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Welcome to our Autumn & Winter Newsletter

From Chief Executive
Michael Crowther



Welcome to your Autumn & Winter edition of the Life & Times. We're so glad to have you with us as we look back at the past few months, share stories from patients and families in our care, and update you on some of the exciting campaigns we've got coming up as the festive period draws closer.

2025 has been a challenging period for our charity. Earlier this year, we shared some important news about changes we needed to make to our services – changes we knew were necessary to secure The Kirkwood's future. To say that your response to our announcement has been humbling would be a big understatement.

The messages of encouragement and offers of support we've received since we announced our proposals earlier in the year are a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. We believe everyone deserves the chance to live the best possible quality of life, the dignity of a comfortable and peaceful death, and the reassurance that their loved ones will be supported to live on – and live well. Your response showed us that our local community is truly behind us and believes in the difference we make for those in need.

Your ongoing support has been crucial as we've worked hard to reduce our costs and make vital changes for the future. With your backing, we will make sure The Kirkwood continues to provide the very best care for anyone affected by a life limiting illness, when and where they need it.

We will continue to protect our vital services for the people of Kirklees, but to do this, we need your help! Every single contribution counts, whether you choose to make a regular donation, volunteer some time, join us at one of our fundraising events, or simply tell others about our work. However you choose to help, you will be playing your part in securing the future of our vital local services, and together, we can make a real difference here in Kirklees.

Will you dedicate a light to a loved one this year?

Each December, Light up a Life brings our community together to reflect on the moments we've shared with the people we love. It is a time to pause and remember, to think back to the laughter, the love, and the precious memories that will always stay with us.

We would love you to join us this year by dedicating a light on our beautiful tree in memory of someone special. Each light represents not only a life remembered, but also the treasured memories we carry in our hearts. As candles are lit, we take time together to honour those



who are no longer with us, while finding comfort and strength in the presence of others who understand.

Light Up A Life is more than a moment of remembrance, it is a celebration of the connections that continue to shine brightly, and the strength we find in coming together as a community.

By dedicating a light, you'll also be helping to support local families in Kirklees, ensuring The Kirkwood can be there to offer care, compassion and time when it matters most, for generations to come.

When you make a donation as part of this year's appeal, we'll send you a personalised card bearing the name of your loved one.

You'll also be invited to join us at one of our special Light Up A Life services this December.



Join us for our special Light up a Life services

This year's services will take place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December from 4.30pm at our hospice in Dalton. A third service will take place on Sunday 7th December at 10.30am at Long Causeway Church in Dewsbury.

And if you can't be with us in person, you can still be part of Light Up A Life from the comfort of your own home. Details of how to join us online will be available in the weeks running up to our services, so you can join in the service live with your family, wherever in the world you may be.

In that moment, whether together in person or connected from afar, we will all be united in love and remembrance.

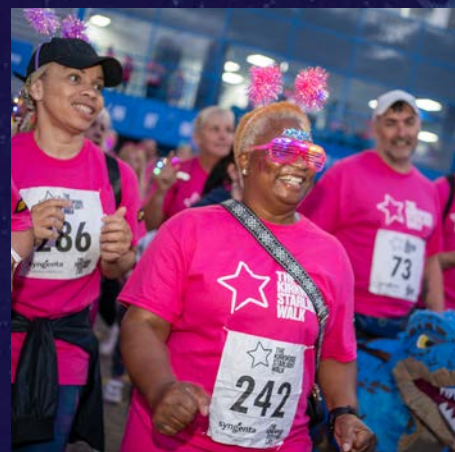


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LOOKING BACK ON THIS YEAR'S STARLIGHT WALK



On Saturday 5th July, over 1,100 walkers turned the streets of Huddersfield neon pink as they walked under starlit skies, raising £133,500 for The Kirkwood!

On a warm and breezy West Yorkshire evening, walkers descended on the Accu Stadium in Huddersfield to revel in the unique atmosphere and take on a late night walk like no other.

Supporters came from across Kirklees to join The Kirkwood Starlight Walk, our biggest fundraising night of the year. Families, friends and colleagues joined forces to take on a three, six or ten mile challenge in support of patients and families in our care.

Formerly known as The Kirkwood Memory Walk, our event is a beacon of hope for our supporters, bringing people together to celebrate the enduring power of love and walk in memory of the amazing people who brightened up their lives.

The funds our walkers raise help to support specialist care for patients and families affected by life limiting illnesses across Kirklees.

