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ANNUAL REPORT

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WELCOME FROM OUR HDFT CHAIR Sarah Armstrong

I am delighted to introduce our 2025 - 26 Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity (HHCC) Annual Report, which shares an insight into the phenomenal work the HHCC team have done during 2025, and through to 2026. HHCC is an integral part of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT). As the Trust's registered Charity, it is their mission to raise funds, enabling the environment and services to go above and beyond the provision of the NHS to benefit patients, their families, and our wider workforce across the ever-growing HDFT footprint.

One of the key highlights from last year was the launch of our inaugural Adult Gifting Campaign. As a result of the generosity of our local community HHCC received and distributed 453 gifts to the adult inpatients across Harrogate District Hospital (HDH) and Ripon Community Hospital (RCH), spreading warmth and joy on Christmas Day.

HHCC proudly hosted our very first Charity Ball, marking a special milestone as we celebrated 30 incredible years of the charity at HDFT. The evening brought together supporters, partners and friends of the charity, and thanks to their generosity the event raised an amazing £10,556.25. These vital funds have gone towards introducing AI cancer diagnostic equipment to enhance Histopathology Services, helping to improve diagnosis and care for breast cancer patients

I would also love to express my appreciation for the dedication of all our donors, fundraisers, stakeholders, volunteers, workforce and local communities who continue to enable these accomplishments to be possible, the impact of HHCC's supporters are invaluable.

Thank you for everything you do!

Sarah Armstrong
Chair
Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust



MEET OUR TEAM

We are a passionate and dedicated team, bringing together a diverse range of skills to deliver the highest level of support to our HHCC fundraisers. Guided by our strong core values and collaborative team spirit, we continually strive to enhance the experiences, environment, and services provided to patients, service users, their families, and our workforce across the extensive reach of HDFT.



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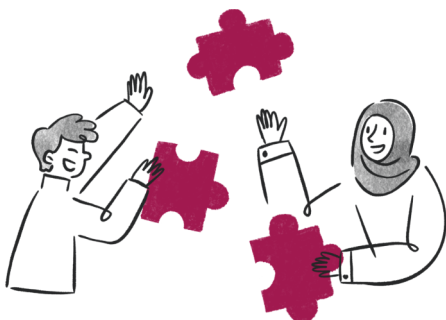
Gemma Cook

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Volunteer Manager



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Project Assistant



2025-26 HIGHLIGHTS

Active Against Cancer Summer Sweat -

94 participants joined our virtual challenge



Great North Run -
9 participants took on the Northern Marathon



Houses of Parliament Visit -
To showcase the Great Start in Life Foundation (GSIL)

HHCC 30th Birthday Ball -
Raising over £10k towards AI Cancer Diagnostic Equipment



Adult Gifting Campaign -

Providing 453 gifts to inpatients spending Christmas Day in Hospital



Letters from Father Christmas -
Returned for it's 4th year with 134 letters sent to children and young people



New website implementation

Taylor's of Harrogate partnership - raising £28,963.21 for the Special Care Baby Unit



OUR 2025-26 ACHIEVEMENTS

2025-26 saw HHCC enter into its 30th birthday year. As we continue to build on our successes from the last 30 years, we also took the opportunity to try new things. Everything that we do here at HHCC has impact at its heart and we wanted to make positive changes to continue making an even bigger impact to our local communities.

We officially launched our 30th birthday campaign in April 2025. Our focus was to raise £40,000 for the purchase of an innovative piece of technology that will aid quicker and more effective cancer diagnosis. The equipment utilises AI to reduce pathologist reviewing time by over 65%, subsequently reducing the waiting time for a cancer diagnosis by up to 6 days! During uncertain and difficult times, like waiting for a cancer



diagnosis, every minute counts so we were keen to fundraise for something that will speed up this process for patients. We continually fundraised throughout 2025-26 for this equipment with our charity ball being the main fundraising event of the year. We are thrilled to announce that as of March 2026, we have reached our goal of £40,000 and have purchased the equipment. We cannot wait to see it in situ at HDH.

In May we kickstarted our fundraising with an expedition of keen supporters who wanted to step up for HHCC and complete the National Three Peaks challenge. The group, made up of teamHDFT members and colleagues from Taylors of Harrogate, travelled from the highlands of Scotland to the Lake District in England and finished with a sunrise hike in Eryi National Park in Wales. Our 10 participants were supported by Sky Blue Adventures and managed to raise an outstanding £6,222.50 for HHCC. Through their fundraising, they were able to purchase more End of Life care bags, enhance the parent and family facilities at the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) and support our Great Start in Life Foundation (GSIL).



OUR 2025-26 ACHIEVEMENTS

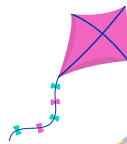
In the spirit of trying new things, 2025-26 also saw the creation of fundraising events inspired and led by departments from across the Trust.

The Adult Diabetes team at HDFT hosted a summer fair at Bishop Monkton Village Hall on Sunday 8 June 2025. The event included a bouncy castle, fire engines, luxury vintage cars and sporting activities. The event raised over £1,900 with every penny going to support our patients living with Diabetes.



The SCBU team quickly followed suit with their Summer Fair at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall on Sunday 6 July 2025. Due to bad weather, their event was held indoors but they still managed to fit in an impressive amount of fun! With a raffle, bouncy castle, face painting and an assortment of family games. The event raised £1,184.97 which went towards the refurbishment of the parent and family bedrooms at SCBU.

In December, the teams at Woodlands Ward and SCBU hosted a Christmas fair at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall. This time, Sam the Woodlands therapy dog joined them at the event and helped to raise £1,079.72 for the wards. We are already looking forward to the next department led event in Summer 2026.



OUR 2025-26 ACHIEVEMENTS

This year we have also grown our GSIL Foundation. Our Head of Charity was invited to the Houses of Parliament in October 2025 to meet with local MPs from the 11 HDFT Health Visitor and School Nurse Services. We were thrilled to have an early day motion tabled on 13 October by Harrogate and Knaresborough MP, Tom Gordon. The motion celebrated the impact that HHCC have had in the past 30 years, whilst celebrating the potential GSIL has on impacting children, young people and their families across the North of England, Cumbria and Yorkshire.



GSIL has continued to enhance the experience of children, young people and their families across Cumberland, County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Middlesbrough, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Stockton-on-Tees, Sunderland, Wakefield and Westmorland-and-Furness in 2025-26.

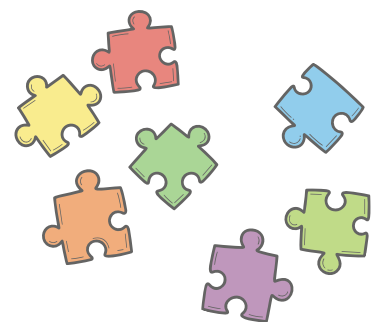
Mats provided by GSIL



In December 2025, the GSIL Foundation awarded its first grant to a community wrestling club following a call out for applications to be submitted to the charity from the Cumberland area of the Trust's 0-19 footprint. The funds were spent on purchasing new mats for the children and young people to be able to take part in their wrestling activities and to engage in health and wellbeing activities within their local area.



