

# Speen Helping Hospices

In the last edition of Hallmark I invited you to visit us at our annual Christmas Market, normally in the Chapel Hall but moved, due to distancing constraints, to a very airy marquee on Speen Playing Field. However within days of Hallmark going to print we had to change our plans again!

Lockdown 2 meant no Christmas Market and we had to have a rethink! Within ten days we had an online SHH Christmas Market Shop up and running and it has been a roaring success, as we sold over £2,000 worth of stock. Adding to this, a group of women from North Dean and Speen - "The Sassy Santas" - did a sponsored fun run around the village and raised £1,500. With the Christmas hamper raffle and door to door carol singing we raised £6,448 before Lockdown 3.

In a challenging year SHH has raised £17,604. With the small cushion we had at the start of the year we can now donate £4,500 to each of the four hospices, Helen House for Children, Rennie Grove Hospice, Florence Nightingale and South Bucks Hospice Care.

We intend to continue the online shop and are currently exploring different ideas for its use. If you have ideas, do please contact me on 07778803260 or [grainnesuter@btconnect.com](mailto:grainnesuter@btconnect.com). The shop link is [www.shh-shop.org](http://www.shh-shop.org)

For our first fundraising event in 2021 we are running a Valentine's Dinner raffle. This is a chance for two lucky couples to win a dinner for two delivered to your home on Valentine's Day. It will include a cocktail, canapes, 3 course meal, chocolates, and champagne.

Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from me on 07778803260 or by email [grainnesuter@btconnect.com](mailto:grainnesuter@btconnect.com) The draw will take place on the 8th February.

The financial challenge the hospices are facing is worsening and the need for fundraising increasing. We would welcome the opportunity to extend our fundraising initiatives to Lacey Green and Loosley Row, please do contact me if you would like to explore this.

We sold a lot of masks in Lacey Green and Loosley Row earlier in the year and had customers visit our online shop, so on behalf of SHH Committee, many thanks for your support.

**Grainne Suter**