For many families, The Starlight Walk was a chance to reunite and to do something amazing together in memory of someone special.

It was a poignant night for 66-year-old Andrew, from Linthwaite, whose family has dedicated itself to fundraising for The Kirkwood in memory of his late wife.

Andrew said: "I'm walking tonight in memory of my wife, Elizabeth, who passed away on the 1st of January this year.

"She had cancer and was admitted to The Kirkwood on the 30th of December. She was only there for 48 hours, but the care and attention she received was absolutely second to none. They've helped me a lot too.

"My daughter's supporting the hospice through her business, and we've all been doing our bit. My son has even come back from Gibraltar to do the walk with me. In total, between us, we've raised around £1,300 so far and we're not done yet.

"The Kirkwood means the world to me now. They were there for my wife, for me, and now for my whole family. Supporting them feels like the least I can do."

We would like to thank our amazing walkers for their incredible support this summer, along with our event supporters, Syngenta, Big Box Huddersfield and Fox Engravers.

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THE KIRKWOOD BUSINESS MOVEMENT WELCOMES ITS 90TH MEMBER

As local Audio Visual technology firm, Posynergi, become the latest member of The Kirkwood Business Movement, we are proud to announce we have reached 90 members. Our ever growing network of local businesses are united by one goal – to help The Kirkwood to provide specialist palliative care for the people of Kirklees.

Launched to connect with businesses who share our sense of community responsibility, The Kirkwood Business Movement has expanded rapidly over the last 18 months. As we celebrate recruiting our 90th member, Business Development Manager, Beverley Shaw, described the achievement as "a proud moment for us all," adding, "It's proof that more and more businesses in Kirklees are choosing to stand alongside us to help provide outstanding care for our community."

"Every business brings unique skills, resources, and connections. Together, we can achieve far more than any of us could alone."

Our 90th member may be a new name in the area, but its founders, Steve Cartlidge and Godfrey Gabriel, have long supported The Kirkwood through their other enterprise, FileDoc. Posynergi offers bespoke audio visual and digital technology solutions for workplaces, schools, and community spaces.

On joining The Kirkwood Business Movement, Steve said: "Supporting local charities is something close to our hearts. Being part of The Kirkwood Business Movement allows us to contribute meaningfully to a cause that touches so many lives. It's about more than just membership; it's about real collaboration and growing together."

This collaboration is already producing results. Through connections gained at our networking events, Posynergi partnered with fellow member Direct Voice and Data to provide a new audio solution for The Three Acres Inn & Restaurant in Shelley.

"It's a great example of how local businesses can come together through the Movement to deliver something special." Steve said.

Beverley believes that Posynergi's approach embodies the spirit of our Business Movement: "Their values align perfectly with ours: local focus, collaboration, and making a real difference. We're thrilled to have them as our 90th member."

If your business would like to join The Kirkwood Business Movement, find out more at: thekirkwood.org.uk or email: beverley.shaw@thekirkwood.org.uk



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“THE KIRKWOOD GAVE ME BACK MY LIFE!”

At 62, Gary was diagnosed with incurable COPD. He had lost weight, hope, and the strength to carry on. However, with the care and support of The Kirkwood’s dedicated team, Gary has rebuilt his confidence and has learnt to breathe again.

Reflecting on his experience with a life limiting illness, Gary said, “I had reached my limit. I was exhausted and thought that this was it. I couldn’t see a way forward. I felt like I was being passed between hospitals, facing what seemed like a death sentence.”

Gary was placed on end of life care and referred to The Kirkwood. Like many others, he believed that hospice was synonymous with the end of life: “I thought it was just where you went to die. I didn’t know what to expect, but I didn’t expect to get my life back.”

From the moment he arrived, everything changed. The Kirkwood provided not only medical support but also understanding, time, and compassion: “They didn’t just treat my illness; they treated me. Everyone – nurses, doctors, and volunteers – made me feel like I mattered. They gave me time when no one else would.”

With patience and care, the team assisted him in breathing more easily, eating better, and regaining some strength. With simple acts, such as helping him take a few

steps, finding manageable food options, and allowing him the space to talk, Gary began to restore what his illness had taken away.

“I started eating again. I gained weight, my breathing improved, and slowly, I began to believe in myself again.”

The transformation wasn’t instant, but it was profound. After being housebound and feeling hopeless, Gary began by walking short distances. Gradually, he increased his walks and started engaging in activities once more.