Great Start
in Life
Foundation



STRATEGIC GOALS

The strategic objectives of HHCC are focused on strengthening community resilience and enhancing services delivered across the extensive footprint of the HDFT. We are committed to funding equipment, facilities and initiatives that go above and beyond core NHS provision, ensuring added value for patients, service users, staff and the wider community.

We define success not only by the impact we achieve, but by the integrity with which we operate. HHCC adheres to Charity Commission for England and Wales regulations and guidance, underpinned by robust governance processes and effective oversight. Our vision is to deliver meaningful impact across every location where HDFT provides services, ensuring charitable funds are used responsibly and strategically.



We actively empower local communities to support their local NHS in ways that are personal and meaningful. Whether by undertaking fundraising challenges, organising events in memory of loved ones, or leaving a gift in their Will. These contributions create lasting legacies that will benefit future generations.

Our corporate partnerships are carefully aligned with our strategic aims, fostering a strong sense of community within each collaboration. Through engagement initiatives and targeted social media campaigns, we strengthen relationships and broaden our reach. Performance and impact are monitored through regular evaluation against Key Performance Indicators, alongside service user and donor feedback and internal audit processes. This ensures accountability, continuous improvement and sustained delivery against our strategic goals.

GREAT START IN LIFE FOUNDATION

On 27 April 2025 we were thrilled that one of our Cumberland colleagues, Karen McAllister, had chosen to run the London Marathon 2025 to raise funds for GSIL. The Cumberland Growing Healthy 0-19 services joined teamHDFT in April 2025, with Karen being our first GSIL fundraiser from this passionate team. She was motivated to run the London Marathon for GSIL so the funds raised could be re-invested in her local community. Being able to make a positive impact to the children, young people and their families in Cumberland was one of the motivators that saw Karen complete her first ever marathon in 5 hours and 33 minutes! This incredible achievement also raised £1,080 for her local community.



Karen wasn't the only enthusiastic member of teamHDFT in our Cumberland area. Claire, Emma and Emily led an eager team across the Gelt Gladiator Course on Saturday 21 June 2025. This epic 6km obstacle race was a real challenge for the team including jumping over fire, climbing under and over cargo nets, river crossings and even a 100m slip and slide. Although very muddy, the team kept their spirits high and overcame their fundraising target to raise £615 for children, young people and their families in Cumberland. As a result of both Karen and the Gelt Gladiators' fundraising, we were able to launch our first ever Youth Sports Support Grant, providing support of up to £400 for grassroots sports clubs in local communities.



GREAT START IN LIFE FOUNDATION



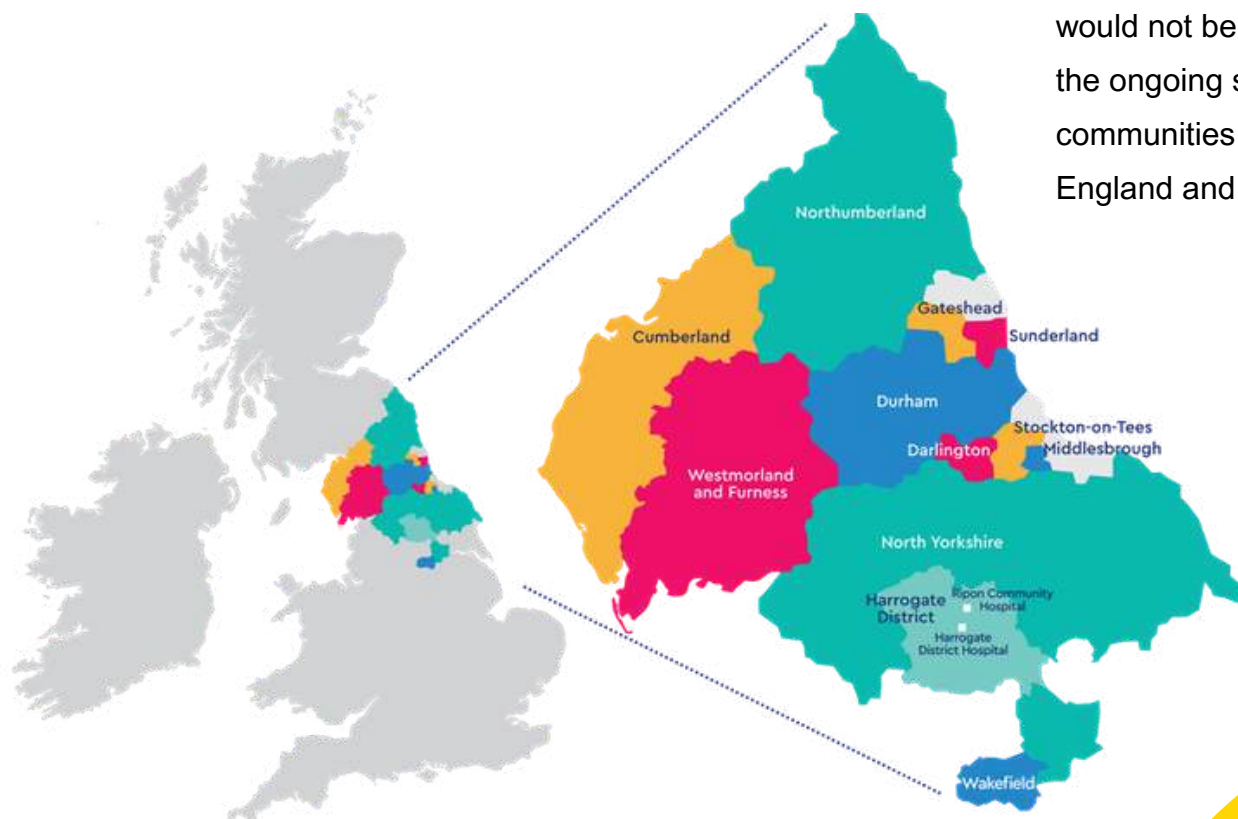
Sunday 7 September 2025 saw GSIL join NHS Charities Together colleagues at the 44th Great North Run in South Shields. This year, we had eight motivated runners taking on the biggest half marathon in the world and one eager Junior Great North runner. The Great North Run is a significant fundraising event for GSIL, with seven out of our nine runners fundraising to support children, young people and their families have a great start in life. Our runners came from all over the HDFT footprint, including Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham, Northumberland and North Yorkshire, demonstrating the reach that the impact of their achievement will have. All nine of our runners completed the challenge in fantastic times and collected their medals for the 44th GNR. Through their fundraising, they have raised £2,571 for GSIL and £605 for causes at HHCC, which will make a huge difference in the experience of our services users and staff. We are already looking forward to the Great North Run 2026, which will be even bigger and better as the 45th anniversary run!



