

Friends

The newsletter of Rossendale Hospice

The best way forward for the Hospice



Rossendale Hospice has developed a business strategy for the next three years. A group, led by trustee Brian Topping, has been working since an away-day meeting at the end of last year decided the Hospice needed a clearer way forward.

The overall aim of the strategy is to develop and expand the services of the Hospice and to do so in a business-like way.

The group's findings were welcomed at a recent board meeting and will now provide a basis for the charity's financial management, marketing, policy development and to make sure statutory requirements are met.

Better choice

Staff and trustees have worked on the document for several months and it has been explained to all staff. Key objectives include wider access to day therapy services at more convenient times and an expansion of the service, to refresh the Moving On group to assist discharged patients and to provide support for dementia patients and their carers.

Our Hospice at Home service will also be expanded to increase the number of night sits and to increase hours to provide a better choice and more flexibility.

Other objectives include the development of our team of experienced counsellors and advisers, a marketing campaign to raise awareness of our services and to work more closely with other organisations within Rossendale Health Centre.

Community asset

Brian Topping said: "The creation of this strategy opens a new chapter for the Hospice, demonstrating how staff and trustees want to nurture and develop an existing community asset. We recognise the high regard in which we are held but we equally accept the responsibility of ensuring our services embrace the changing needs and broadening scope of life-limiting conditions. "To make delivery of this strategy work we have drawn ideas from staff and management and taken into account the external pressures facing all public service organisations. Our funding is a mix of centralised funding and



Special Events Committee enjoying the Annual Ball the voluntary contributions and generosity of local people. Having a more business-like approach to our funding and how we allocate and prioritise this should place greater confidence in us with those who manage the public purse."

Hospice chairman Geoff Summers said: "I welcome the production of a formal business strategy for the Hospice. We have always looked ahead and planned improvements to our services and made real improvements across the board but we have now reached the stage where we need to involve everyone connected with the Hospice in developing more innovative and creative approaches to the delivery of care.

"A more structured framework will allow us to engage effectively with our staff, our volunteers and our users and with the statutory agencies with whom we work so closely to ensure that the services we provide in the future are fresh, reflect best practice and link seamlessly with end-of-life support provided by other groups."

A summary of our strategy is available on our website.

Thank you ladies

Once again the Hospice's annual ball has been a glittering success. This time there was a James Bond 007 theme and all guests enjoyed a wonderful evening at Manchester's iconic Midland Hotel.

The event was organised by volunteers from the Special Events Committee, our very own group of tireless ladies whose dedication has raised more than half a million pounds since the turn of the century! Guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal and compere Alan Keegan, the voice of Old Trafford, kept the guests entertained and got all the guests bidding generously.

The Hospice and the Special Events Committee are very grateful to guests who attended on the evening and gave so generously, and to all those who provided the spectacular auction and raffle prizes.

Hospice Chief Executive, Irene Smith said: "We are delighted by the huge amount raised and so very grateful that the Committee continue to support us."

So much achieved...so much more to do



I am constantly impressed by the enthusiasm and the dedication of staff and volunteers at the Hospice. We could not have achieved all we have over the last 25 years without that commitment.

Every member of staff and every volunteer is a representative of the Hospice and all we stand for and they – past and present – have done us proud. They have delivered our services and have helped the Hospice achieve a reputation and a level of support in the valley without which we could not have maintained and enhanced our range of activities for so long.

This is one very important reason why we have adopted a new approach to our planning. You will read elsewhere in the newsletter about our new business strategy This will

allow everyone to have their say and to play a part in helping us move forward with new ideas and opportunities and I am optimistic that, as a consequence, we will be more successful in changing and improving services in the coming years to meet the many and varied needs of people in the area with life-limiting conditions.

The administrative changes and the staffing merry-go-round in the NHS and local government seem never ending, but we have always persevered to create harmonious working relationships with the key people of the moment and this approach continues to provide dividends for us. You will read in the newsletter that we have been successful in bids to our Commissioners for long term funding for our specialist nurse support programme and for developing a befriending service. These decisions reflect our success in working with our current health and social

service colleagues and demonstrate their confidence that we can deliver new and innovative services for the benefit of our local community. Long may it continue!

We can never rest on our laurels and cannot assume that the present level of financial support will always continue. In every area of activity at the Hospice we are always striving to become more professional and efficient and our fundraising efforts are no exception. If we are to increase and improve our services we need the underlying financial resources to fund them. We will be introducing a number of innovations in the coming year and I sincerely hope you will be enthused by the new approaches to continue to support us and help ensure the future of a worthy charity that has done so much, but has so much more to do in the future.

