

Charity Donations

Here at Northwood Residents' Association we have developed close links with many Northwood charities. We are always very happy to help them by publishing information regarding their fund-raising activities and events in our newsletter, on our notice boards and on our website. We understand that these events raise funding vital to their continuing existence.

Having to cancel activities for the foreseeable future has hit them very hard, so we asked them to tell us about alternative ways in which their supporters can make donations. Their responses are below. We will add information to this document as we receive it, but of course, you will always find lots of information by visiting a charity's website.

NORTHWOOD LIVE AT HOME SCHEME

We provide life enhancing services to enable people to live later life well. Charity Registration No. 1083995

Northwood Live at Home has been supporting the older community through various social activities including Friendship groups, coffee mornings, lunch clubs, seated yoga and exercise classes, outings, holidays and intergenerational activities, however due to the recent developments and Government guidance we have had to temporarily pause our sessions and find a new way to continue empowering and supporting the older generation living in and around Northwood.

Northwood Live At Home Scheme is working at the heart of our Northwood community to support approx 250 people at this unprecedented time. Please help us to respond to this crisis and carry out the important work by donating, however small an amount, as with any funding we receive on our Just Giving page we will be able to continue to :-

- Increase our capacity to reach more people who are self- isolating and likely to experience low level depression, isolation and build resilience once restrictions are lifted.
- Deliver well-being calls and telephone befriending to our members.
- Deliver activities virtually, including exercise classes, scrabble, music tag and a virtual book club.
- Ensure every member feels valued.

Since the breakout, we have established a telephone befriending service where we have actively supported over 200 older people on a regular basis.

Alongside this, we have also been engaging with a local school who have shared their talents with us, creating cards that we have been able to deliver to our members a bring a smile to their face.

The impact of this has been huge, with members calling us to tell us how much it has meant to them and helped them to realise they are not alone, inspiring them to think of the future when we will be able to get back to our normal routines.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mha-northwoodliveathome>

MICHAEL SOBELL HOSPICE CHARITY

Ophelia Chambers-Henry, MSHC Events Manager, says, “In terms of income we’re facing a huge financial shortfall this year as we’ve had to cancel many of our events, activities and community fundraising streams.

“In addition, our three charity shops, weekly market book stalls and warehouse operations, have also all been closed until further notice to ensure the wellbeing of our wonderful volunteers, staff and supporters in line with Government guidelines.

“We need our supporters now more than ever. It was only last year that the local community fought to help us reopen the Hospice inpatient unit, which saw an incredible refurbishment project undertaken and completed, costing the Charity over £385k from its funding reserves pot. Yet now, due to Covid-19, we are experiencing a new setback to how we can continue to raise funds.

“In simple terms, we need to raise £5,750 a day to support our 10-bedded inpatient and day therapy unit - 60% of the funding needed to support the specialist clinical care services, and in addition, those ‘little extras’ which make hospice care so special. Every donation made (however small) takes us one step closer to preventing the Hospice from closing and allows us to help patients who need our support RIGHT NOW – and for many more months to come.”

To make a donation to Michael Sobell Hospice

- visit the Charity website at www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk
- post a donation to the Fundraising Office, Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, WD3 1PZ
- visit the Charity’s Facebook page **@michaelsobellhospice** and donate via the appeal fundraiser which has now been set up
- by direct bank transfer:
Account Name: Friends of Michael Sobell House; Sort Code: 20-73-53; Account Number: 70448257
Please include your name & a reference
- If you are visiting the Hospice, please leave your donation at Reception marked for the attention of the Fundraising Team

Although adhering to Government guidelines of working from home, the fundraising team has been keeping busy by getting in touch with several local and national businesses, highlighting how they can get involved and support the Hospice in these uncertain times. The Team has arranged two donations of disinfectant gel cleanser and liquid soaps from Waitrose (plus tea, cakes and Easter eggs) and arranged shipments or orders for 3D manufactured face screens and further hand sanitiser supplies courtesy of Medik8.

For more information about Michael Sobell Hospice please visit www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

MOUNT VERNON CANCER CENTRE CHARITY & LYNDA JACKSON MACMILLAN CENTRE

Due to this present outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) we are facing an unprecedented demand for NHS services. We know that people with cancer have a lot of anxieties and questions right now and we are working incredibly hard to ensure that we continue to provide extraordinary care for our patients, whilst also looking after our Mount Vernon Cancer Centre staff.

Sadly, the Lynda Jackson Centre has had to suspend many of the services so for the moment, our telephone helpline is there to offer support. Please do call us to talk about how you are feeling. You can call the centre on **020 3826 2555**.

