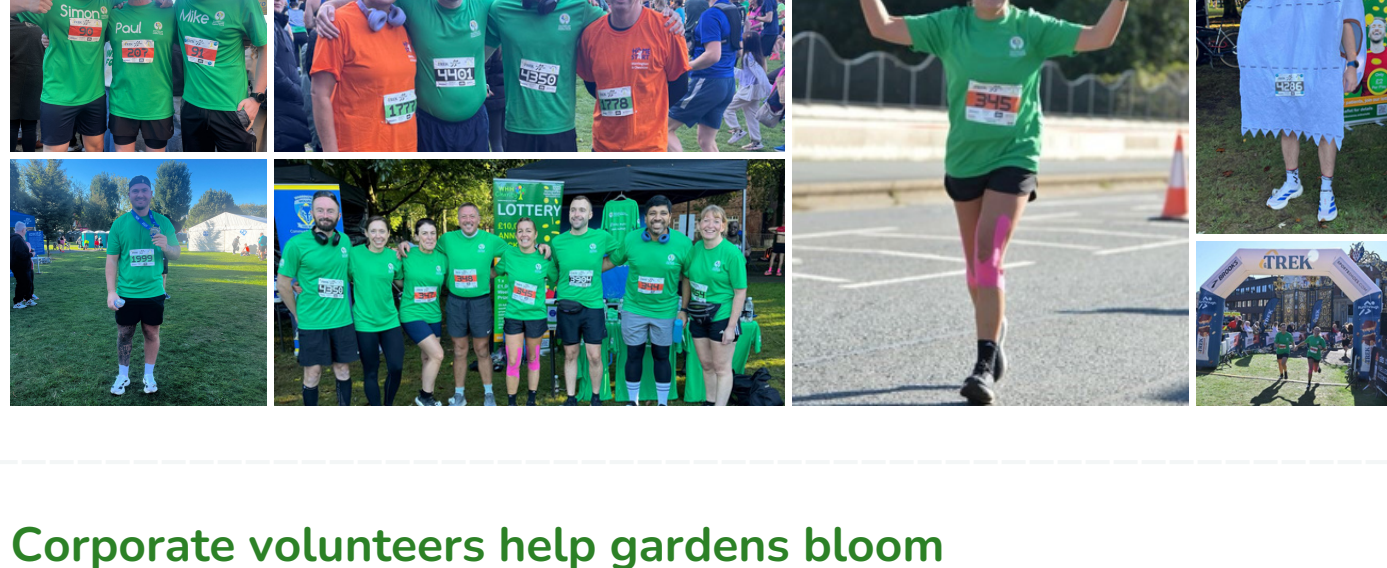
Twelve of the team ran for the Willow Tree Hub Appeal, helping to create a calm, purpose-built space at Warrington Hospital where families can find comfort during difficult times. The other 16 took on their challenge in aid of WHH Charity's Making a Difference Appeal, which supports services and teams across the hospitals where it's needed most.

Among the fundraisers were Paul James and Sarah Nuttie. Paul, a long-time WHH volunteer and help desk wayfinder, is known for his thoughtful donations of hundreds of Easter eggs to brighten patients' days. This year, he completed the 5k and raised £2,950 for the Making a Difference Appeal.

Sarah, a consultant midwife at Warrington Hospital, pushed herself to complete the half marathon in aid of the Willow Tree Hub Appeal. Her efforts raised more than £3,000 towards creating a safe and supportive environment for families.

Every stride told a story of generosity and determination, with support continuing to grow as the community rallies behind the runners and their causes.

Thanks to our amazing fundraisers and donors, we raised more than £13,000 for Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals.



Corporate volunteers help gardens bloom for patients and staff

Two generous corporate partners have been rolling up their sleeves to make hospital gardens brighter, greener spaces for patients, families and staff.

Amazon donated £1,200 to fund new garden items and sent teams of volunteers who spent two full days working hard on Ward B2's outdoor area. Their efforts have transformed the space into a more welcoming and uplifting environment for everyone who uses it.

Meanwhile, B&Q kindly donated £1,000 worth of gardening items and sent their own staff to help over three days in the Forget Me Not Unit garden. With their tools, plants and enthusiasm, the team made a real difference in creating a peaceful and comforting setting for patients and visitors alike.

Both teams have already pledged to come back in October to continue their fantastic work. Their ongoing support means our hospital gardens can keep thriving as special spaces where people can relax, reflect and recharge.

We're so grateful to Amazon and B&Q for their generosity, hard work and commitment to supporting Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals.



Proitive charity golf day raises incredible support for WHH Charity

On Friday 12 September, 57 keen golfers teed off at Poulton Golf Course for the annual Proitive Security Charity Golf Day – a fantastic event bringing together local businesses, friends and supporters.

The day was filled with friendly competition all in aid of WHH Charity. Thanks to the amazing backing from sponsors, teams and everyone who joined in, the event was a huge success.

A special thank you goes to those who supported the raffle and auction on the day, which alone raised an incredible £2,900. Combined with sponsorship and team fees, the grand total reached an outstanding £7,519 – funds that will make a real difference for patients, families and staff across our hospitals.

We are so grateful to Proitive Security for hosting such a brilliant event and to every golfer, sponsor and supporter who helped make the day possible. Your generosity ensures we can continue funding vital projects and services for our community.

Dr Anil's Everest challenge for bereaved families

Dr Anil Gopalakrishna, consultant paediatrician and governance lead at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals, is currently trekking to Everest Base Camp to raise funds for the Willow Tree Hub Appeal. He set off on 30 September and is due to return on 12 October.

For Dr Anil, this isn't just about the physical challenge – it's about creating something lasting for families who experience the heartbreak of losing a baby.

The Willow Tree Hub will be a dedicated space at Warrington Hospital offering privacy, comfort and support during the most difficult moments. Dr Anil has set himself a target of raising £1,000 towards this vital project – and hopes that by taking on one of the toughest treks in the world, he will inspire others to join him in supporting the appeal.

Every step he takes through the Himalayas brings him closer to his goal of helping create a sanctuary of compassion and care for families when they need it most.

You can sponsor Dr Anil's Everest Base Camp trek and support the Willow Tree Hub, through his [JustGiving page](#).



Christmas is coming – help make it special at WHH

This December, WHH Charity is spreading festive cheer for patients, families and colleagues at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals – and we need your help to make it truly magical.

We are seeking raffle and tombola prizes to support our Christmas fundraising, as well as donations for our Christmas toy and gift appeal. By giving a new, unwrapped gift (up to £5), you can bring a smile to a patient during the festive season.

Drop-off locations:

- Warrington Hospital Charity Office, Main Entrance, WA5 1QG – open Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3pm
- Halton Hospital General Office, WA7 2DA – open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 3pm

Every thoughtful donation will help provide a little extra spirit this Christmas.



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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