**Geoff Summers,
Chairman.**

New group provide a helping hand for Dementia families

The very mention of the “D” word - dementia – conjures up different images for different people. For those who have had no direct experience of living with, or caring for, someone with the condition there are images of aggressive and unpredictable outbursts, repetitive questions or behaviour or no recognition of people emotionally close, including family members. For those who have lived with the condition, or cared for a loved one, there is the cruel heartbreak of losing someone although they are physically still there.

The awful truth is that dementia diagnosis is on the rise and, without a cure, the prevalence of its stigma, prejudice and lack of understanding will also rise. However it is an accepted fact that it is possible to live with dementia, particularly in the early stages.

Recently a local initiative was launched called Dementia Friendly Rossendale. It's volunteer driven and supported by local groups and Social and Health Sector departments. It's an attempt to break down barriers and prejudice and identify opportunities where the local community can help. For example dementia is not exclusively associated with age as diagnosis is happening more frequently with younger people. The initiative will provide

a sign-posting facility on practical issues such as making a will, Lasting Power of Attorney, support for carers; etc. It will initially focus on raising awareness and will work with local businesses and frontline services. Awareness will also be raised in schools, with the emergency services and most importantly there will be community events.

Fantastic projects

There are already two established and fantastic projects with the Rossendale Memory Choir and a Dementia Café. The Hospice is glad to be a key supporter of this initiative as the care we provide deals with the varied and complex issues that surround life limiting conditions. Dementia can be part of that picture and we will ensure we provide a wide range of expertise to deal with the many complexities of end of life care, and be part of the support that Rossendale can provide. You can raise your awareness of dementia by becoming a Dementia Friend which will involve attending a short training event. If you want to know more about Dementia Friends or Dementia Friendly Rossendale please contact: Andy Laverty: andy.laverty@eastlancscg.nhs.uk or telephone 01282 644919 **Brian Topping
Chair of Dementia Friendly Rossendale**

Come and help at the shops

Calling all volunteers...the Hospice shops need you.

We are currently in negotiation for a new shop in Waterfoot and shops manager Caren Cookson on 07506594850 would love to hear from anyone prepared to volunteer for a day or half a day at the new shop.

Bacup shop also needs more volunteers and more donations. Please ring Caren to volunteer or 872507 if you have goods to donate.

Caren said: “We rely on our volunteers and on regular donations of things to sell. We get great support from the community and are always grateful for the help we get but it's a never ending process and a bit more help in Bacup would be well received.”

The Waterfoot shop should be open in a couple of months but it would help if anyone with a little time to spare contacted Caren as soon as possible.

Are you a dab hand at EBay?

We are looking for a volunteer who can help us to maximise sales from goods donated to the shops by selling them on Ebay.

If you have an hour or two a week to spare and can help us please contact Caren Cookson, Shops Manager on 01706 240084 or call our volunteer co-ordinator on 01706 253633.



Finish-line welcome: Lisa Vincent, Trustee Graham Mangham, Will Straw, Ed Howard, Will Gresford and Trustee Brian Topping

Ed and Ed back Will's cycle marathon

Will Straw, Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate for Rossendale, teamed up with friends, Ed Howard and Will Gresford, to cycle 230 miles from London to Rossendale in just three days to fundraise for the Hospice. The trio managed to raise more than £1,800 thanks to donations from the community, as well as from Labour Leader Ed Miliband and shadow chancellor Ed Balls.

Will said: “It was an amazing experience

but not one that any of us will be repeating. After covering over 200 miles, the climb into Edenfield was hard work but it's all been worthwhile for the generosity of so many people who've sponsored us.” We are very grateful to Will and his friends for having chosen to support Rossendale Hospice. Their fundraising has put Rossendale on the map, and will be inspirational to others.

Thank you to all our community fundraisers

Once again your fabulous fundraisers have proven too numerous to mention individually but we would like to thank every one of you who organised an event on our behalf. Your tireless commitment to the Hospice is phenomenal. Here are just a few of the community fundraisers who have helped the Hospice and our patients over the last few months:

Rawtenstall's Spring Terrace Folk Club held a Folk & Rock night at Haslingden St Mary's FC. Organised and compered by Ian Walkden, the evening raised more than £900. The Red Lion, Rawtenstall held a Golf Day at Rossendale Golf Club and raised a fantastic £1010! Rhys Roberts' Zumbathon, his third Hospice fundraiser, attracted a good crowd with a carnival theme making it a very colourful occasion. The event raised £1166.

