



Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals Charity Newsletter

Be part of something special – join a WHH Charity event

Make a difference for patients, families and staff in our hospitals by getting involved in one of our charity events! From fun runs to family days, there's something for everyone – and every pound you raise helps support our hospitals.

[Take on a challenge](#)



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New WHH Charity website goes live – making it easier than ever to get involved

We're excited to announce that we have just launched our new website, designed to showcase the incredible ways supporters are helping to enhance patient care, staff wellbeing and the hospital environment across Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals (WHH).

The site offers a fresh, user-friendly experience, making it easier than ever to learn all about the impact your community donations and fundraising efforts have had in our hospitals, find out how to get involved and keep up to date with the latest charity news and events.



Whether you're looking to make a one-off donation, take on a fundraising challenge, volunteer your time or simply find out more about the difference WHH Charity is making, everything you need is now just a click away.

The new site features:

- information on how to [donate](#) or [fundraise](#)
- inspiring [stories](#) about our patients, staff and supporters
- [volunteering](#) opportunities
- charity [news](#) and [upcoming events](#)
- details of how to [get in touch](#) and [support](#) the charity

Helen Higginson, Head of Fundraising at WHH Charity, said: "We're really proud to launch our new website – it's a space that reflects the generosity of our community and the life-changing projects we're able to deliver thanks to your support. Whether you're a long-time fundraiser or discovering the charity for the first time, we hope the site inspires you to get involved."

Visit whhcharity.org.uk to explore the new website and see how you can help make a difference across our hospitals.

Church's £65k donation to support bereaved families

A generous donation has given a significant boost to our appeal to create a dedicated space for families facing the devastating loss of a baby.

The £65,227 donation from Buckley Street Independent Methodist Church will help create the Willow Tree Hub – a peaceful, purpose-built space beside Warrington Hospital's Maternity Department offering privacy, counselling and support during grief or pregnancy after loss.

The church, a pillar of the local community since 1878, honoured a long-standing promise to support local healthcare services as part of its final act before closing in March 2024.

Janet Parry, one of the church trustees from Orford, Warrington, said: "We're proud to support such a meaningful cause that will help families in our community during their most vulnerable moments."

[Read full story and see how you can support the appeal on our website](#)



Raising Smiles appeal success thanks to community

Two new state-of-the-art intraoral digital scanners are now in use at WHH's Orthodontics Department, thanks to the incredible support of local communities, staff fundraisers and a generous donation from Warrington Hospital's League of Friends.

The handheld scanners replace traditional moulds with quick, accurate digital impressions – making dental appointments faster and more comfortable, especially for children and anxious patients.

Ian Edwards, Consultant Orthodontist at WHH, said: "The scanners are already making a huge difference to our patients. The feedback has been fantastic."

One scanner is now available at each hospital site, made possible by joint fundraising efforts and the League of Friends' generosity.

[Read full story on our website](#)



Together, we took 250,000 steps for baby loss support

A heartfelt team challenge has raised £757 for our Willow Tree Hub Appeal, supporting families through the heartbreak of baby loss.

The Butterfly Team walked a collective 250,000 steps in one week – representing the 250,000 pregnancies lost each year in the UK. Every step was a tribute, with funds going towards the creation of the Willow Tree Hub – a calm, purpose-built space at Warrington Hospital offering privacy, counselling and support away from clinical settings.

Debbie Yates, WHH Bereavement Midwife, said: "Each step felt like a quiet tribute. I'm proud to support this much-needed space for grieving families."

The appeal aims to raise £200,000 for the facility, which will also include a remembrance garden and Rainbow Clinic.

[Read full story and more about the appeal on our website](#)



Steps of
support for
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Sibling duo take on Warrington Running Festival

Siblings Sam and Steph Houghton from Great Sankey are stepping up to the start line this September, taking on the Warrington Running Festival to raise vital funds for our hospitals.

While Sam's been keeping active all year, sister Steph admits running doesn't come naturally – but supporting WHH Charity is more than enough motivation to lace up her trainers.

Steph said: "Running definitely doesn't come naturally to me – I've never done anything like this before. But with Sam supporting me through the training, I'm getting there step by step."