“They gave me the confidence to live again. I’m not just existing, I’m

living. They gave me back everything I thought I’d lost: my strength, my dignity, my hope. They saved my life.”

Today, Gary is not cured, but he is thriving. The Kirkwood team has helped him to live the best quality of life possible, even while facing illness. Once convinced his story was coming to an end, he now writes new chapters filled with purpose, laughter, and deep gratitude.

“The Kirkwood changed everything. I went in ready to die. But they helped me to breathe again in every sense.”



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NURSE

At just 22 years old, Amy has already discovered her calling in one of healthcare’s most meaningful, and often misunderstood, fields: hospice care.

Amy began her journey with The Kirkwood at 19, when she joined the team as a student nurse on a nine-week placement.

“As soon as I started, I knew this was where I wanted to be,” Amy says. “I began as a Bank Auxiliary Nurse for a year and a half, then stepped into my role as a Registered Staff Nurse in September 2024. Becoming a palliative care nurse was never part of my plan, but the patient-centred care and support I witnessed here made me fall in love with the work.”

A typical shift for Amy starts at 7am with a handover from the night team, before she goes straight to check on her patients. From adjusting pain relief, to simply sharing a quiet moment, no two days are the same.

“On sunny days, one of my favourite things is helping patients get outside into our garden,” Amy explains. “Even if someone is restricted to their bed, we can wheel the bed out so they have the chance to feel the sun on their face.”

During her 13-hour shifts, Amy works alongside a whole team of professionals; doctors, social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and counsellors, all focused on providing compassionate, patient-centred care.

One thing Amy wishes more people knew is that hospice care isn’t just for the very end of life: “Care can begin months earlier, giving patients and families more support with pain management, emotional wellbeing, and practical help at home. Families often tell us they wish they had come to hospice sooner.”

Like many in her field, Amy has learned to balance the emotional challenges of her role. “I look after my own wellbeing by spending time with friends and family, and I love reading. Books help me step outside of my own thoughts on difficult days.”

For Amy, the rewards far outweigh the challenges. “It’s a privilege to bring comfort, dignity and meaning



to patients and families at such an important time. Of course there are sad moments, but hospice care is also about connection, joy and making every day count.”

Working in palliative care has even shaped Amy’s own outlook on life: “It’s taught me to cherish the present, because life is so unpredictable. It’s given me a new perspective on what really matters.”

Much of the care The Kirkwood provides is only possible thanks to charitable donations and gifts in Wills. For Amy, their impact is clear: “They allow us to provide the very best care – not only for those on our In-Patient Unit, but also for patients at home across Kirklees.

“That generosity ensures we can continue to support families when they need us most.”

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MARK & CAROLINE'S STORY

When Mark Priestley's wife, Caroline, was diagnosed with a life limiting condition, their lives changed overnight. As Caroline's condition worsened, The Kirkwood became a vital lifeline, offering care and emotional support for Caroline and her family. In this story, Mark shares their journey, the impact The Kirkwood had on their final weeks together, and why he's now committed to supporting the hospice that helped his family through the most difficult time of their lives.



From the moment Caroline was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, their family's world was turned upside down. Within two hours, they began asking themselves, 'OK, what's the plan?' They had always faced challenges as a team, but sadly, Caroline's illness progressed quickly. Mark explains: "She went through two rounds of chemotherapy but then contracted an infection that developed into sepsis. By the time we got that under control, the cancer had reached stage four. We both knew we couldn't fix it. Her pain was getting worse, and I couldn't help her with that."

Help for her pain came from The Kirkwood: "The nursing staff came out to see us, and literally that same day, a bed became available. From the moment we got through the door, it was different. Caroline was immediately seen by a doctor, and she got some

proper pain relief. It was a massive relief, not just for her, but for me too. She was finally comfortable."

For Mark, the difference between hospital and hospice care was noticeable: "The care and attention we got from the staff at The Kirkwood was completely different. What struck me was that it wasn't just the patient that was looked after, it was family and friends as well, helping all of us to come to terms with the situation."

Caroline died "peacefully and with dignity" 26 days later. The impact of those final days remained with Mark. He received pre-bereavement support: "I started seeing Sarah, one of the counsellors here. I didn't want to be the stereotypical Yorkshire bloke who says, 'I'm fine, I don't need it.' It helped. I've learned not to bottle things up."

Now, Mark is determined to give back to The Kirkwood. He believes that "Everyone should have the right to die peacefully and with dignity."

