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Welcome to our Spring & Summer Newsletter



From Chief Executive Michael Crowther

Welcome to your Spring & Summer edition of Life & Times, where we look back on recent milestones, share moving stories from those in our care, and update you on the progress we are making together.

I would like to start by extending a sincere thank you to HD3 Removals & Storage for sponsoring our Life & Times newsletter. As a family-owned, established local business, their commitment to our community is clear. Whether providing residential and commercial removals, secure storage, or logistics, they pride themselves on service, and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing support.

Following the financial challenges of 2025, I am pleased to share that we have secured new, recurrent NHS funding, effective from April. While this doesn't return our finances to previous levels, it is a vital step toward a more sustainable future for palliative and end of life care in Kirklees. You can find more about what this means on the next page.

As we begin to look to the future, it feels timely that back in February we had the opportunity to reflect on an important part of our history as we marked the 40th anniversary of the laying of our foundation stone at our hospice in Dalton.

On 19th February 1986, David Stocks and Dr. Alan Barlow laid the stone which still stands proudly at our entrance today. It was a symbolic achievement for our community, representing years of tireless campaigning and fundraising. This historic milestone reminds us that it is your ongoing generosity and support that ensures we remain here for those in need right across Kirklees.

We must remain cautious. Our mission to help those affected by life limiting illnesses live well until the end of life depends on your continued generosity now more than ever. However, with funding stabilising and our rich history to guide us, the future of The Kirkwood is looking brighter. Thank you for standing with us.

SECURING THE FUTURE OF CARE IN KIRKLEES

Last year, we shared the difficult news that The Kirkwood was facing the most significant financial crisis in our almost 40-year history. To protect our long-term survival, we had to make some incredibly painful decisions, including reducing our workforce and the number of beds on our In-Patient Unit.

Although these decisions were heartbreaking, we needed to take immediate action to prevent our financial challenges from severely impacting our ability to deliver the high-quality palliative and end of life care our community deserves, and to make sure care remained available for those in most need.

The Response from Our Community

The way our community responded to the announcement last year was nothing short of extraordinary. From our dedicated supporters and volunteers to local MPs and commissioners, The Kirkwood Movement stood with us. Your messages of support, advocacy and generosity continue to remind us why our mission is so vital.

Because of that collective strength, and following months of persistent work with our partners to make sure palliative and end of life care becomes a priority for Kirklees, we are delighted to announce that we have secured new, recurrent annual NHS funding that will allow us to reinforce our core services in a number of key areas.

This means that from April 2026, we will be able to recruit new employees to permanent rather than temporary posts, helping us to reintroduce capacity in key services across of our charity.

A Positive Step Forward

This new funding is an important step toward a more sustainable future for The Kirkwood. As part of the recurrent funding, we have worked with partners across Kirklees to develop a new model of care. This will help us to:

- **Return to 16 Beds on our In-Patient Unit:** As of April 2026, we will be able to increase the number of beds on our In-Patient Unit from 12 to 16. This ensures that specialist, 24-hour care is available 365 days a year for those in greatest need.
- **Offer Specialist Support at Home:** We will be able to increase our Community Nursing capacity, with a focus on providing specialist care for patients in their own homes.
- **Create Stability for Our Teams:** We can finally begin recruiting for permanent clinical roles, giving our hardworking colleagues the stability they deserve and ensuring we have the right people in place to provide the very best care.

We Need Your Help More than Ever

While this is a huge step forward, it's important to be clear: this doesn't solve all of our challenges. Although this new investment provides a vital foundation, it does not return us to the financial position we were in before the crisis began.

The reality remains that the majority of our funding comes from the kindness of local people. To keep our 16 beds open and our services running, we still rely on you. Whether you make a monthly donation, shop in our stores, or