GREAT START IN LIFE FOUNDATION

As we enter into the second year of the GSIL, we are thrilled to have increased engagement with the Foundation from our community colleagues. With the footprint of HDFT expanding, it is important for us to ensure those local communities are aware of the impact of GSIL whilst also supporting it themselves. So far, we have had community colleagues coordinate wellbeing events such as walking to Lapland, focus and support groups for children and young people as well as oral health promotion within our communities. One notable community engagement project was the pilot establishment of a Santas Grotto in Middlesbrough on 4 December 2025. This was hosted in Thorntree Family Hub in conjunction with our Middlesbrough 0-19 service and was free to those families living within the TS3 postcode area. GSIL provided gifts for all of the children aged 6 and under, as well as coordinated Father Christmas' arrival from the North Pole. This was GSIL's first foray into community Christmas events with the 0-19 footprint and we are really excited to see where we can spread this festive cheer in years to come.

All of these GSIL achievements would not be possible without the ongoing support of our local communities across the North of England and Yorkshire.



DELIVERING ENHANCED EQUIPMENT

HHCC were excited to be able to support the development of the new Willow Department on the HDH site with the provision of a colourful wall wrap of the Knaresborough Viaduct to enhance the environment for patients and staff to enjoy whilst receiving and delivery healthcare.



HHCC were delighted to have Tom Gordon, Liberal Democrat MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough undertake the Paris and London Marathons in 2025. His epic challenge involved fundraising for HHCC, with £1000 donated to fund a fluid warming cabinet for the Coverdale Unit at HDH to be used when undertaking hysteroscopy procedures. This piece of equipment helps make the procedure significantly more comfortable for patients.

Meetings pods have been introduced in three locations across HDFT to support the workforce to have confidential, comfortable spaces to hold meetings. This has been implemented following feedback received through surveys and HHCC were delighted to be able to fund this project from the health and wellbeing fund, which has been supported by staff through the payroll giving initiative established.



Meeting Pods Feedback



“It looks great and we are already making good use of it!”

*Long Term, Urgent, Cancer and
Community Colleague*

DELIVERING ENHANCED EQUIPMENT

Throughout 2025 and the start of 2026, we continued working with the Vinylsessions fundraising group. The monthly fundraising event was initially started in 2018 but took a brief hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Since June 2024, Vinylsessions have worked hard to host unique events at Starling Harrogate Independent Bar Café Kitchen, celebrating classic vinyl records. Each event has been attended by like-minded music fanatics who are also passionate about the specialist Hi-Fi systems and music history experience that they have at the session.

2025's record library saw sessions on:

- The Beatles
 - Fleetwood Mac
 - Paul Simon
 - Chris Simpson, a local music legend
 - Kate Bush
- Plus many more!

The variety of music that was selected at each event encouraged the community of supporters to diversify, helping the Vinylsessions group to inch ever closer to their fundraising target. Each session is raising funds to enhance the parent and family bathroom at HDH for SCBU families who have a child in the unit. So far, they have raised an outstanding £7,325 of their £10,000 target with many unique events planned ahead. We are thrilled to be able to support the Vinylsessions team on their fundraising journey. Seeing the joy and passion this local group of music fans have towards supporting their local NHS is part of what makes HHCC special. We can't wait to see what's in store for 2026!



GIFT IN KIND DONATIONS

Our Gift in Kind supporters continue to make an extraordinary difference to our services at HDFT and the people we care for. Over the past year, we have received a remarkable range of donated items from generous individuals, community groups and businesses; each one thoughtfully given and warmly appreciated.

These gifts have brought comfort, colour and celebration to our wards and events. From children's toys distributed to Woodlands Ward, to string lights that brightened our outdoor tree at HDH at Christmas, each contribution has helped create a more welcoming and uplifting environment for patients and their families. A beautiful balloon arch brought a real sense of occasion to our SCBU Summer Fair, while the donation of 20 pieces of fruit helped fuel participants taking on our National Three Peaks Challenge in May 2025.

692 Coffee's donated from Starbucks

860 Hand knitted Items

101 Generous raffle prizes

3280 Greetings Cards

322 Easter Eggs



Gifts in Kind are invaluable. They enhance patient experience, support staff wellbeing, reduce costs and allow charitable funds to be directed where they are needed most. Just as importantly, they are a visible reminder to our patients, families and teams of our community support.

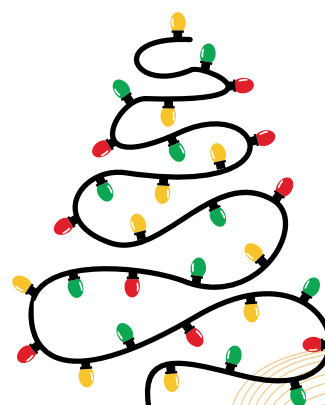
ENHANCING STAFF WELLBEING

Investing in the wellbeing of our people remains central to our long-term success. Over the past year, we have strengthened our commitment to enhancing staff wellbeing by fostering a supportive, inclusive, and flexible working environment where everyone can thrive. By listening closely to employee feedback and embedding wellbeing into our culture, we continue to build a resilient, engaged workforce equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead. From recognising achievements to celebrating seasonal and inclusive initiatives, we have continued to create moments of joy, appreciation, and reflection for our colleagues.

During Ramadan, HHCC funded packs containing dates, water, cake, and breakfast bars which were made available in the multi-faith centre. These packs supported colleagues in breaking their fast and provided light refreshments ensuring they are recognised and supported during the holy month.



As the festive season approached, we welcomed pupils from St Robert's Catholic Primary School for the HDH Christmas Lights Switch-On on Thursday 27 November 2025. Staff, patients, volunteers, and visitors gathered to enjoy the pupils' festive carols, creating a joyful and communal atmosphere in the main entrance. The celebrations were further enhanced by a beautiful Christmas entrance mural at the front of the hospital, which transformed the entrance into a bright and uplifting space and helped spread festive cheer to all who visited during the Christmas period.



ENHANCING STAFF WELLBEING

The Sparkle Award has long been a part of HDFT, and in November 2025 we refreshed it with the smile box format. Smile boxes are thoughtfully prepared packages filled with treats and uplifting messages to recognise colleagues. Since April 2025, the wellbeing initiative has grown in popularity, with 401 awards distributed to staff, volunteers, and community teams across HDFT. These awards celebrate those who go above and beyond, boosting morale and fostering a culture of appreciation.



Alongside individual recognition, our Team of the Month boxes have continued to recognise and celebrate outstanding teamwork, providing a tangible way to celebrate the dedication and commitment of our staff.

One team is recognised each month for demonstrating the Trust's KITE values, going above and beyond, making a difference, and using resources responsibly. Each quarter, a spotlight is placed on one of the KITE values to guide nominations, providing a visible way to acknowledge and celebrate collaborative achievement. In 2025, HHCC have continued to support the making a difference team with Team of the Month boxes, filled with sweet treats and wellbeing items for teams to share.

Through these initiatives, we remain committed to enhancing staff wellbeing, recognising the incredible contribution of our workforce and creating positive and uplifting experiences throughout the year. It is a privilege to continue supporting the hard-working staff at HDFT, ensuring they feel valued and celebrated.

