




*Celebrating Life,
Dignifying Death*

Impact Report

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2023-24



Hospice in the Weald provides care for adults and children living with a terminal or life-limiting illness, as well as their loved ones, in Kent and East Sussex



**We supported
2,610 people
across all of
our services**

“The nurses understood what was important to us as a family. They went above and beyond to help us spend precious time together.”

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**Nathan, whose wife, Lauren,
was supported by Hospice staff**

The difference your support makes

Supporting people in our wards

Our spacious rooms in both wards look out to gardens, orchards or the rolling hills. People are admitted for a short time to help manage their symptoms, and often go home, while others spend their final days and weeks at the Hospice.



413

People cared for in our comfortable rooms at Pembury and Five Ashes



“Everybody’s been fantastic, but you get certain people that really do whatever they can to make sure you have the best time possible while you’re here. They said it’s my room to do with it exactly as I want, which was amazing. So, we did, we made it our new home.”

Katherine, who was cared for on the Ward in Pembury

Supporting people in their own homes

Our Outreach team provides palliative support and advice to people in the community, enabling them to live in the comfort of their own homes and plan for the future.



1,686

People supported in their homes, bringing our expert teams into the local community



“Nanny was so grateful that she could stay at home surrounded by all of us. We always knew the Hospice team were on hand at any time, I could ring with any question. It was so helpful and a relief knowing the team was there for not only our Nan but for the entire family.”

Carly, whose nan, Anita, received support from our Hospice Outreach team



We helped 61 people access up to £185 a week in benefits

We helped 229 people obtain their Blue Badge



Helping people to live well

Our Living Well team helps people to make the most of life, tailored to individuals' goals and needs. This includes a wide range of activities, physiotherapy and complementary therapies.

“When I’m there and talking to other people, I forget being poorly. I really, really love it.”

Louisa, who attended Living Well activities



574

People accessed Living Well from our Hospice in Pembury



Providing emotional and spiritual support

Our professional counsellors and spiritual support team help guide people living with a terminal illness through unfamiliar circumstances, their grief and emotions.

“There are things you might not want to say to a family member and that’s where counselling was my outlet.”

Stuart, who received counselling following the death of his wife, Maureen



3,438

Individual counselling sessions held

Supporting children and young people with life-limiting conditions



Our services for children began in 2023. We believe all children should have the opportunity to play and grow, no matter the challenges they face. Our team help children and families with home visits, respite care, practical and emotional support – lightening the load and making a real difference.



21

We supported 21 children in their own homes

“Lola loves the ladies from the Hospice, she knows them all by name. We know she’s in safe hands, having fun. Before, we never had any respite. It gives the rest of the family time to look forward and book things to do. And we love the family days at the Hospice.”

Jade, whose daughter, Lola, is supported by our Children’s team



We organised a Christmas party, a coffee morning and an Easter egg hunt for children, young people and their families

Every donation helps make a difference

Our services are provided free of charge. However, with just 13% of our funding coming from statutory sources, we rely on 87% of our income from fundraising, donations, trusts, gifts in wills and our charity shops.

We are committed to doing whatever it takes to support people in our community. To keep meeting the growing needs and rising costs, we rely on the generosity of supporters like you to help make a real difference. Here are some examples of what you could help fund.

Contact us

If you would like to discuss making a one-off or regular donation, leaving a gift in your will, supporting us through your workplace/community group or taking part in a fundraising activity please contact us on:

fundraising@hospiceintheweald.org.uk

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Or scan the QR code.



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£100



Could provide four sessions with a professional counsellor, helping someone through one of the most difficult times.



£1,000

Could provide vital medical support and advice to someone in their own home, allowing them and their family to continue living in familiar surroundings.

£5,000



Could fund nurses to provide compassionate end-of-life care for two patients facing a terminal illness, ensuring their final days are comfortable, dignified and surrounded by those they love.



£15,000

Could provide a child and their family with support and home visits from our nurses for five years, helping parents recharge whilst their child takes part in fun and life-enhancing activities.