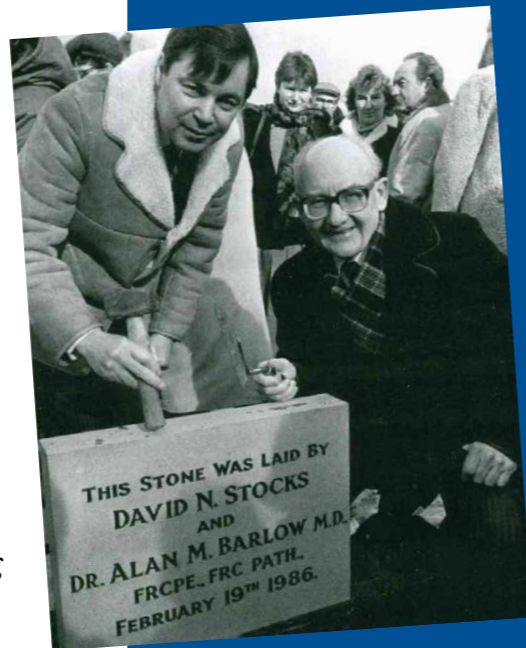
volunteer your time, you are the reason we can continue to offer high-quality, compassionate care. Together, we have secured a positive step forward – now, let's work together to protect the future of care for generations to come.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP THE KIRKWOOD SUPPORT LIFE.

It takes every member of our movement to help The Kirkwood Support Life here in Kirklees. By getting involved, in whatever way you can, you'll help to make sure local people continue to have access to the very best care – today, tomorrow, forever.

Here are just a few ways you can help:

- Make a regular monthly donation to provide a stable foundation for our care.
- Play our Summer Superdraw for a chance to win while supporting local families.
- Visit our shops or donate items to help turn pre-loved goods into vital funding.
- Leave a gift in your Will to ensure The Kirkwood is here for future generations.



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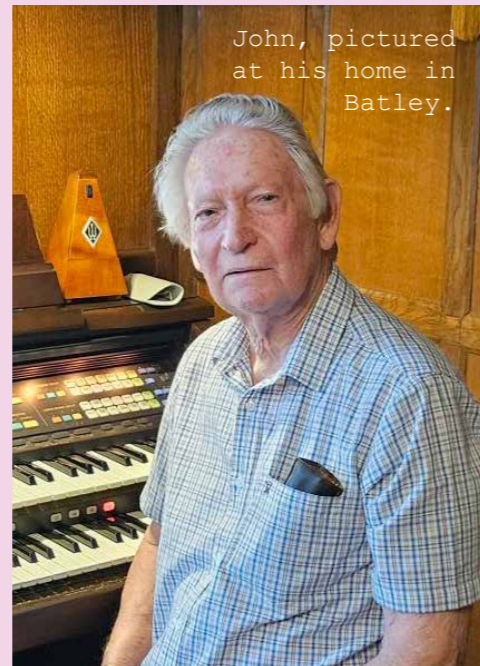
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A 'ROMANCE AT THE INFIRMARY'

Just weeks after celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, John and Val Double's world changed forever. When Val suddenly became unwell, what followed was a heartbreakingly rapid journey that would lead them to The Kirkwood, where, in her final days, love, dignity and compassion surrounded them both.



Val, pictured in her nursing days.



John, pictured at his home in Batley.

John and Val first met in January 1974 at a post-Christmas party at the Leeds General Infirmary. John knew immediately there was something special about Val. The very next day he summoned the courage to leave a note in her office, and within three months, the couple were married.

Their romance moved with such breathtaking speed it even made the headlines of the Yorkshire Post, which they dubbed a "Romance at the Infirmary."

While their love was a whirlwind (or a tornado as their friends joked), John and Val's shared values were deeply rooted. Both John and Val were lifelong carers for their siblings – a responsibility that defined their outlook on the world.

"We realised we had this common ground, this shared compassion," John explains. "It was the glue that made our relationship so strong." This compassion defined their professional lives, too. Val was a trailblazing nursing leader who helped establish the nursing structure at St Gemma's Hospice in the late 1970s, while John spent four decades in cancer research.

Despite their high-pressure careers, their home in Batley was their sanctuary. "We weren't big holiday people," John recalls. "Our home was what mattered to us. Evenings together, cooking, talking, that was the highlight of our day."

John and Val's life was built on mutual respect, the enjoyment

of good food and wine, and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

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In March 2024, the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Val appeared well, and there was no hint of what lay ahead. But just weeks later, everything changed.

"It all happened so quickly," John explains. "I knew she wasn't very

well, but I genuinely thought it was a bad infection. When the CT scan showed she had advanced cancer, I remember thinking, 'Oh, bloody hell, that's the end.'"

Sadly, there were only a few short weeks between Val's diagnosis and her death. But the impact The Kirkwood team made on her quality of life has left a lasting mark on John.

After decades spent championing the hospice movement and supporting its development, it was that very same compassionate care that helped Val during her final days. After a distressing experience in an acute hospital, the move to The Kirkwood brought a sense of relief.