Spakle Awards Feedback

“Thank you that’s really lovely and the whole thing has made my day and I very much appreciate your time in putting together and sending out these treats!”

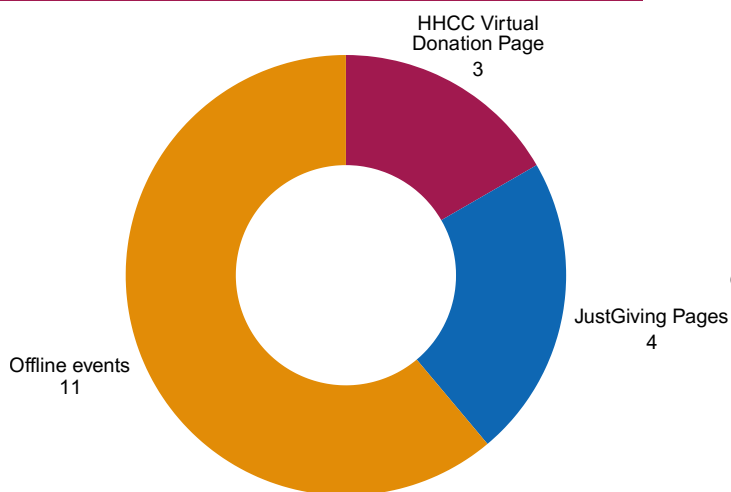


*Growing Healthy Northumberland 0-19
Service Colleague*

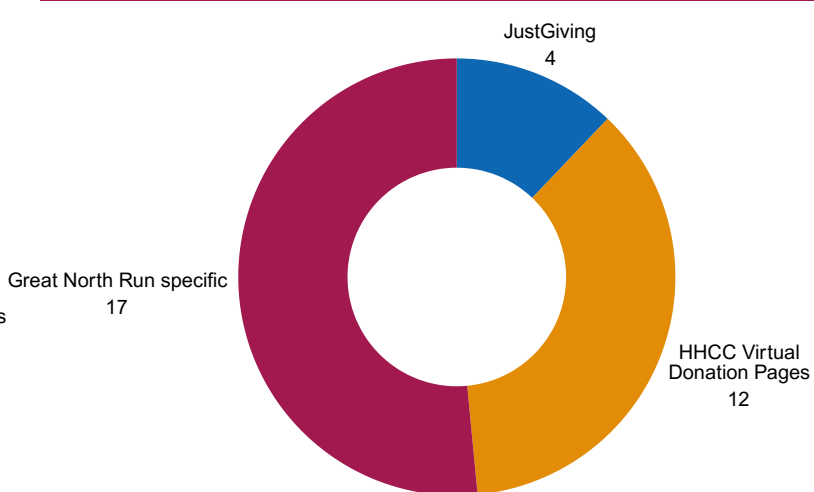
ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

2025-26 was a year where HHCC transitioned through various phases of development, including the introduction of a new website, a new sparkle award process, the relaunch of payroll giving and a change in how our virtual donation and campaign pages worked. Over the course of 12 months, we have supported 72 fundraising individuals and groups:

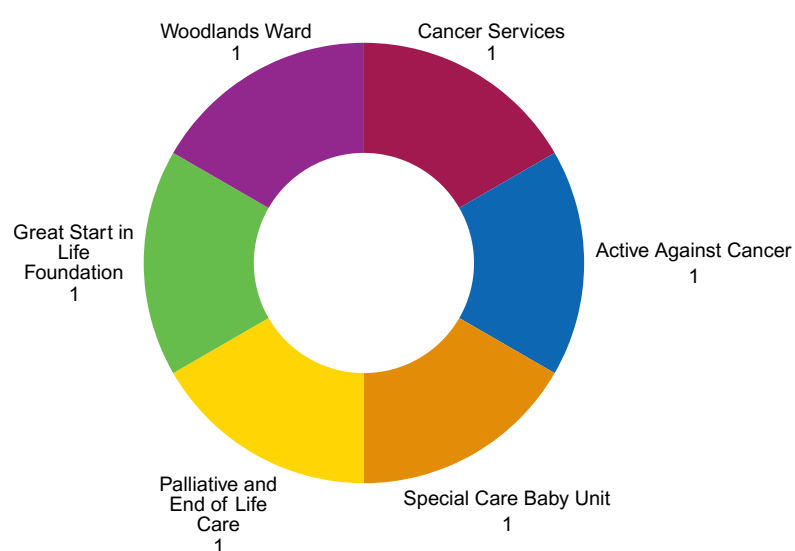
Community Event Method of Fundraising



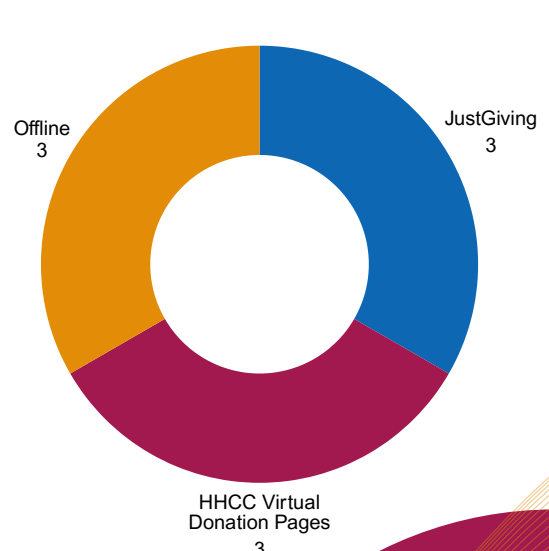
Stepping up Fundraisers Method of Fundraising



Department Specific Campaign Pages



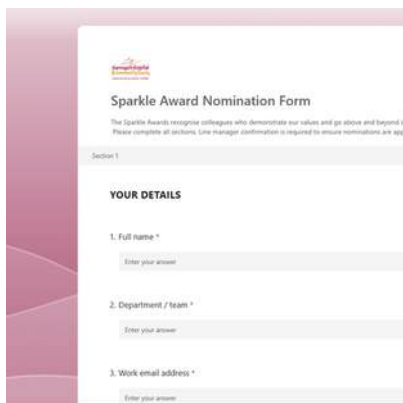
Corporate Partnership Method of Fundraising



So far our campaign pages have raised over £46,137 for specific departments at HDFT and this continues to grow.

ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

In January 2026, we relaunched our payroll giving scheme as well as how colleagues are nominated for sparkle awards. This was following recent development works on the processes behind each process. We transformed the payroll giving process to incorporate a Microsoft form to capture information to share with payroll. Since the relaunch of this scheme, we have increased our payroll giving by 166.7%. Every contribution from payroll giving replenishes the staff health and wellbeing fund, enabling us to make real enhancements to teamHDFT's working life.



Sparkle Award Nomination Form

The Sparkle Awards recognise colleagues who demonstrate our values and go above and beyond. Please complete all sections. Line manager confirmation is required to ensure nominations are approved.