"The Kirkwood makes that possible." Looking back, he remembers Caroline not with sorrow, but with deep love and affection: "Her strength of character to face her final challenge and never complain is something I cannot even comprehend. I couldn't be more grateful for the help The Kirkwood have given me and Caroline."

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THIS IS HOSPICE CARE

The Kirkwood are proud to be taking part in the *This is Hospice Care* campaign this September. Developed in partnership with Hospice UK, the national initiative aims to raise awareness about the vital role local hospices play in their communities, and help to shift public perceptions of what hospice care truly means.

The campaign has already captured hearts and minds through a powerful TV advert based on real life hospice stories. As well as raising awareness, it encourages people to consider leaving a gift in their Will to support their local hospice to make sure patients and families continue to have access to essential compassionate and specialist care in the future.

Our Chief Executive, Michael, is proud to be part of the national

project, especially during such a difficult time for hospices across the UK. He said: "It's really important that we are part of this campaign and continue to work with our fellow hospices to raise awareness about the life changing care we offer. This campaign not only highlights the critical work we do, but also the lasting impact that gifts in Wills have on our ability to provide care for the people of Kirklees.

"Just 25 percent of our funding comes from the NHS, so we rely on the generosity of our community to fund most of our services. And with more and more demand than ever, our ability to support those in need is being tested like never before.

"Leaving a gift to The Kirkwood in your Will is one of the most amazing things you can do to support us, helping to make sure we can be there for people in Kirklees living with life limiting illnesses when they need us most."

Find out more about the *This is Hospice Care* campaign and discover the difference leaving a gift in your Will could make at: thekirkwood.org.uk or contact Dawn Walker on: 01484 557 911

MAKE A WILL MONTH

October 2025

Write or update your simple Will for free* this October through our Make A Will Month campaign!

Making a Will isn't an easy thing to think about. It can be a daunting prospect. Some people don't know where to start. Some think it's expensive, and others don't think Wills are important. **We want to change that.**

Throughout October, we're partnering with local professional Will Writers to help you create or update your Will for free. It's easy to arrange an appointment and your chosen professional Will Writer will guide you through the process at your appointment.

You don't have to include a gift to The Kirkwood in your Will when taking part in our Make A Will Month, but we hope you'll consider supporting our vital work. A gift of any kind will become a lifeline for local families, helping to improve their quality of life in ways that really matter, and helping our patients to make the most of every single day.

How it Works...

1

Book your appointment: Choose a professional Will Writer from our list and contact them to book a free Will appointment in October. Remember to mention "The Kirkwood's Make a Will Month".

2

Write your Will: Attend your appointment and work with the professional Will Writer to create or update your Will.

3

Share your gift: If you choose to leave a gift in your Will or make a donation to The Kirkwood, your professional Will Writer will give you a form to fill in and return to us. If you decide to leave a gift, we'd love to get in touch to thank you personally.

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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 Connect with The Kirkwood team to answer a call for help from a patient or their loved one. And that could be truly life changing.

When you sign up to our Regular Giving scheme you can choose how much you'd like to donate each month, and you can change the amount any time. No matter the size of your donation, you'll be helping people in The Kirkwood's care to live their lives for that little bit longer – and that is an amazing gift.

Find out how you can become a Regular Giver and create a lasting impact by scanning the QR code below, or visit: thekirkwood.org.uk/donate



FASHION WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

A New Kind of Charity Shop



Our charity shops play a vital role in their communities, serving not only as an outlet for pre-loved clothing but also as a welcoming hub where customers can feel comfortable in their own skin and cultivate friendships. At The Kirkwood, we believe everyone deserves the very best care, irrespective of their background or identity, and we extend that same commitment to our retail shops.

Have you ever walked into a clothing shop and felt out of place? We know stepping through the door of a new shop can sometimes feel intimidating. We want to change that. That's why we are proud to present Fashion Without Boundaries, a brand new retail concept offering a unique shopping experience where everyone feels welcome.

Located just across the road from the Town Hall on Ramsden Street in Huddersfield, Fashion Without Boundaries is The Kirkwood's first shop to organise and display its clothes by style and size rather than by gender. The shop offers a wide range of products and styles to suit different tastes, accommodating all body types. This approach creates a truly inclusive shopping experience, removing conventional boundaries and cultivating a space where visitors can find something they love and feel comfortable in – helping everyone to express their personal style.