"The difference was immediate," John says. "At the hospital, you'd buzz for help and it wouldn't come. At The Kirkwood, she was never in pain, not once."

In honour of their life together, John and Val decided to leave a significant gift in their Will to The Kirkwood. They believed their legacy could make a major difference to a local charity.

"We didn't want the gift to be swallowed up," John explains. "To an organisation like The Kirkwood, it can change everything. We knew our support would have a real, lasting impact on the lives of local people."

By choosing The Kirkwood, they are ensuring that the dignity they found remains available for the next family who needs it.

"The Kirkwood gave Val dignity and comfort," John says. "They gave me reassurance at the worst moment of my life. I will always be thankful for that."

WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Gifts in Wills helped us to care for 1 in 5 of our patients last year.

If you choose to add a gift to The Kirkwood in your Will, your donation will become a lifeline for local families in need. You'll help to improve their quality of life in ways that really matter, support patients to get the care they need, and make sure anyone affected by a life limiting illness in Kirklees can make the most every single day.

At The Kirkwood, we believe that everyone deserves the highest quality of care, free of charge. However, unlike the NHS, our services are not fully funded by the government. While we receive a portion of our funding from the NHS, the vast majority of our care is only possible because of the extraordinary kindness of people like you.

With rising costs and a growing demand for hospice services, gifts left in Wills are a lifeline for hospices like ours, ensuring we can continue to be here for our neighbours, friends, and family when they need us most.

Your gift could be a friendly voice at the other end of the phone after a

family hears bad news for the very first time. It could help to rebuild a patient's confidence so they can continue to do the things that bring them joy. Or your gift could help a family to pick up the pieces and find a reason to smile again.

Whatever you choose to give, your gift will be the reason that those in our care are able to make the very most of the time they have left. Together, we can make sure that hospice care lives on – for all, for now, forever.

If you'd like to find out more about the difference leaving a gift in your Will could make for our patients visit: thekirkwood.org.uk or contact Dawn Walker on 01484 557 911

MAKE A WILL MONTH

March 2026

Back in March, we partnered with professional Will Writers to help our supporters create or update their Will for free. We'd like to say a huge thank you to them for their amazing support! To find out how you can make your Will for free in October, visit:

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THE KIRKWOOD STARLIGHT WALK



JOIN US FOR OUR STARLIGHT WALK ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026

The Kirkwood Starlight Walk is back with a new, vibrant, festival feel. Join hundreds of walkers this July for the glow up of the summer, celebrating your loved ones and creating incredible new memories under the stars.

On Saturday 4th July, gather your friends and family for The Kirkwood Starlight Walk. It's set to be a full-on celebration of life, light, and connection to kick off your summer season in perfect style!

Head down to Accu Stadium in Huddersfield and soak up

the electric atmosphere as we transform the evening into a vibrant celebration. This year's walk sets off at 10pm, with the option to walk 3, 6 or 10 miles beneath the twinkling night sky as you remember your loved ones along the way.

Sign up today and we'll send you your free Starlight Walk T-shirt and a fabulous fundraising pack featuring tips and tricks to help you smash your fundraising target.

We want to make sure everyone has the chance to take part in this

year's Starlight Walk, so we're keeping our prices as low as possible for the third year in a row!

Whatever your reason for taking part, you'll be joining hundreds of others for a starlight walk like no other. And you'll be doing something amazing in aid of a local charity which helps thousands of people every single year.

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JOIN US AT THE KIRKWOOD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY MASQUERADE BALL!

Taking place on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th March 2027 at The Venue in Barkisland, this glamorous black-tie evening is hosted by proud supporters of The Kirkwood, The Kirkwood 40th Ball Committee.

Each event promises to be a magnificent celebration, featuring a dazzling line-up of live entertainment. Guests will enjoy the sounds of a sixteen-piece orchestra, a classic Rat Pack-style vocalist, and a soulful saxophonist, alongside breathtaking magic, illusion, and acrobatic performances.

While masquerade glamour sets the theme and masks are encouraged, the heart of the evening remains a celebration of the vital support The Kirkwood provide for our community. It's the perfect opportunity to dress up, enjoy an incredible night out and mark four decades of care together.

SUNFLOWER MEMORIES

With the warmth of summer upon us, we invite you to join our Sunflower Memories Appeal. Come together with family and friends to remember your loved ones and dedicate a sunflower in their memory.