Section 1

YOUR DETAILS

1. Full Name *
Enter your answer

2. Department / team *
Enter your answer

3. Work email address *
Enter your answer

Our newly enhanced process for sparkle award nominations utilises a Microsoft form, requesting all the crucial detail to successfully nominate a colleague for some sparkle. The form includes detail such as line manager approval, reason for nomination as well as contact details of the nominator if we have any queries. This streamlined process enables us to distribute sparkle awards more effectively, whilst also ensuring the correct information is shared with us by our colleagues.

Payroll Giving Feedback

“I barely notice the pence disappearing each month, it’s just nice to know that I’m able to give back to my local NHS and enhance staff wellbeing”

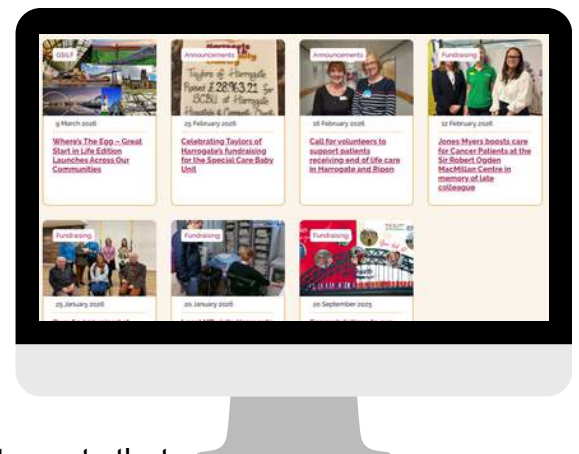
Colleague who gives through payroll each month



ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

January 2026 was an extremely busy month for us at HHCC to ensure compliance with regulations and guidelines. We launched our new HHCC website on Tuesday 24 February 2026, following weeks of hard work and development from the HHCC team behind the scenes.

Not only is the new website easier to navigate and streamlines the donor journey, but it now meets the necessary accessibility criteria to be inclusive of everyone in our communities. Our News feature enables us to shout about the phenomenal impact all of our fundraisers and donors are having on enhancing the services provided by HDFT.



We are now able to list events that support HHCC on our website, in a clear and concise manner. Each page is measured against readability and accessibility guidelines, ensuring this is at the forefront of every webpage we create.

As our next stage in the year of improving our foundations, we are currently working behind the scenes to change our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to a more modern and streamlined system. Again, this will ensure we have a more efficient way of engaging with our passionate supporters and donors and increase our ability to report on all of their contributions. We are aiming to launch our new CRM system in Summer 2026 and the team has already eagerly started working behind the scenes on implementation steps.



ENHANCING REACH

On 17 October 2025, we marked our 30th Birthday with our first HHCC 30th Birthday Ball at the DoubleTree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel & Spa. The evening celebrated three decades of charitable support across the HDFT footprint while raising funds towards AI diagnostic equipment for breast cancer services.



The event brought together a wide range of supporters, with tables purchased by local businesses, partners and community champions. This not only strengthened existing relationships but also introduced new organisations to our work, broadening our network of support across the region.

Guests enjoyed a drinks reception, three-course meal, entertainment and a silent auction. Our celebration balloon initiative added a further interactive element, with prizes generously donated by local businesses, showcasing the strength of community backing and increasing engagement on the night.



We were also delighted to be supported by Taylors of Harrogate, who contributed to our Heads or Tails game with a branded teapot and mugs, in addition to a years supply of Yorkshire Tea, helping to create a fun and memorable experience while raising additional funds.

We were proud to partner with local Olympic diver Jack Laugher MBE, who joined us as a guest speaker. Jack shared insights from his sporting career and reflected on how the values that underpin our work aligned with the HDFT KITE values. His contribution added a personal and inspiring dimension to the evening, further strengthening our connection with the local community.



ENHANCING REACH

In April 2025, we introduced a fundraising thermometer at the entrance of HDH to showcase our 30th Birthday campaign and to show progress towards our target of £40k. We shared regular updates via our Social Media platforms, helping supporters to see how their contributions were making a difference. Having this eye-catching visual aid proved to be a powerful motivator as it helped reassure our donors that their donations are going somewhere real and impactful.



In December, we returned to the Harrogate Christmas Market Charity Hut. This provided an opportunity to speak with members of the public, raise awareness of our work and promote our seasonal initiatives, including Letters from Father Christmas and the Adult Gifting Campaign. Being present in the town centre during the festive period remains an important way for us to stay visible within the community and connect with both new and existing supporters.









One of our standout achievements of the festive period was HHCC's inaugural Adult Gifting Campaign. An incredible 453 gifts were donated and distributed across all adult wards at HDH and RCH.

This means that all patients spending time in hospital received a present to brighten their Christmas morning. For many, this simple gesture is a reminder that their community is thinking of them whilst they are receiving care.

The overall support received from this campaign was overwhelming, we are so thankful for the response from local people, schools, businesses and community groups. So much so that HHCC are excited for this campaign to return in 2026!

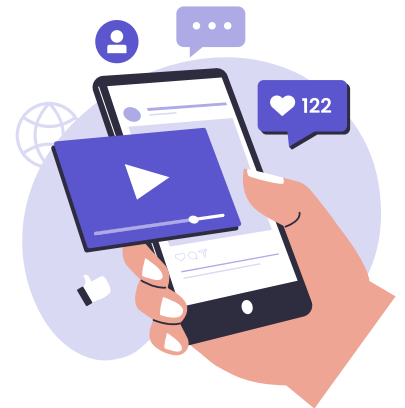
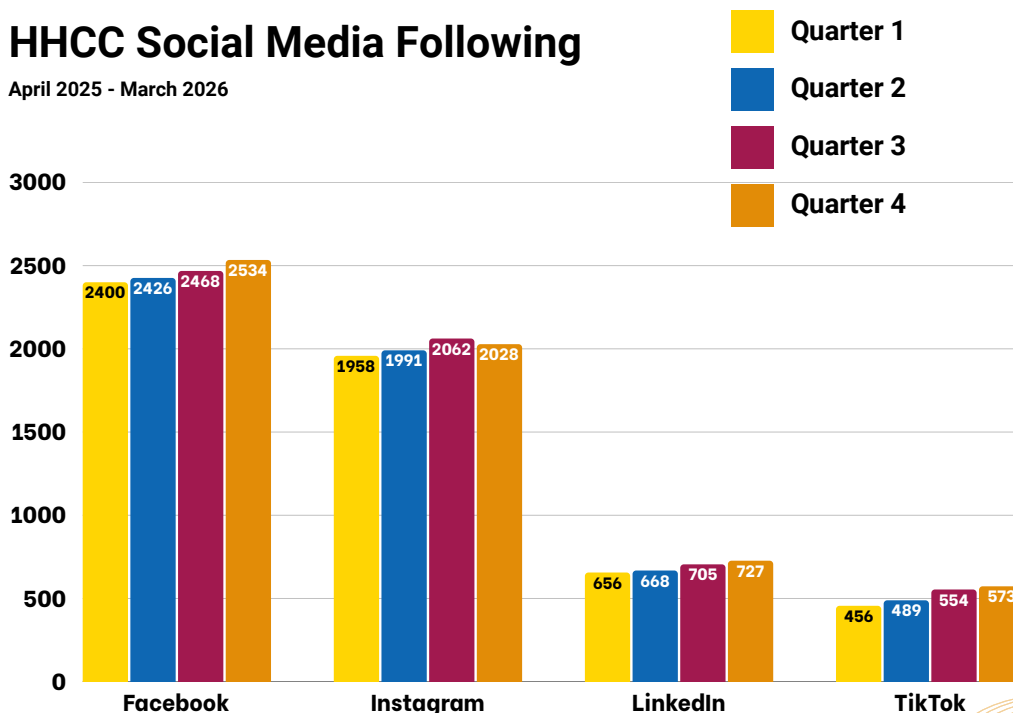