A Welcoming Space

From the moment you walk through the door, Fashion Without Boundaries feels bright and airy. The white walls, railings, and fixtures allow the clothing to be

the star of the show, standing out proudly. This neutral colour scheme is complemented by the warmth of wooden hangers, creating a comfortable and inviting atmosphere. The shop also features a large, accessible changing room, spacious enough for wheelchair users and parents with prams to access with their children.

We asked Louise, the cover manager at Fashion Without Boundaries, 'What makes this shop so popular?' She told us that customers of all ages and backgrounds have become regular visitors to the shop, sharing that they always feel welcome and free to explore all the fashion options available instead of being confined to dedicated, size and gender specific rails.

Louise particularly enjoys meeting and interacting with the diverse range of customers and volunteers who pop in: "We have people from all different communities who appreciate and understand the concept of the shop," she explains. "Our volunteers come from all kinds of backgrounds, and we have a great mix of different ages too. They are all lovely with our customers, and most importantly, they understand The Kirkwood and our commitment to helping those living with life limiting illnesses."

Volunteers Who Love Their Work

The volunteers at our Fashion Without Boundaries shop range from 13 to 80 years old. During our visit we met Baxter, a lovely and chatty volunteer. Eight months ago, Baxter, who is also known as 'Titch' to his friends, was walking past the shop and popped in to have a browse. After striking up a conversation with our team, he discovered there were volunteering opportunities available. He's been a familiar face ever since, greeting new and returning customers with a warm welcome. "I love working here," Baxter exclaims.

One of the things that makes this shop unique is that the team loves to have fun with fashion. Louise shares: "When I'm looking at styles and clothes, I sometimes look and think 'that wouldn't fit my figure,' but at work, our volunteers and customers get involved and cheer you on, giving you the confidence to just go for it! It's a great atmosphere."

As Jean-Paul Gaultier once said: "There are many kinds of beauty, and you find it where you least expect it. It's beautiful just being yourself."



Creative Expression and Upcycling

If everything you've already read wasn't enough, the Fashion Without Boundaries team is also preparing to launch an exciting new upcycling initiative. Using one of the shop's newly renovated spaces, the team will offer customers the opportunity to create unique accessories to complement their purchases.

Inspired by their recent collaboration with 'Woven in Kirklees,' which saw the shop hosting quilting sessions, this new

program will use donated items such as buttons, belt hoops, and yarn to help customers create truly bespoke pieces. There will also be an opportunity to upcycle small-scale furniture items, such as end tables, allowing our customers the freedom to express themselves creatively.

Fashion Without Boundaries offers a different approach to fashion, encouraging customers to explore styles, sizes and colours that resonate with their personal taste – all without being limited by labels. We hope you'll pop in and visit our shop for yourselves!





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THE KIRKWOOD STORIES

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST

After receiving a life limiting diagnosis in April, Mark has been focussing on living life to the fullest. On Father's Day, he completed the Leeds 10k with his family by his side, displaying remarkable strength and determination. Together, they've raised an amazing £3,077 for The Kirkwood.



RELIANCE'S THREE PEAKS

On Saturday 14th June, an amazing team of colleagues from Reliance Precision conquered the Yorkshire Three Peaks! Their determination and team spirit helped them to raise an eye watering £10,000 for The Kirkwood in memory of their friend and colleague, Alistair Gibson.



BEYOND THE FAIRWAY

Putting heart into every swing, Woodsome Hall Golf Club captains, Rob Kelly and Claire Howarth, raised over £15,300 for The Kirkwood as part of their 2024-25 Charity of the Year efforts. Together, with the support of club members, they helped to support local hospice care across Kirklees.



PAM'S STORY

Pam Chapman, from Fixby, has cared for her husband Robert through a long and heart breaking journey with Alzheimer's disease. Drawing strength from her nursing background and the support of The Kirkwood.

In 2013, after Pam retired, she began to notice small but worrying changes in Robert's behaviour. "He was forgetting where things went. I cooked and he washed up, but suddenly everything was going in the wrong cupboards. It was the little things at first, but it added up."

By 2015, it became clear something more serious was happening. After returning from a short holiday in the Netherlands, Pam listened to a series of voicemail messages Robert had left. "They sounded like he was talking to a receptionist. That's when I knew it wasn't just forgetfulness."

After a long process of referrals, tests and psychiatric assessment,

on 6th January 2016, they received a diagnosis: Alzheimer's disease. "The psychiatrist said, 'Go off and enjoy your life.' At the time, I thought it was a strange thing to say. But now I understand, she knew what was coming."