To make a donation

- Text to donate: **Here4MV** to 70085 to donate £5
- Please make cheques payable to 'Mount Vernon Cancer Centre', write 'HereForEachOther' on the back and post to: East & North Hertfordshire Hospitals', Charity, Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, SG1 4AB.
- Click on the appeal link to make an online donation: www.enhhcharity.org.uk/appeal/hereformountvernon

HILLINGDON HOSPITALS CHARITY

Your support makes a difference for patients at Hillingdon & Mount Vernon Hospitals. Thank you.

How can you help your local hospital? Well, you can stay away, if possible. Hillingdon is no longer permitting visitors to the hospital as all wards are closed to protect both you, and our patients and staff. However, you can still support your hospital by making a donation.

- Donate to our staff welfare appeal at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/NHSstaffatHillingdon>
Many of our staff members are now locked down in the hospital, they cannot go home to see their children and families, they are dedicating their time to caring for their patients. They are in need of food basics, toiletries and basic comforts away from home. The appeal is to help provide these much need comfort packages. As you donate, the Charity is releasing funds to provide this care for them.
- You can text THEH01 and the amount of your donation in pounds to **70070** to make a donation direct from your mobile phone. For example, **THEH01 £10** will donate £10. It couldn't be easier.
- Alternatively, you can phone us on 01895 279954 during office hours to make a donation by card.
- In person or by post. You can donate in person at the cashier's office in Hillingdon Hospital, or by post to Charity Office, Hillingdon Hospital, Pield Heath Road, Uxbridge UB8 3NN. Please make cheques payable to Hillingdon Hospitals Charity, and please enclose your contact details so we can thank you!
- Go to the website and hit the DONATE button. <http://www.hillingdonhospitalscharity.org/>

PAUL STRICKLAND SCANNER CENTRE

We receive no government funding and donations are crucial to ensuring we can provide the best possible care, using high quality equipment.

To donate

- People can help us by shopping through **smile.amazon.co.uk**
- Shop through <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/pssc>
- By bank transfer: Barclays account 40684791 sort code 20 73 53
- Visit the website and click the DONATE button. <https://www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/home>
- If you have a garden or balcony, you could walk or run a sponsored 5k, 10k or even a marathon for the most ambitious of you. This can be done on your own over a period of time or all in one go, or ask your friends or family members to take part in their own space and build up the distance collectively.
We can offer support via email or phone, sponsorship forms, social media to promote whatever it is you choose to do.

Contact us on **01923 886315** or email appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk

1ST NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP, Northwood Way

Known locally and much further afield for its enormous Jumble Sale held in May each year, this group provides Scouting opportunities for boys, girls and adults from age 6 upwards in the Northwood area. See more at: <http://www.1stnorthwoodscouts.org.uk/>

With the cancellation of the 2020 Jumble Sale, the group will lose its major source of income. The sections are not meeting through the lockdown, so expenses are lower, but they still have to pay all of the utility bills, rent, insurance and keep the minibus legal. If you would like to help you can do so in the following ways:

- Please register and support 1St Northwood Scout Group each time you shop on smile.amazon.co.uk When you are asked to choose your charity use the drop-down box to select **1St Northwood Scout Group**. Note the format with a capital 'S' in 1st – beware there is also a 1st Northwood Scout Group on the Isle of Wight!
- Register at *easyfundraising* by clicking on this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/TLHI6S/> and select "**1st Northwood Scouts New Hut Appeal**" as your good cause. Then whenever you make an online purchase at any of the stores listed on their site, such as Boots, John Lewis, Expedia, Argos, Ebay and hundreds more, you place your order via *easyfundraising* instead of going direct, and we get a donation.
- Send a cheque payable to "1st Northwood Scout Group" to 45 Hallowell Road, Northwood HA6 1DT

6TH NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP, Oaklands Gate

We have been unable to hold regular meetings for the last month and have had to adjust our subscriptions accordingly. However, our expenses, although reduced are ongoing and we need to maintain our land and vehicle so that we are ready to go when this is all over.

We are still able to raise funds using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1031431-0> and Easyfundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/6thnorthwoodsg/?invite=JOX5PE&referral-campaign=s2s> who make a donation to the group every time you shop on line. Easyfundraising gives access to all the High Street stores and with both you log in and then go to the shop's usual website. I guess that most of you, unable to go out have started using online shopping a lot more so we would much appreciate your help in keeping the group going. For further information contact the group at paul.catchpole@renscouts.org.uk