If you are a member of a club or group, or perhaps a regular in one of our great community pubs, and you've been sitting on a great fundraising idea for a while please get in touch and we'd be happy to support your event. **Call the Fundraising Team on: 01706 253633 Opt 3.**

Would you like to be a Hospice Trustee?

Would you like to make a positive impact on the lives of local people living with a life-limiting illness?

Rossendale Hospice trustees carry out a wide range of duties and are responsible for making the charity effective, providing overall direction and the sound management of funds. We are currently looking to recruit an additional Trustee in a voluntary capacity to our board.

In terms of commitment and time, the Board meets every 6 weeks and we have an established membership who bring with them a variety of skills, professionalism and expertise.

We would particularly like to attract a new member who has a special interest or expertise in IT, or a financial background, but would welcome anyone who feels they would like to be part of a dedicated and enthusiastic team with a desire to support the Hospice and give something back to the community.

For further information call Irene Smith CEO for an informal discussion on 01706 253635.



Happy families enjoy a day in the sunshine and help provide Rossendale Hospice with some much needed cash.

Bringing Rossendale Together as One(sie!)

This summer we found a new way of putting the FUN into fundraising as we invited the people of Rossendale to don their most flamboyant onesies for the first ever Rossendale Hospice Onesie Walk. From superheroes to jungle beasts, our onesie walkers swarmed through Rawtenstall in sweltering temperatures. Starting and finishing in Whitaker Park, this sponsored 3 mile spectacle saw onesie walkers of all shapes and sizes and raised more than £4000.

Actor, TV presenter and Radio Lancashire DJ, Ted Robbins ensured the crowd were in high spirits as he opened the walk and presented medals to each hardy walker as they crossed the finish line. Winfields Outdoors sponsored the event and also entered a staff team helping to raise more than £300 for the Hospice.

The team at Freddie's Hair were one of a number of local businesses who snapped up the opportunity to have some fun by encouraging their staff to wear 'Onesies to Work' before the Walk and they



Fun for some, warm work for others on a great day out.

achieved the impossible by showing that it's even possible to look glam in a onesie!

Fun-loving walkers of all ages made it a memorable occasion. This was our first mass participation event and it was a resounding success, so to all of those eye-catching tigers, funky parrots, superb spidermen and, of course, banana-man, we thank you all. We enjoyed it so much that we're already thinking of ideas for next year, watch this space!!

Are you really ready for the Firewalk Challenge?



We are looking for Rossendale's most fearless to take on this nerve-shredding challenge which we hope will help raise the funds we need to expand our services. This one is definitely not for the faint-hearted, nerves of steel are essential!

It's the perfect opportunity for our most daring supporters to test their courage and there's the added bonus that it doesn't require months of training! It's a challenge that leaves participants feeling invincible, an exceptional teambuilding experience.

This event, on October 10, promises to be our most high profile fundraiser yet. There has already been strong media interest so this also provides a great PR opportunity. If you have a burning desire to try something

new or if you simply want to come along to watch and support your friends register as a Firewalker and/or buy guest spectator tickets on: www.rossendalehospice.org/firewalk or call the Fundraising Team on 01706 253633 opt 3. Please note that places are strictly limited so early registration is advised.

Why not hold your own fundraising event?

Whether you've been sitting on a brilliant fundraising idea for some time and now feel inspired to act, or perhaps you're just looking for a great excuse to get your friends together please call the Fundraising Team on 01706 253633 Option 3.....we'll do all we can to make sure that your fundraising efforts are a great success.



Business lends a helping hand

We are delighted to report that support from Rossendale's business community is gathering momentum and here are just a few examples of the way local businesses have helped recently:

The Team at **ROSSENDALES LTD** continue to be innovative with their fundraising and through a creative combination of cake sales, dress down days, lunchtime beauty treatments, a 'Healthy Eating Club' and a very popular Golf Day have raised £1240.

We were delighted to be amongst a number of charities to benefit from **CORMAR CARPETS'** successful Give As You Earn Scheme as selected by their industrious Charities Committee. We received a donation of £3,000, thanks to all at Cormar Carpets.

PROCTOR PROCESS PLANT LTD have donated £1500, thank you.

Jason Gledhill, Regional Director of **HSBC**, undertook the Pennine 10K on behalf of the Hospice and raised a fantastic £886 with the help of matched funding from HSBC.

