

SPEENHELPING HOSPICES

Supporting Helen House for Children, South Bucks Hospice at Home, Florence Nightingale and Rennie Groves Hospice Care

Gráinne Suter

Christmas seems a long way past now, but for Speen Helping Hospices late November and December were the culmination of our fundraising events for 2021.

It was wonderful to be back in the Chapel to hold the Christmas Market, the perfect venue for an important village day. We had some new stallholders this year and both our regulars and the newbies all did very well. Counting the takings at the door, food sales, second-hand jewellery and scarves, the cake stall, the silent auction, our SHH craft stall and the stallholders' table fee, we raised £2,786.64. A very good result.



The Christmas Hamper raffle and the carol singing raised £820 and £880 respectively. The carol singers battled their way around the village over three separate evenings singing their hearts out. Thank you to Peter and Jill Johnson, Jan Findlay, Jill and Paul Rogerson, June and Martyn Evans, Bob Stupples, Roger Craft, Margaret Chitty, Elizabeth McMyn and Alex and her daughter and Rosie and Tim at The Manse.

Huge thanks and praise for the Sassy Santas for turning out on a grey day for another fun run. They raised £1,040, we are so grateful for their commitment and support.

These final events brought our grand total of money raised during 2021 to **£19,326.93**. We allocated £4,500 to each of the charities, and you can see how your money is spent in the letters on the left.

We are so grateful to Ruban and Vicky at the shop as they are very happy to sell raffle tickets and publicise events on our behalf.



We started 2022 with our first event, the Valentine Dinner Raffle for three lucky couples to win a three-course meal with cocktails and fizz delivered to their door. All the recipients were delighted with the meal and presentation and the event raised £840.

Other news

It may seem very unimportant, but we have finally got online banking with Nat West (no mean feat - it was a Herculean task!) and have set up a contract with SumUp to take card payments at events.

Dates for your Diary

- ★ Spring Lunch on the 11th May at the Horses Trust. Jane Marchant from Alchemille will be selling plants.
- ★ Jazz in the Park on Sunday 12th June at Great Hampden Cricket Ground with Martin Hart.
- ★ Open Gardens 12th July. If you would like to open your garden, please contact me grainnesuter@btconnect.com
- ★ Wine Tasting 9th September in the Chapel Hall. Lloyds Wines will run the evening.
- ★ Bridge Challenge and Afternoon Tea 19th October in North Dean Village Hall.
- ★ Christmas Market 19th November in the Chapel Hall.

Don't forget if you would like to support or sponsor a fundraising event, offer a prize for a raffle or would like to help us in some way, please contact me grainnesuter@btconnect.com or 07778803260.

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RENNIE GROVE HOSPICE CARE

I am delighted to confirm that the cheque from Speen Helping Hospices totalling an incredible £4,500 has been safely received, thank you. Your generosity is truly appreciated by everyone at Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

I have seen the photo of your cheque presentation at the Berkhamsted shop with Deborah and Alison and it was great to be able to share your fundraising success and express our sincere thanks on our Rennie Grove Facebook page. Thank you for taking the time to visit.

You must be absolutely delighted with the total amount raised again last year, especially in times of continued Covid restrictions making fundraising more complicated! We believe that everyone with a life-limiting illness should be able to live well for as long as possible and have the choice to die at home with their loved ones, and your very kind donation has enabled us to fund 150 hours of care.

At such a difficult time for all of us, we particularly appreciate the hugely valued support of our local community and donations like yours. Your donation has helped our hospice at home nurses in Buckinghamshire who, in 2020-21, cared for 1,259 patients, made 45,962 telephone calls and 9,127 visits to patients, travelling 172,054 miles to ensure patients and their families received the vital care and support they needed.

We are more grateful than ever for your continued support; thank you for making moments together matter for our patients and their families.

Louise Hewitt, Senior Community Fundraiser

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE CHARITY

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity are incredibly grateful to all the members of Speen Helping Hospices for all they do to raise funds for their local hospice services. They work tirelessly raising funds and the money they raise has a huge impact on those who need the care of their local hospice. The latest donation of £4,500 will enable us to fund the services that make the hospice such a special place. Our teams, both in the Hospice and out in the community, really put their hearts and souls into supporting patients and relatives at the most difficult of times. For those families who may be spending their last days together this gift will provide them with care, compassion and dignity.

We rely on donations to support all our hospice services and to guarantee that these are there for our patients and their families all year round. The generosity of Speen Helping Hospices ensures that we are able to make a difference to our patients' final days and how their loved ones will remember this time. We are there to care for the whole family at the most difficult of times and the kindness of both the members of Speen Helping Hospices and the locals who support all their events helps us to do this.

As the daughter of one of our patients so eloquently quotes 'I would recommend Florence Nightingale Hospice services to anyone who needs it. There is so much they can offer to ease the pain...Hospice provides that much-needed air to let you breathe through this journey. They are the comfort blanket you need to ensure you are doing everything right for your loved one.'

Thanks again

Claire Redrup, Public Fundraising Senior Manager

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HELEN & DOUGLAS HOUSE

We would like to say a huge thank you to Speen Helping Hospices for their recent donation of £4,500 which means they have raised a massive £34,016.98 since they started supporting us 20 years ago. The money they have raised will go towards providing supportive stays for local terminally ill children.

During their visits to the hospice, we help children and their families create happy memories together with activities like music, cooking and crafts. These stays also mean that parents get a break from being carers and can take time out for themselves to rest.

When a child is diagnosed with a terminal or life-limiting illness everyone in the family is affected. The stress of frequent hospital visits, multiple treatments, and the other harsh realities of dealing with a terminal or life-limiting illness can take a major toll on family life. That inevitably includes brothers and sisters, who find it upsetting to see their sibling's health decline. It can also mean they have less time and attention from their parents as their vulnerable sibling often needs 24/7 care. So we have two siblings groups that provide support to these children.

Thank you Speen Helping Hospices for making it possible for us to offer this vital care for local families.

Andrea Baganz-Pritchard, Helen & Douglas House

SOUTH BUCKS HOSPICE

South Bucks Hospice is very grateful to everyone that has supported us through a Speen Helping Hospices event, raffle, challenge, prize donation or shop purchase. Your amazing support during the pandemic has enabled us to be there for people with life-limiting health conditions and their loved ones at a time when they have needed us more than ever. And your continuing support means that we can be here for people through diagnosis, treatment, recovery or coping with loss.

Many thanks to all the people in Speen for your continuing support.

Dave Haggard, Community and Fundraising Manager