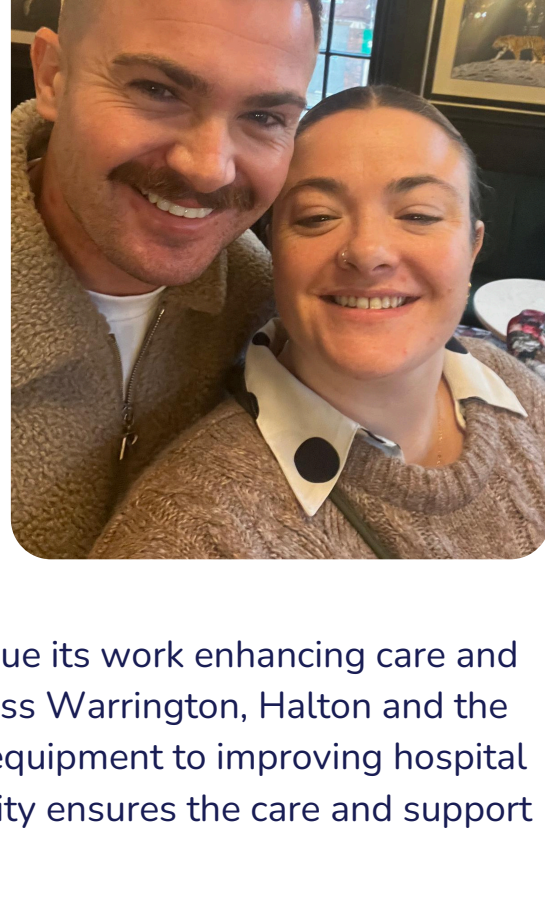
"We've been running together in the evenings and keeping each other motivated. I'm doing this for our local hospital which cares for our community. Knowing the money we raise will help enhance care for patients and families is what keeps me going when the training gets tough."

By taking part the pair will help WHH Charity continue its work enhancing care and experiences for patients, families and NHS staff across Warrington, Halton and the surrounding areas. From funding specialist medical equipment to improving hospital environments and boosting staff wellbeing, the charity ensures the care and support we provide goes even further.

Sam and Steph will join hundreds of runners on Sunday 21 September, choosing routes from 5K, 10K or the half marathon. We are inviting more supporters to join team WHH Charity, with discounted entry of just £15.60 and a free charity T-shirt for everyone who pledges to raise a minimum of £200.

Whether you run, walk or cheer from the sidelines, your support helps us go the extra mile for our hospitals.

[Sign up today](#)



Our appeals – help us go further for local NHS care

Ophthalmology Sensory Garden

We're creating a calming sensory garden outside the Ophthalmology Department at Warrington Hospital – a peaceful space to support patients, families and staff.

The sensory garden will be a lasting tribute to Tracey Parry, a much-loved former ophthalmology colleague, and will offer a peaceful environment for patients waiting for appointments, families accompanying loved ones and staff needing a moment to reflect and recharge.

[Help create this garden](#)



Willow Tree Hub Appeal

We're raising £200,000 to build the Willow Tree Hub – a safe, supportive space for families experiencing the loss of a baby. Located near the Maternity Department, it will offer privacy, bereavement support and a dedicated Rainbow Clinic for pregnancy after loss. Every donation, big or small, will go directly towards creating this space for those families needing support.

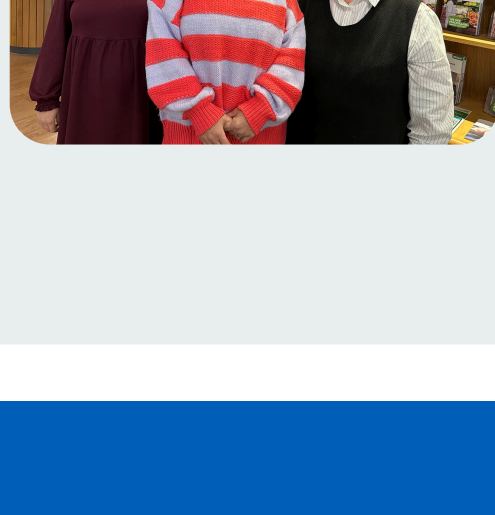
[Support the Willow Tree Hub](#)



Making a Difference Appeal

Support where it's needed most. Our making a difference appeal funds vital projects that don't receive standard NHS funding – from parent meals in the Neonatal Department to wellbeing spaces for staff. Every donation helps us meet urgent needs across Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals, enhancing care for patients and supporting our amazing NHS staff.

[Donate to make a difference](#)



How you can help

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

Every contribution is truly appreciated.

[Get involved](#)

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Raising more than money



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