Those hardworking staff at the Rawtenstall branch of the **HALIFAX** have just appointed the Hospice as their charity partner for the year. They are planning to host a series of events, raffles and tombolas to help fundraise and, as the Halifax operates a matched funding policy, staff are determined to make a very positive impact. These very brave bankers are even getting together to face their fears in our Firewalk Challenge.

WINFIELDS OUTDOORS kindly sponsored our Onesie Walk and provided each of our 'finishers' with well-deserved medals. Their sponsorship meant we were able to extend the reach of the event allowing us to attract participants from a wider area, raising awareness of our services and much needed funds. They even entered a very colourful team of Onesie Walkers.

In recognition of achieving 2 years operating accident free **BAXENDEN CHEMICALS** have donated £250, thanks.

Roland's say it with flowers

Many local businesses support the Hospice in all kinds of wonderful ways and **ROLAND'S FLORIST & GIFTS** brightens the Hospice week in, week out, with a fabulous donation of beautiful blooms, appreciated by patients, visitors and staff.

This kind hearted florist is also planning to link with the Hospice for a flower arranging demonstration very soon. Keep an eye on our website for details and, if you need flowers for any occasion, you know who to call: Roland's are based at 85-87 Bacup Road, Rawtenstall Tel: 01706-831880. With over 20 years of experience they can supply everything from a simple bouquet to spectacular floral creations.

Milestone meeting opens new doors for the Hospice



Members of the Corporate Development Group attend their first meeting.

A new group has been set up to help the Hospice engage with local businesses and its inaugural meeting was held on 11 September. The Corporate Development Group comprises some of the most influential business leaders in Rossendale. It aims to create a new team of ambassadors for the Hospice and to raise more funds, helping the Hospice reach more people in need of its services.

The Hospice's Head of Fundraising, Paul Gauntlett says: "the Hospice will benefit from the Group members in a number of ways, both individually and collectively. We hope to gain from the expertise and experience of the leaders of our business community and we hope that the Group will provide opportunities to talk about the work of the Hospice to a wider audience." The Group will be chaired by Les Nutter, Managing Partner of Cassons, a firm

of chartered accountants & business advisers with offices in Haslingden.

He said: "I was honoured to be asked to chair the Group and to join with business colleagues from the Valley in this important initiative to support our local Hospice. I'm keen to help galvanise the business community as there is so much that we can give. All of us employ people who have benefitted personally from the support the Hospice provides, or may in the future. I'm delighted by the response from the business leaders at the first meeting and I'm confident that the group will go from strength to strength."

If anyone would like to learn more about the Group, please contact Paul Gauntlett or Lisa Vincent, Marketing & Corporate Development Manager, on 01706 253633 Option 3, or email fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

Please sign up for our Supporters' Scheme

The Hospice's new Supporters' Scheme was launched in August when 1,200 of our supporters were mailed, asking whether they would consider giving the Hospice 'a little something' each month by direct debit. By giving as little as £4 a month you can help make a huge difference to patients and their families. We are appealing to our existing supporters because we know you will understand why it is important for us to be able to plan for the future, knowing we have a steady income we can rely on.

In return you will receive a certificate and badge, but most importantly, the satisfaction

of knowing you are making a valuable contribution to our vital work. You will receive an invitation to an annual' reception where you will be among the first to learn about new developments and we will have the opportunity to outline the impact that the Supporters' Scheme has made. Above all it will provide us with an invaluable opportunity to listen to your views. If you would like to be a member of our Supporters' Scheme, or would like to discuss the Scheme further, please contact Paul Gauntlett, Head of Fundraising on 01706 253633 Option 3, or email fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

Remarkable Ruby and Margaret – an unstoppable duo



Margaret Tomlinson and Ruby Farrell

Nine-year-old Ruby Farrell has been on a mission to fundraise for the Hospice. Ruby decided she wanted to do something when her great-grandmother, Margaret Tomlinson, came as a patient, and so Margaret and Ruby worked tirelessly to stage their own garden party. Ruby's mum, Georgina, helped host the event at her grandparents' house in Helmshore, the garden was transformed to include gazebos, stalls with crafts, cakes and plants, a tombola and a grand raffle with over 30 prizes and £500 was raised. Ruby's grandmother, Pauline McDonald, said: "She's a shy little girl so to see her doing something like this is wonderful." Ruby is now aiming to become our youngest owner of an engraved leaf on the Hospice 'Giving Tree' and is planning more fundraising activities.