Over the next few years, Robert's condition steadily worsened. In 2018, his psychiatrist advised him to stop driving.

Despite the challenges, Pam still wanted to make memories.

By 2020, Robert had been hospitalised with pneumonia but made a partial recovery. However, in 2022, his condition deteriorated significantly. He became bedbound, non-verbal, and completely dependent on care.

Despite her nursing experience, Pam found herself emotionally overwhelmed. One of the most painful moments came when Robert no longer recognised her.



"He asked me who I was. I said, 'I'm your wife.' I went and got our marriage certificate to show him, but he didn't seem to believe it."

The turning point came when Pam was referred to The Kirkwood by a senior nurse, after Robert had become bedbound. Pam was initially hesitant, not knowing what to expect.

"Because I was a nurse, I only saw the clinical side. However I did understand it was more than just a place where people come to die. The Kirkwood's community Admiral Nurse explained the different services the hospice could provide."

Catherine, a Nurse from The Kirkwood began regular visits to Robert and Pam's home: "She was wonderful. She would kneel down and talk to Robert at his level, not over him. She gave me helpful advice about medication and care. I felt listened to."

Pam also learned she could access 24/7 support from The Kirkwood team, even outside office hours: "That gave me such peace of mind."

Catherine continued to call Pam every two to four weeks, just to check in: "That phone call means a lot. It reminds you that someone is still looking out for you."

Pam's story is a powerful reminder that behind every diagnosis is a family doing their best. With the right support, no one should have to face the journey alone.

PARTY ON THE PITCH

Organisers of Golcar United's annual music festival, 'Party on the Pitch', kindly chose to support The Kirkwood earlier this summer. Held on the 9th and 10th May 2025 at the Skye Direct Stadium, the family-friendly music event, featuring UK tribute acts, raised a fabulous £1,558 toward patient care.



BIG COGS TAKE ON EUROPE

The Big Cogs, a determined group of adventure cyclists, rode from Highburton to Hull and across mainland Europe earlier this year. Their adventure took in The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Germany, before returning to Yorkshire, raising over £14,000 in the process.



JAYNE'S FUNDRAISING

Jayne Coxhead from Holmfirth began fundraising for The Kirkwood over 25 years ago with a Charity Ball. Motivated by the loss of her parents, she's now raised over £11,000 personally and helped to generate over £30,000 through a host of community fundraising events!



IN NEED OF A TAXI?

Download the Huddersfield Taxi app, and as a first time user of the app receive a £5 credit when you use the code KIRK05



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Saturday 13th September
Bobtown Get Together
Roberttown Community Hall

Thursday 18th September
The Kirkwood Thank You Event
The Kirkwood, Dalton

Saturday 20th September
Sam and Leanne's Cuppa
The Kirkwood, Dalton

Friday 3rd October
Team Serenity Fashion Show
St Michael's Church, Emley

6th to 10th October
Hospice Care Week
Multiple events

Sunday 19th October
Yorkshire Marathon
York City Centre

Friday 24th October
The Ultimate Charity Ball
The Venue, Bowers Mill, Barkisland

Tuesday 11th November
Batley and Birstall SG Fashion Show
Heald's Hall Hotel, Liversedge

Saturday 6th December
Light Up A Life
The Kirkwood Gardens, Dalton

Sunday 7th December
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Light Up A Life
Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury

Friday 12th December
Woolly Pully Day
Multiple events

Saturday 20th December
Batley and Birstall SG
Christmas Coffee Morning

8th – 15th January 2026
Christmas Tree Collections
Collections around Kirklees

Thursday 15th January 2026
The Kirkwood Thank You Event
The Kirkwood, Dalton

Friday 20th March 2026
Stand Up For The Kirkwood
Huddersfield Town Hall

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REINDEER RUN

IS BACK FOR 2025!

Are you part of a school or group?
Want to help Santa round up his reindeer
in time for Christmas? Sign up today and
we'll send you your free antlers, certificate
and sponsor form.

Sign up your Nursery, School
or Youth Group today!



HOST A WOOLLY PULLY DAY!

This winter, we're calling on all
secondary schools, community
groups and businesses to get
cosy for a cause!

**Friday 12th
December
2025!**

Wear your favourite
woolly pully at school
or work and help us
support people in your
local community affected
by life limiting illnesses.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE PART, CALL US ON: 01484 557 911
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