SOCIAL MEDIA - HIGHEST PERFORMING ORGANIC POST FROM EACH QUARTER

	<p>QUARTER 1 1 JUNE 2025</p> <p></p> <p>“The Special Care Baby Unit are hosting a Summer Fair on Sunday 6 July 2025 at the Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall. Harrogate Special Care Baby Unit ...” 🧡</p>	<p>9,982 Views</p> <p>4,324 Reach</p> <p>26 Interactions</p> <p>10 Link Clicks</p>
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HHCC Social Media Following

April 2025 - March 2026



CORPORATE RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Our corporate partnerships continue to play a vital role in enhancing patient care and staff wellbeing across HDFT. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, creativity and generosity shown by our local business community throughout 2025/26.



Raworths Solicitors

Our partnership with Raworths Solicitors has continued to flourish. Having named HHCC as their Charity Partner for 2025/2026, Raworths have shown outstanding commitment to supporting the Frailty Wards at HDH.

In September, a determined group of team Raworths took on the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge to fundraise for the frailty ward, and by the end of December 2025, Raworths had raised an exceptional £3,016.77.

In addition to their fundraising efforts, Raworths generously supported our Adult Gifting Campaign, contributing thoughtfully curated gifts to ensure adult inpatients at HDH felt remembered and cared for on Christmas Day. Their continued enthusiasm and hands-on involvement demonstrate the true value of collaborative partnership working.



We are proud to be working alongside Starling Independent Bar Cafe Kitchen, who named HHCC as their first official Charity of the Year in 2025.

In the first quarter of their partnership alone, Starling raised over £1,250 to enhance staff wellbeing within the Long Term, Unscheduled Care and Cancer Directorate. Their creative initiatives have included hosting weekly quiz nights to engage their loyal customer base in supporting local healthcare services.

During the festive period, Starling also acted as a central town drop-off point for our Adult Gifting Campaign. Their visible and consistent support within the local community has helped increase awareness of HHCC's work while directly benefiting both staff and service users.



CORPORATE RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS



We were delighted to be selected as one of the charities of the year by Techbuyer for 2025. Throughout the year, Techbuyer supported a range of initiatives, including purchasing tickets to our HHCC 30th Birthday Ball. Their Charity of the Year partnership concluded in December 2025, and we are extremely grateful for their forward-thinking support and commitment to improving healthcare outcomes locally.

Community groups continue to play an essential role in our corporate and community partnerships. Wetherby Runners have shown incredible dedication to Active Against Cancer (AAC), raising a total of £6,866.25 to support their work.

They also coordinated the Wetherby 10km race in aid of AAC, bringing together runners from across the region to promote both physical activity and charitable giving. Their ongoing commitment supports rehabilitation, exercise and wellbeing opportunities for individuals affected by cancer across our services.



In November 2025, we were deeply moved to establish a new partnership with NOWBAR. Following a personal cancer diagnosis and now in recovery, owner Neil chose to support HHCC in enhancing Cancer Services across HDFT. Although newly established, the partnership with NOWBAR has already laid strong foundations. Partnerships born from lived experience hold particular meaning, and we are honoured to work alongside NOWBAR to enhance services for patients navigating cancer treatment and recovery.



CORPORATE RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Our 12-month corporate partnership with Taylors of Harrogate concluded in October 2025, generating a remarkable £28,965.21 to SCBU at HDH.

This phenomenal contribution is a testament to the dedication, and community spirit of everyone involved, and will make a real difference for babies and families when they need it most. We are immensely grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment shown throughout the year, which turned this partnership into a truly remarkable success story.

Becca and Gemma were absolutely delighted to be invited to the charity handover in January 2026 to celebrate this wonderful partnership and achievement. At the event, they spoke about the generosity given by colleagues at Taylors during a number of fundraising activities throughout the year including a race night and wreath making. They left the event with a smile on their face, a big cake to share and Yorkshire Tea for all the team - the generosity kept coming!



Thanks to these partnerships, we are improving patient spaces, supporting staff wellbeing, and investing in innovative equipment that will benefit healthcare across HDFT.

STEPPING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

2025 was the year that we officially launched our Stepping Up Community and fully embraced all of our active fundraisers.

The year started with the London Marathon on 27 April 2025, where we had local MP Tom Gordon and Dave Young run the race alongside Karen McAllister. All three runners were motivated by their personal fundraising goals to complete the 26.2 mile race around the landmarks in London city.



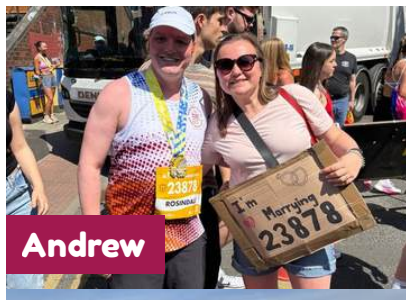
Tom



Dave



Karen



Andrew



Dave

As we moved into May, the Rob Burrow Leeds marathon and half marathon took place on Sunday 11 May 2025. Dave Crosby chose to run the full 26.2 race to raise funds for AAC, whilst Andrew Rosindale was completing his first ever half marathon in aid of HHCC's 30th Birthday campaign for AI diagnostic equipment. The weather was a truly magnificent May day, with the sun shining and streets of Leeds filled with enthusiastic supporters cheering the runners on. Dave's hard earned efforts were rewarded with an astounding £572 being raised for AAC. Andrew, supported on the sidelines by his fiancé, raised £1,560 towards the £40,000 goal for AI diagnostic equipment.

We are so grateful for all of our phenomenal marathon runners, who take on these monumental challenges to enhance the experience of all who access the services at HDFT.

STEPPING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

The Stepping Up community isn't solely supporting runners. We have been fortunate to have numerous active fundraisers engage with our community.