Diary Dates

October

5th -11th Hospice Care Week – Why not get together with friends or colleagues and hold your own event to support Hospice Care Week? How about a coffee morning or a dress down day or why not donate goods to our shops, purchase some artwork on our Ebay site or do your online shopping through the Give as you Live site.

9th Asda Collection Day, Rawtenstall. Please support us by donating an hour or two of your busy day by collecting for us at the store, contact: fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

10th Hospice Hero Day - a great excuse to don those superhero capes and have some fun!

We're encouraging schools and businesses to dress as heroes for the day in return for a donation.

10th Firewalk Challenge the shortest, hottest sponsored walk is coming to Rossendale.

To register or buy spectator tickets go to:

www.rossendalehospice.org/firewalk

23rd Inter-School Penny Challenge ends

30th Cake Sale by The Friends Group 10am – 3pm Ground floor Rawtenstall Health Centre

November

15th Terry Johnson's Centenary Remembrance Concert at the Elizabethan Suite, Bury Town Hall with the Blackburn and Darwen brass band, proceeds to Rossendale and Bury Hospices, tickets £14 including supper, contact Terry: 07821154982

27th Sale and Information Day - Ground floor Rawtenstall Health Centre, an opportunity to find out more about the Hospice and buy some fabulous artwork

29th/30th Santa's Grotto at Woodcocks, Howarth & Nuttall Solicitors, Bank Street, Rawtenstall

December

5th Ladies Christmas Lunch at Nino's. Tickets £45 on sale from 3rd November.

5th Christmas Ball at The Riverside, Whitworth, 3 course meal and entertainment for £35 contact Jimmy Eaton: 07966 410774

9th/10th Tesco Collection Days, Haslingden please support us by donating an hour or two of your busy day by collecting for us at the store. Contact: fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

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School celebrates in style

This year marked the 25th anniversary of Rossendale School and to commemorate the occasion the school staged two events which were successful charity fundraisers. Firstly there was 'Rossendale In The Park', a summer celebration with music, stalls and a barbecue attended by current students and families and a special dinner attended by alumni from the last quarter of a century where seven courses were prepared by the school's chef. Thanks to all at Rossendale School for the funds raised throughout your very special weekend.

Working together to improve care in the community

We are proud to be part of a community-wide team working closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group to develop services which support patients to manage health issues within their own home. Eighteen months ago the CCG agreed to commission a nursing post which would help people with non-malignant diagnoses to better manage their condition at home.

The Rossendale Support Nurse's role has recently been appraised and the overwhelming feeling is that a dedicated, patient-centred, one-to-one care/case management service is now in place.

Andy Laverty, Locality Commissioning Manager, East Lancashire CCG comments:

"As part of this recognition the Support Nurse role has gained in importance with the emergence of Integrated Neighbourhood teams with case-management of patients on a larger scale that at present. Clinicians have all been hugely impressed by what the Support Nurse has been able to achieve in such a short period.

"Principally the Support Nurse has been directly involved in the care of patients with a range of long term conditions which include the frail and the elderly. Patients have been seen in their own homes, supplemented by visits to the Hospice Day Therapy Service where appropriate rather than requiring admission

to hospital. The introduction of the Support Nurse has reduced health costs attributed to many of her patients and it has been possible to demonstrate estimated savings in addition to reduction in GP input. During this project the referrals to the Support Nurse have increased rapidly which has helped establish the role quickly within the community.

Level of service

"The Support Nurse is currently seen by many as filling a gap similar in many ways to what the Community Matron had done previously. The Support Nurse caseload has become wide-ranging and patient conditions include COPD, Dementia, Heart Failure, Diabetes, Parkinson's disease and other conditions. This has increased the Support Nurse's skill base which leads to an enhanced level of service.

"Building on the success of the Support Nurse local GPs have agreed that it is to be extended so a small team is developed that will include not only another Support Nurse but also to incorporate a befriending service. The Hospice volunteer network, as part of the befriending aspect of this service, would start to pick up the social and emotional aspects of the Support Nurse role, freeing the nurses to concentrate on the medical aspects of care, increasing the number of patients seen."



Eve... always ready for a swim

Eve's truly magnificent swims

Courageous swimmer Eve Tunnicliffe undertook a huge personal challenge to complete the UK's open water 'Great Swims', a very chilly challenge!