When you make a dedication this summer, we'll 'plant' your sunflower in our gardens for you to view and collect at our Sunflower Memories Garden Party on Saturday 8th August.

To make a dedication, scan the QR code or visit thekirkwood.org.uk/sunflowers



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Saturday 12th September 2026

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ELAINE'S STORY

Elaine possessed a smile that could light up any room, even after fifteen years of living with cancer. She was the woman who refused to let a diagnosis stop her from hiking the Dales Way or conquering thirty Wainwrights. For Mick, her partner since their school days, her spirit was a constant source of wonder. Together, they shared more than half a century of laughter, travel, and a shared devotion to Sheffield United.

Elaine was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010. This led to other diagnoses, including brain cancer. She was cared for and supported by the combined efforts of her family, community nurses, carers, and the specialist support of The Kirkwood.

The path of her care changed unexpectedly on a local golf green. Mick had taken early retirement to spend every possible moment

with Elaine, joining a golf club for a sense of community. It was there he met Philip Sands, a trustee for The Kirkwood, who had noticed subtle changes in Elaine's balance. He gently pulled Mick aside and suggested it might be time to reach out to our team. That chance meeting on the golfing greens changed the trajectory of Elaine's care for the better.

Before that conversation, Mick assumed the hospice was only a place people went for their final days. Instead, he discovered a safety net that caught them both. It began with simple phone calls every few weeks, just to check in. These were moments of quiet reassurance, helping them to understand they were not facing the journey alone.

Later, a nurse named Leanne became a calm and compassionate guide for the whole family. She sat down with their daughters, Helen and Jill, helping them navigate the most difficult conversations with honesty and kindness, walking



Above: Elaine & Mick

alongside them rather than just providing clinical information.

Because of this support, Elaine's final wish was granted. She spent her last eighteen months at home, bedbound but peaceful and entirely free from pain. When she sadly died in May 2025, she was surrounded by the love she had spent a lifetime building.

For Mick, The Kirkwood was never just a building. It was a community of people holding them up until the very end. Even as the cancer advanced, Elaine's warmth never faded, leaving a legacy of resilience that continues to inspire.



Above: Helen, Jill and Elaine

A SIMPLE WAY TO SAY THANK YOU

Every Friday morning, Jo Gledhill steps into a world of mystery bags and what she calls 'second chances'. While many are looking towards the weekend, Jo is gearing up for what has become the highlight of her week.

Opening donations at The Kirkwood's donation centre at Sands Mill in Mirfield, Jo feels a spark of excitement similar to Christmas morning. You never know what treasures you will unpack – perhaps a vintage coat or designer heels – but Jo knows exactly where the donations are going: she's helping to list them on The Kirkwood's eBay store.

For Jo, volunteering is far more than just sorting through denim. It is a personal thank you for the care her mother, Lynn, received. When life felt fragile, Lynn received equipment and support within twenty four hours of calling.

"The support went beyond equipment," Jo explains. "Mum was linked with counselling and her own coordinator. It was seamless; they thought of everything. Having someone independent to talk to helped her so much because she did not want to burden us with her feelings. That emotional support gave her space to be honest about her journey. It made such a difference to all of us."

Jo first visited our donation centre through her employer, Lloyds Banking Group. After using her annual community volunteering day in January, she went home and told her



family she wanted to return every single week. She has not missed a Friday since.

The atmosphere at the hub is filled with laughter and the energy of a dedicated team. It's easy to wonder if a £5 pair of jeans really matters, but Jo knows that every pound adds up, eventually turning into vital funds and support that once helped her own family during their most difficult days.

MAKE A REGULAR MONTHLY DONATION AND HELP THE KIRKWOOD SUPPORT LIFE

Everyone deserves the very best care as they approach the end of life. Care which helps them to make the most of every single day and improves their quality of life in the ways that matter most to them.

If you choose to make a regular gift to The Kirkwood by pledging as little as £5 per month, you'll be making a huge difference for local people affected by life limiting illnesses. Your donation could be a lifeline for someone in need, helping our dedicated team to answer a call for help from a patient or their loved one. And that could be truly life changing.

Find out how you can become a Regular Giver and create a lasting impact by scanning the QR code.