One such event was the Nidderdale Walk 2025, an event coordinated by The Rotary Club of Harrogate in association with Verity Frearson. This event is comprised of numerous circular routes from 4 miles, to 26 miles from Pateley Bridge to Scar House Reservoir. In 2025, we had 3 teams entering the challenge including Team Taylors who incorporated it into their fundraising for SCBU enhancements. Michelle Jones raised £185 for AAC by completing her challenge and the Intermediate Care Team at HDFT raised £655 for the AI Diagnostic equipment. Due to the number of participants that had signed up for HHCC, we received an additional donation of £216 from The Rotary Club of Harrogate, which was 50% of the entry fees of all of our supporters. We are already looking forward to this year's event on Sunday 17 May 2026.



We also celebrated the return of our Stepathon by setting up our orange gazebo outside HDH on Thursday 5 June 2026 with a goal of walking or running 300km around HDH to celebrate our 30th birthday. Every penny raised was contributing towards our goal of purchasing a piece of AI diagnostic equipment for breast cancer patients. Despite the very bleak weather, we were thrilled to be joined by so many enthusiastic and happy people on the day, including a special guest appearance from the Yorkshire Tea Little Urn! Together we walked a fantastic 183.1km, an outstanding 162 laps around HDH, and raised £336.78 towards our fundraising goal.



Little Urn



Support from Cedar Court



STEPPING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

In keeping with the theme of a year of trying new things, we launched our first ever virtual stepping up challenge in August with the Active Against Cancer Summer Sweat challenge. With support from Sky Blue Adventures, we accessed the Big Team Challenge platform and app for a map of Yorkshire. Participants registered through the HHCC website and received a link to access the app. The event increased brand awareness of HHCC, AAC and our Stepping Up Community, whilst promoting the health benefits of daily walking. One participant, Frankie, raised £1,045 by completing the 375km map himself over the 31 days. The event included promotional material such as medals, t-shirts and prizes for winners. 81 summer sweaters took part in the challenge, walking 23,463,804 steps which averaged out at 6.52km per person per day. The event raised an outstanding £3,910 for AAC and we are very excited to look to recreate this event in 2026.



We have had some very enthusiastic fundraisers who want to take on monumental challenges as well. One such fundraiser was Jack who wanted to complete the Cumbria Way in one day; 118km, 2775m ascent and 2842m descent in less than 24 hours. Jack was taking on this challenge in aid of AAC and in memory of his godmother. He said "Working as a personal trainer, I am a neighbour to AAC at the Harrogate Squash and Fitness Centre. Every day, I see the incredible, life-changing service they provide for anyone with a recent diagnosis of cancer or who is receiving cancer treatment in the Harrogate area. AAC's multidisciplinary team ensures the community receive both physical and mental benefits from movement classes. As a training pre-reg MSc Physiotherapist, I am incredibly passionate about using exercise to make challenging times that bit more manageable." After all of his training, including running 60km a week, Jack completed his challenge and raised £520 for this valuable service.

STEPPING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITIES



Steve Pattison is another fundraiser who is personally motivated to complete a virtual Trans Canadian Highway challenge for AAC. AAC became a vital part of Steve's life, providing tailored exercise, strength, belief, and support at a time when it was needed most. To give something back and help raise both funds and awareness for this incredible service, Steve began a virtual challenge on 1 January 2026 to walk, run, and indoor cycle the length of the Trans-Canada Highway; 7,821 kilometres from St John's, Newfoundland to Victoria on Vancouver Island, aiming to complete it within the year. As of 3 March 2026, Steve has completed 1,300km and has entered Nova Scotia.

Canada has long held personal significance for Steve, and it was after returning from a trip there in 2022 that his cancer was unexpectedly discovered, despite having no symptoms. This challenge is intended to be tough, because cancer is tough, and services like AAC make a life-changing difference for those facing that journey.



As well as lone Stepping Up fundraisers, we have been fortunate to enough to have some community events that fundraised for HHCC. In June 2025, Ozair Khan of the BAK Foundation contacted HHCC regarding a bi-annual bike ride and charity football match for the Palliative Care Team at HDFT in memory of his grandfather. The bike race and charity football match were great successes, raising £3,132.08 for the Palliative Care Team at HDFT. We were fortunate to celebrate their achievements further when Ozair and his wife joined us at the HHCC 30th Birthday Ball.

In September, the Knaresborough Celtic Reunion match saw a group of old football pals from 2007, reunite on the pitch to raise funds for Sir Robert Ogden MacMillan Centre (SROMC). The match raised £854.50 and all of the friends thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the competitive mindset.



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS

Throughout the year, our local community once again demonstrated extraordinary generosity, creativity and compassion in support of HDFT.

In an incredibly personal and heartfelt gesture, Sophie Helsby organised a surprise party for her twin sister, Emma, following her cancer treatment. The celebration not only marked Emma's recovery but also raised an impressive £1,360 for the SROMC. Sophie's efforts turned a deeply personal milestone into an opportunity to give back, supporting others navigating their own cancer journeys.



Carole Harland organised a series of village coffee mornings, raising more than £500 towards the purchase of a third bed and mattress for family rooms within the SCBU. Her efforts will help families stay close to their babies during some of the most critical and emotional moments of their lives.

In June 2025, our dedicated Diabetes Team hosted a vibrant summer fair to raise vital funds for their service. With a choir performance, raffle and a wide variety of stalls, the event brought staff, patients and the wider community together and raised over £1,900 to support ongoing care and development within the department.



Businesses across the region also continued their valued support. Traders on Commercial Street in Harrogate once again selected us as one of the beneficiaries of their annual chocolate collection. The generous donations of festive treats were delivered to Woodlands Ward at Christmas, bringing joy to young patients and their families during the holiday season.



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS



In June 2025, 500 children from local schools came together for the Rural Schools Concert at the Royal Hall. The spectacular performance showcased the talent and enthusiasm of young people from across the region, while raising over £9,000. Funds were shared between the SROMC and emotional wellbeing initiatives within the GSIL, supporting both cancer services and early years mental health. The event was a powerful celebration of community spirit, highlighting how even the youngest members of our community can make a lasting difference.

In a moving tribute to his dear friend Ali, Gareth Humble undertook an extraordinary “press-up quest” to raise funds in aid of SROMC. Committing to a minimum of 100 press-ups every day for 100 consecutive days, Gareth pushed himself physically and mentally in Ali’s memory. His dedication and determination inspired many, culminating in an impressive £2,687.50 raised to support the vital work at SROMC. This fundraiser stands as a powerful reminder of friendship, resilience, and the impact one person can make when driven by love and purpose.



In Memory Of Ali



The year concluded on a high note with the 20th anniversary performance of the Nidderdale Messiah in November 2025. This special musical celebration raised over £4,000 for AAC supporting rehabilitation and wellbeing for people living with and beyond cancer.

Together, these events and community fundraisers reflect the remarkable dedication of our supporters. From personal milestones and village gatherings to community fairs and anniversary concerts, every fundraiser has helped us enhance patient care and improve facilities, ensuring we can continue to provide the very best support to those who need us most.

