

RENNIE GROVE HOSPICE CARE

Speen Helping Hospices have been a huge source of support to Rennie Grove Hospice Care over many years. In 2020 their annual donation was a staggering £4,500 which is an incredible achievement in such challenging times. To put this donation into perspective it could fund the cost of two weeks of care from a Healthcare Assistant, supporting patients with practical care to help them live independently at home for as long as possible. On top of this it would also fund the Night Team for two nights, giving essential care and support so that whatever time of night it is our patients and families are not alone, and finally a Complementary Therapist for two weeks, providing treatments to improve wellbeing for patients and carers.

The families we support tell us that having our nurses at the end of a phone, to be reassured or for us to plan a visit gives them the confidence to relax and enjoy the special moments that matter, together. It is more important than ever that we work together to keep families at home, where they feel comfortable and safe, and where we can minimise the risk of infection, if that's where they want to be. The support we receive from Speen Helping Hospices helps us to continue to be there for families 365 days a year, day and night.

As you can see, the money raised makes a very real difference to the patients and families we care for locally. Thanks again for your incredible ongoing support.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE CHARITY

Like for so many charities and businesses, the impact of Covid-19 on Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has been dramatic. Our doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals have continued working, caring for the most vulnerable of patients and their families throughout the year – a challenge made increasingly difficult and complex with the restrictions brought in to combat Covid-19.

These restrictions also forced our charity shops to close and cancelled much of our planned fundraising activity. The income in shortfall is expected to reach around £1 million, which is deeply concerning.

We would especially like to thank our fantastic supporters at Speen Helping Hospices. The group have supported us for many years but their efforts and enthusiasm over the past year have led to some amazingly innovative fundraising activity in exceptionally difficult circumstances, and raised an amazing amount of money for the Hospice for which we are truly grateful.

The Hospice was built over thirty years ago thanks to a huge local fundraising campaign and it is only thanks to the continued generosity of supporters and groups like Speen Helping Hospices that we have been able to extend our services and increase the number of patients we can support over the years. Thank you to everyone who has supported us – we could not do it without you.

Thank
You

HELEN & DOUGLAS HOUSE

We would like to say a massive thank you to Speen Helping Hospices for supporting us for the last 18 years. They have been so imaginative with their fundraising ideas through a hugely difficult year in 2020, resulting in their best fundraising year ever, raising an amazing £4,500 for our charity. In total over all the years they have supported Helen & Douglas House, the Speen Committee have raised an incredible £26,657, that has made such a difference to local terminally ill children and their families.'

This money has provided vital one-to-one respite care and end-of-life care to ensure our team take care of children's nursing and medical needs so parents can spend precious time with their children. It has been a tough year for everyone but particularly the families we support. Many are exhausted and isolated with limited support because of shielding so they need our help now more than ever through our community nursing team who visit families at home.

Helen & Douglas House is the world's first children's hospice. As a local charity, we rely on amazing supporters like you. So I would like to thank Speen Helping Hospices for their amazing ongoing support which has been incredible.

SOUTH BUCKS HOSPICE

The support of Speen Helping Hospices has been invaluable to South Bucks Hospice as we continue to support people with long-term and life-limiting health conditions through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Through lockdown, our therapists and counsellors have had to adapt their ways of working to ensure that patients and staff are safe - sadly some services had to stop, but others were able to continue by telephone.

With the help of supporters like Speen Helping Hospices, South Bucks Hospice has been able to restart some face to face services, as well as running virtual art therapy sessions.

Everyone at South Bucks Hospice is grateful to everyone that has contributed to Speen Helping Hospices' record-breaking fundraising in 2020; from Carol Singing to donating items for sale and raffle prizes, and everyone that has bought a raffle ticket, purchased an item from the shop, made a mask, volunteered at an event or made a donation.

SPEENHELPING HOSPICES

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Looking Back on 2020

2020 has been an incredibly eventful year in so many ways, not least in the amount raised by SHH and YOU.

As you know we went online when we could not hold the Christmas Market on the Playing Field on 16th November. The final profit for the Christmas Market, which included not just the online shop but also the Christmas Hamper, Sassy Santa's and the Carol Singing, came to £6,448.69. Thank you to the Sassy Santas and the carol singers who joined us.

This brought our total figure raised for 2020 to **£17,604.68**, our best year ever and the overall grand total to **£106,577.28**.