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THE KIRKWOOD STORIES

PLAYING FOR ANDY'S LEGACY

In honour of their teammate and friend, Andy Boyles, Huddersfield Laund Hill Rugby Club smashed their goal of £500 at their fundraiser last December, raising an incredible £1,960! Driven by friendship, Dale Earnshaw's veterans match turned grief into a powerful achievement.



BOOTS FUNDRAISE FOR HELEN

As Boots Opticians moves its premises to Victoria Lane, the team is marking the occasion by fundraising for The Kirkwood in memory of their colleague Helen O'Brien, whose wonderful presence remains woven into everyday life at the Huddersfield store.



ASDA'S VITAL HELPING HAND

Ten fantastic ASDA colleagues rolled up their sleeves at our Sands Mill Donation Centre recently, sorting pre-loved donations to raise vital funds. This meaningful day of volunteering offered a new perspective, showing how local businesses can truly make a difference.



DEC'S EDINBURGH MARATHON

Dec McGivern, the founder of Plura Mortgage Advice Ltd., is taking on his very first marathon in Edinburgh this May in an attempt to raise £3,000 for The Kirkwood. Can you help Dec reach his fundraising goals? Visit our website for all the details.



LEADING THE EBAY SECTOR

Earlier this year, our Online Trading team welcomed hospices from across the country to Sands Mill for a dedicated eBay conference. As a leading charity in the eBay the sector, it was a great chance to collaborate, share knowledge and learn from fellow hospices.



SNOWGATE'S MISSION TO HELP

Snowgate Estate Agents and Hollywood Agency have teamed up to champion the incredible work of The Kirkwood, with Snowgate also donating 10% of sales and 25% of rental fees to help ensure families across Kirklees receive the compassionate and vital care they deserve.



ELLA AND WREN'S STORY

When Ella talks about Wren, everything comes back to love. There's a relationship built over eleven years and strengthened through unimaginable challenges. Their lives changed last year when Wren was taken to hospital and diagnosed with an inoperable grade four brain tumour. As her condition rapidly deteriorated, it became clear she needed round the clock care, and a referral was made to The Kirkwood.

Reflecting on that time, Ella said: "I couldn't believe how quickly it all happened. At a time when everything felt out of control, The Kirkwood stepped in with calm, reassurance and compassion."

Although Wren had hoped to remain at home, the couple soon realised specialist support was needed: "It was such a hard decision. But once we arrived, I knew it was the right one. Wren is comfortable, cared for, and surrounded by kindness."

Ella spoke about the dignity and respect they experienced as a transgender couple, saying: "From the moment we arrived, we were treated with absolute dignity. The nursing staff have been amazing with us. They've treated us like any other patient. It's a very family orientated atmosphere here, unlike being in a hospital."

The care extended beyond medical support: "It's not just about the medical care we've received. The staff here have cared for us in exactly the right way. They look after us both."

"You notice the little things, like staff and volunteers getting us a drink, a meal, a quiet check in, or offering counselling support. All these things matter more than people realise."

During Wren's stay, the couple were able to hold a handfasting ceremony at our hospice in Dalton: "To be able to do this



now, here, with the support of The Kirkwood, means everything to us. I've never thought of marriage as just a piece of paper. It's about love and choosing each other, no matter what."

Despite the heartbreak, Ella remains deeply grateful: "The care, the humanity and the inclusiveness is inspiring. This place doesn't just care for people at the end of life. It honours them."



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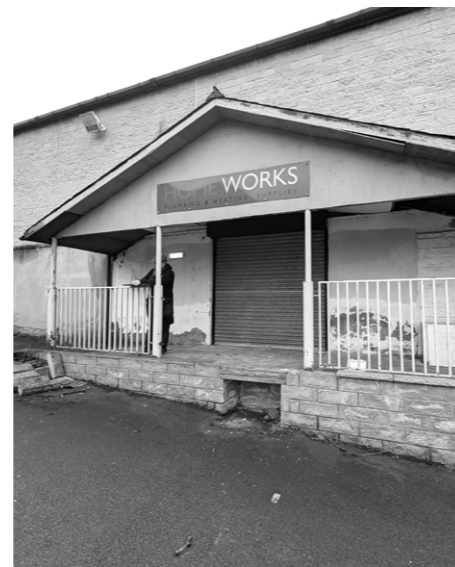
A BOLD NEW CHAPTER FOR THE KIRKWOOD RETAIL TEAMS

From a fresh new shop in Heckmondwike to a total Mirfield makeover, we're bringing you the latest update on some exciting new retail experiences coming this Spring.