LEGACY DONATIONS

Over the past year, we have received more than £595,000 in legacy donations, supporting a wide range of services and initiatives across our organisation. These generous gifts are making a meaningful and lasting difference to our service users, patients, their families, and our workforce.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a powerful way to create life-changing impact. We work closely with solicitors and family representatives to ensure that each legacy gift is directed, in accordance with the donor's wishes, to the department or service where it will make the greatest difference.

In 2026/27, we are committed to growing the number of supporters who choose to remember HHCC or the GSIL Foundation in their Wills. By raising awareness of the lasting impact a

legacy gift can make, we hope to inspire more individuals to consider this meaningful way of supporting our work for generations to come.

As part of our ongoing support for our communities, we are continuing to showcase our dedicated legacy brochure with further information about how to remember HHCC or the GSIL Foundation in your Will. Please scan the QR code below to learn more.



WHAT'S COMING UP

WHERE'S THE EGG - GREAT START IN LIFE EDITION

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026 -
MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026

Great Start in Life Edition

TEST YOUR CLUCK! HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?

FIND THE EGGS HIDDEN
IN THE PICTURES OF
OUR 11 CONTRACT
AREAS!



BRIAN CHESTER ROAD RUN

11 APRIL 2026

RAISING MONEY FOR
THE SIR ROBERT OGDEN
MACMILLAN CENTRE



HHCC MASCOT COMPETITION



GREAT NORTH RUN



13 SEPTEMBER 2026

RAFFLE



LETTERS FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS



Request a
personalised
letter from
father
christmas!

ADULT GIFTING CAMPAIGN



SAVE the DATE



WHAT'S COMING UP

The year ahead promises to be one of creativity, community spirit and meaningful engagement. We are excited to build on this year's momentum with a programme of events and campaigns designed to inspire, involve and make an even greater impact.

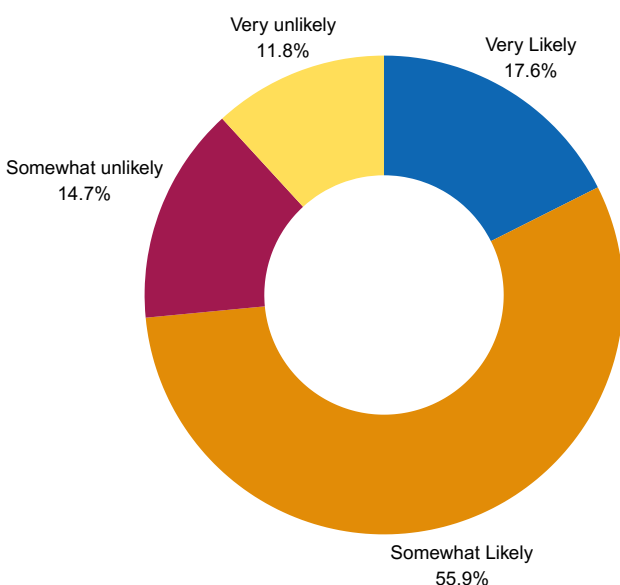
We are proud to once again be part of the iconic Great North Run. This flagship event not only raises vital funds but also provides an opportunity for our incredible supporters to challenge themselves while championing our GSIL. We are looking forward to expanding our team of runners, strengthening our stewardship journey, and celebrating every participant who chooses to go the extra mile for us.



Following the strong success and engagement of the campaign in 2025, we are proud to launch our Adult Gifting Campaign for a second year. Supporter response last year demonstrated a clear appetite for meaningful, purpose-driven gifts that create real impact.

A key feature returning in 2026 year is our Giving Tree, where supporters can select a tag and create a gift inspired by the brief attached. By building on last year's momentum, we aim to deepen engagement and broaden participation, to give back to Adults this Christmas.

How likely are you to take part in a charity event ?



Listening to our supporters remains central to our planning. This year, we distributed a Microsoft form to all opt-in supporters, inviting them to have their say on our proposed 2025/26 events calendar. Feedback gathered will directly influence which events we prioritise, how we deliver them, and where we focus our energy and resources. These findings will help ensure our future programme reflects the interests and enthusiasm of the people who power our mission.

GOVERNANCE

TRUST TRUE NORTH AMBITIONS

HDFT’s purpose remains focused on improving the health and wellbeing of our patients, children, and communities. Our charitable activities continue to align closely with the Trust’s four True North Ambitions, supported by three enabling ambitions, ensuring that every effort we make contributes to the Trust’s overall strategic success.



This year, HHCC has continued to work closely with wards, departments, and services to identify priority areas for fundraising. By directing our efforts where they can have the greatest impact, we are enhancing patient care, supporting staff wellbeing, and encouraging innovation across HDFT.

Our GSIL Foundation remains a central part of this work, demonstrating how our charitable initiatives can have a meaningful effect across the Trust footprint. The Foundation enables us to focus on providing outstanding care and promoting wellbeing for children, young people, their families, and our workforce.

Workforce wellbeing continues to be a priority. Through initiatives such as Sparkle Awards and enhancements to workspaces, we are ensuring that HDFT is a supportive and inspiring place to work. We remain committed to exploring innovative approaches to improving the experience of both staff and patients and aim to build on these successes in the year ahead.

Our partnerships within the local community have continued to grow. More organisations are choosing HHCC as their Charity of the Year, strengthening engagement, generating income, and enabling us to enhance person-centred care across the Trust. These relationships demonstrate the power of collaboration in supporting HDFT’s mission and improving outcomes for patients, families, and staff alike.

CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE

Throughout 2025-26, we have met quarterly with the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC), who oversee the ongoing development and delivery of the Charity Strategy alongside the implementation of appropriate infrastructure and charity expenditure. During these meetings, chaired by Sarah Armstrong, Chair of HDFT, we meet with non-executive and executive directors to provide reassurance of our charitable activities to the Trust Board.

CFC ensures charitable funds are managed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the relevant regulatory and statutory frameworks and in accordance with the guidance on NHS Charities set out by the Charity Commission.

These meetings are an opportunity for HHCC to discuss successes and lessons from recent times with the Corporate Trustees. As a team we produce a finance update, fundraising team update and have introduced a strategy assurance framework update this year as we embark on our ambitious growth strategy over the next five years.



STRATEGY UPDATE

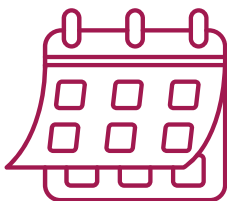
During Q4 of 2025-26, HHCC have revised our ambition to grow income to £1m per annum by 2030/31, representing a significant uplift in scale, reach and operational maturity. A robust assurance framework is being developed to track progress, identify risks early and support informed decision making.

The refreshed strategic direction focuses on:

A clearer, more compelling vision for HHCC's role in enhancing patient and workforce health and wellbeing across the Trust's footprint

Investment in infrastructure and capability, including donor stewardship and fit for purpose reporting tools

Strengthening community engagement and brand visibility, aiming to position HHCC as the charity of choice within the Trust's footprint.



A five year financial ambition of achieving £1 million annual income by 2030/2031.

A shift towards sustainable, diversified income generation, reducing the reliance on a small number of fundraising income streams.



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