Along with the cushion we started with at the beginning of 2020, the total in our account was £19,339.01. So we donated £18,000 to the four hospices, Helen and Douglas House for Children, Rennie Grove Hospice, Florence Nightingale and South Bucks Hospice Care this year, which was £4,500 each.

We try to keep overheads down to a minimum, in many instances smaller costs are absorbed by the committee themselves. Our overheads include public liability insurance, data protection fee, purchasing licences to sell alcohol for each event. Venue hire is our biggest cost and varies depending which village we are using and whether we use the marquee.

Initially, the Online Shop was to have been a temporary affair, but we feel it is worth maintaining and are currently exploring different ideas for its use and inviting new vendors to use the platform. If you would like to be involved, do please contact me on 07778 803260 or grainnesuter@btconnect.com. The shop link is www.shh-shop.org. We are just introducing some beautiful gift ideas and intend to expand this shortly. Please check it out!

Our first fundraising event in 2021 was a Valentine's Dinner raffle. This was a chance for two lucky couples to win a dinner for two delivered to their home on Valentine's Day. It included a cocktail, canapes, 3 course meal, chocolates, and champagne. The event raised £1,430. This will definitely be in the social calendar for next year. The second initiative, Afternoon Tea Boxes for March 14th, was very successful and demand more than reached our expectations. So much so that we had to draw on Jill Rogerson, Kate Vale

and Deryn Holland to help with the scones. The cost of the food was donated as a tribute to Jane Oury who was an enthusiastic supporter of the SHH. Look out for details of our June event - Sunday Afternoon Jazz in the Park.

The financial challenge the hospices are facing is worsening and the need for fundraising increasing. Helen and Douglas House alone needs to raise £3.6 million each year to run their service, and 85% of it comes from fundraising. We know that 2020 was an exceptional year as people were at home and there was more disposable income, however, we want to be equally ambitious for 2021 and with your help that is achievable. None of us know when we, or family members, may need these services and we have a vested interest in ensuring they survive and can deliver the range of services to meet a complexity of needs.

To our horror Ann James, a long-time member of the committee, put her house on the market and sold in February. Unreasonably, she has declined to cook and bake from Oxfordshire! We will miss her so much. Ann's contribution to SHH was enormous. She was a highly skilled quilter, mask-maker, crafter, cook, baker, leaflet distributor and incredibly efficient Treasurer. Above all, her energy, motivation and commitment to SHH will be long remembered.

SHH committee members are myself, Sally Codling, Christine Davies, Amanda Dobbs, Gloria Holmes, Judy Keen, Maureen Laing, Ceri Syner, Gracie Stickings and Rosemary Speight. We also have some very supportive volunteers, who although not on the committee, have given their time in many ways including baking, woodwork and helping us set up for events. We would like to say a big thanks to them and relay how much we appreciate their input.

We invited each of the hospices to submit pieces for this edition of SNDN which appear on the opposite page and we hope that this gives you a good insight and understanding of how your support makes a difference.

If you have an idea for a fundraising initiative, please contact us. We want to put on events that are of interest to you. If we achieve that, you will support us, and then everyone is a winner and we have fun!

Thank you Speen and North Dean and to an increasing number of supporters in the surrounding villages.



Rosemary presents cheque to South Bucks Hospice



Ann James at Christmas Market Pop Up



Sassy Santas Fun Run 21st December 2020

SHH presents **Jazz** in the park & picnic



Music by
The Martin Hart
Quartet
in the
afternoon

Sunday
June
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Great Hampden
Cricket Ground
Bar provided, bring your own Picnic

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REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL!

*Things to
look forward to
this summer
(fingers-crossed!)*

SAVE THE DATES!

Here are a few events we are hopeful will be able to take place this summer. Please be assured that every event will be carefully planned to be fully compliant with Covid regulations and with your utmost safety the primary concern.

★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★



**SPEEN
VILLAGE
FETE**

SATURDAY 3RD JULY
SPEEN PLAYING FIELD
2pm

FAMILY FUN GAMES • HOME-GROWN ENTERTAINMENT • BBQ • BOUNCY CASTLE •
CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS • PLANT STALL • BAR & MUSIC 'TIL LATE *and much more ...*

Let's decorate the village to **CELEBRATE**, so get creative and design your own masterpiece.
Best decorated house winner will be announced at the Fete.

**This year, more than ever, we need your help.
To volunteer please email: fete@speenbucks.org.uk**