The Kirkwood Retail team is gearing up for some exciting new developments in the coming months as we prepare for a major expansion – with a brand-new shop in Heckmondwike now in the works. Meanwhile in Mirfield, we are preparing for a double celebration. Firstly, our little Mirfield shop, situated at 172 Huddersfield Road, will be undergoing a vibrant relaunch as our very first dedicated Kids Shop, offering a range of clothing, toys, books, footwear and more.

Then, our Mirfield Furniture Shop at Foldhead Mill will embark on an ambitious evolution as we introduce our first ever Superstore! The lower level will be repurposed into a huge additional retail space housing a wide variety of items – from men's and women's fashion to books and electricals – all complementing our current furniture offer. It's set to become a one-stop shop for all your pre-loved needs.

These projects represent a significant milestone for our Retail team, helping to grow our reach and raise more funds for care than ever before. We cannot wait to share the results with you. Keep a close eye on our social media channels for the latest updates and announcements!



A FRESH NEW LOOK FOR DENBY DALE

In our latest shop feature, we shine a spotlight on Denby Dale, which has had a mini refurb of its own. Earlier this year, we stripped away the dated green carpet in favour of a fresh bright hardwood floor. This simple change transformed the space, adding a boutique feel that perfectly complements our fantastic range of clothing.

In a village celebrated for its beautiful surroundings and community spirit, our Denby Dale shop has cultivated a reputation as a destination where

sought after designer labels are showcased alongside everyday treasures. Shop manager, Deborah Hammonds, believes the consistently high quality of donations from the village truly sets the shop apart. "We receive truly fantastic pieces," Deborah explains. "Finding labels like Boden, M&S, Zara and COS on our rails is a daily reality, which adds to the unique charm of our shop floor."

Yvonne Morgan, a volunteer at our Denby Dale shop, believes the

team's warmth and compassion is what keeps people coming back. Whether it is a gentle conversation with a customer donating a loved one's belongings or a friendly chat with a regular visitor, the atmosphere is just as important as the items on sale.

Behind the stylish rails and carefully dressed windows lies a deep sense of purpose, a sentiment that is echoed by customers like John Ross.

Having seen the impact of hospice care previously, John knows the importance of vital local support. He is passionate about backing the work of The Kirkwood and is committed to helping in any way he can through shopping and donations.



We would love to see you soon. Whether you want to browse our latest fashion, donate your pre-loved items or join our wonderful team of volunteers, your support makes all the difference.



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RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

THE POWER OF LOCAL SUPPORT



MEET SAM WILBY

Sam Wilby's connection with The Kirkwood began in 2024, following the loss of a close friend's mother. Moved by the care she received, Sam and his friends decided to channel their grief into something positive by taking on the Liverpool Half Marathon.

The success of that run sparked a wider commitment to the cause, leading Sam to organise a charity golf day which pushed his

fundraising total past the £6,900 mark. An amazing achievement!

Reflecting on the emotional weight of his journey, Sam said: "When we finished, it was a mix of everything: relief, pride, emotion, and just that feeling of 'we've actually done it!'"

It is a remarkable achievement that will help The Kirkwood to continue providing specialist care to those who need it most.

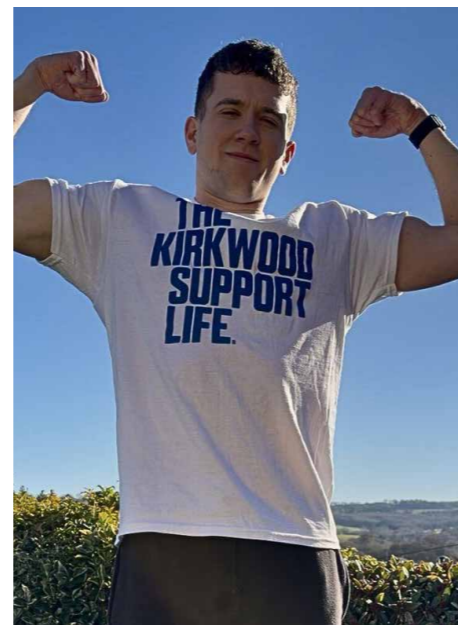
MEET HENRY JAMES

For 22-year-old Henry James, the motivation to support The Kirkwood stems from a deep family connection. Recognising the hospice as a vital pillar for both his own family and the wider community, Henry wanted to find a unique way to give back to a place he describes as 'beautiful'.

This April, he is preparing for a formidable test of strength by attempting to complete 1,000 pull ups in a single day.

In order to highlight the grit and determination required for such a feat and bring attention to his cause, Henry is documenting his training on social media and plans to livestream the entire challenge.

Reflecting on his commitment, Henry said: "The Kirkwood has not only been a strong pillar for my family, but one for the community as a whole, and I think it's a beautiful place to raise money for."



Across Kirklees, supporters have been going the extra mile to find inspiring new ways to fundraise for The Kirkwood. From endurance runs to tests of physical strength, they've been turning personal goals into funding feats. Whether it is running, climbing mountains, or leaping from a plane at 15,000ft, the stories of supporters like Sam and Henry prove that any personal challenge can help fund compassionate care across Kirklees. There has never been a better time to turn your own determination into support and help ensure The Kirkwood is there for those who need us most.

CHALLENGE

MAY
The Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon & Leeds Half Marathon | 10th May

JUNE
Leeds 10K | 14th June
Skydive | 28th June

JULY
Jurassic Coast Trek | 3rd July

AUGUST
Snowdon by Night | 1st Aug
York 10K | 2nd Aug

SEPTEMBER
Skydive | 13th Sept
Sheffield 10K | 27th Sept

OCTOBER
Camino de Santiago | 7th Oct
Yorkshire Marathon | 18th Oct
Inca Trail Trek | 30th Oct

FEBRUARY 2027
Northern Lights Trek | 24th Feb

SCAN ME AND CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE AND HELP THE KIRKWOOD SUPPORT LIFE.

Whether your 2026 goal is conquering a mountain, trekking new trails, running a marathon, or finally ticking a skydive off your bucket list, we have the perfect challenge for you. This is about much more than just the finish line. Through every mile covered and every penny raised, you will be helping us fund care and support for families facing life limiting illnesses across Kirklees. Don't miss out - take the plunge and sign up for the challenge of a lifetime.

SCAN THE QR AND CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE!

Celebrating 40 years of The Kirkwood

TREK THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA AND HELP THE KIRKWOOD SUPPORT LIFE

COMING SUMMER 2027 ONLY 40 PLACES AVAILABLE!

In celebration of our 40th anniversary we're trekking the Great Wall of China in 2027 - and you're invited! Scan the QR code to find out more and register your interest today.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS WHILE SUPPORTING A LOCAL CHARITY

Advertise in The Kirkwood Life & Times bi-annual Newsletter and reach our community of loyal supporters. It's a great way to showcase your business while helping us continue to care for local people when they need us most.

Get in touch today to find out more. Email: businessmovement@thekirkwood.org.uk or call Beverley on 01484 557 911.



DATES FOR THE DIARY!

SG = Support Groups

Tuesday 21st April
Meltham SG Swing Band
Meltham Leisure Complex

Saturday 2nd May
An Evening of Fun with Miss Syren
New Mill Club

Monday 4th May
Batley and Birstall's SG Cake Stall
Little Gomersal Village Fair

Saturday 16th May
Farnley Festival
Farnley Tyas

Saturday 13th June
Meltham SG Coffee Morning
Church Hall, Meltham

Sunday 14th June
Batley SG Table Top Sale
Batley Community Centre

Saturday 20th June
Martin Folan's Charity Golf Day
Bradley Park Golf Club

Saturday 27th June
Honley Show
Farnley Tyas Showground

Saturday 28th June
Ravensknowle Childrens' Gala
Ravensknowle Park

Saturday 4th July
The Kirkwood Starlight Walk
ACCU Stadium, Huddersfield

Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th July
Holmfirth Artweek 2026
Holmfirth

Saturday 1st August
Emley Show
Factory Lane, Emley Moor

Saturday 8th August
Sunflower Memories Garden Party
The Kirkwood, Dalton

Saturday 16th August
The Kirkwood LIVE
Dram Centre, Dalton

Sunday 17th August
Mirfield Show
Mirfield

Saturday 12th September
The Kirkwood Pub Hop
Location TBC

Saturday 12th September
Meltham SG Coffee Morning
Church Hall, Meltham

Saturday 26th September
Sam and Leanne's Cuppa
The Kirkwood, Dalton



CHARITY GOLF DAY

Saturday 20th June 2026
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