Eve swam a mile across Windermere, a mile at Alton Water, followed with a mile across Salford Quays in driving rain and then it was the depths of Loch Lomond. For the last leg Eve travelled to the Great London Swim at Millwall Dock, but the event was cancelled and Eve completed her final mile in the comparative luxury of a swimming pool.

Eve's fearless determination and commitment to the Hospice is truly inspirational. To date Eve has raised over £300. You can support Eve by going to:

www.justgiving.com/Eve-Tunnicliffe-rossendale-hospice

A day for super heroes

Once again our marvellous school communities are competing in our Interschool Penny Pinching Challenge. Always well-supported, this initiative is a great help to the Hospice. We are hoping that the 2014 Challenge will inspire even more of our schools and we're planning to round off this year's challenge with an invitation for pupils to join our Hospice Hero Day on 10th October, a great excuse to don those superhero capes!

Timed to coincide with Hospice Care Week nationally and with our Firewalk Challenge we are hoping to see as many schools as possible allowing pupils (and teachers!) to come as their own superhero, whether that means as a caped crusader, a superstar singer or an international footballer in return for a small donation to the Hospice which will be counted towards your school's Challenge Total.

For more details contact Fundraising on 01706 253633 option 3.

Sam uses his head



Sam holding his hair

When 11 year old Sam Rawlinson decided to raise funds for the Hospice he knew that grabbing people's attention was likely to be the best way forward and he did just that when he had his locks shaved off at 'Hair Parade' in Helmshore. This very determined young man's headshave attracted lots of interest and raised a fantastic £500.

Annual golf spectacular raises £6,000

Now in its seventh successful year, the Woodcocks, Haworth & Nuttall annual Golf Day has gone from strength to strength raising thousands of pounds for the Hospice. This year nearly 20 businesses from across East Lancashire gathered at Rossendale Golf Club to compete. The event raised £6,000 for the Hospice and the winning team was 'Demolition Bandits'. Team captain, Derek Nuttall said: "Everyone had an excellent time and it's great to hear how our efforts will benefit Rossendale Hospice as it continues to provide care for thousands of local people."

David McCann, senior partner at Woodcocks, Haworth & Nuttall said: "This event has become a key date in the calendar with lots of business men and women already enquiring about next year's event."



The Demolition Bandits: Andrew Birtwistle, Derek Nuttall, Stephen Holt and Richard Riley

A great honour for the Hospice

Rossendale Hospice is now one of only two hospices in the country with its counselling and psychotherapy services accredited by the largest professional body.

It took Marion McCall, Family Support Lead at the Hospice, several months to gather the evidence needed to apply for accreditation to the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists. She submitted the details last year and was notified in March that the hospice had been successful.

"My colleague, Sarah, and I have had individual accreditation for many years, but now the counselling service as a whole at the Hospice has been accredited.

"It is a tribute to the work that is done here. Some people think Hospice counselling is about a cup of tea and a chat but it's much more professional than that and this accreditation demonstrates the value and quality of the counselling and psychotherapy services the Hospice provides.

"It will also help the Hospice when it applies for grants or commissioning of new services in confirming the level of service professionalism and expertise"

BACP is the largest professional body in the counselling movement and is charged with maintaining professional standards.

"There are about 140 accredited counselling

services in the country" Marion said "but many of them are hospitals or large organisations. I only know of one other hospice that has been accredited. It was a significant piece of work to provide the evidence needed but it has been worthwhile. It proves the value of our work and shows the outside world that professional standards apply here."

Hospice chief executive Irene Smith said: "This is a tribute to Marion's team and to the hospice. We are very proud of the work they do and this accreditation has enhanced the hospice's reputation as a provider of quality services for the benefit of our patients".

Heroes at The Griffin



Regulars at The Griffin in Haslingden supported the Hospice with their Heroes & Villains evening. Wonderwoman, Cruella DeVil and Spiderman were spotted amongst a colourful crowd.

There was a raffle of over 40 prizes donated by local businesses and entertainment from Dan Molloy. Everybody enjoyed the evening and The Griffin are thinking of making it an annual event. Rachel Haworth from The Griffin said: "It was overwhelming to see such a huge turn out for such a worthy cause. We can't thank everyone enough for helping us raise £640." Rachel has also signed up to represent The Griffin at our Firewalk Challenge and so will be getting a second chance to don her fabulous Wonder-Woman outfit!

Team Rossendale's big run



Team Rossendale ready to run...together they raised more than £1100 for the Hospice

Helen Lockwood, Chief Executive of Rossendale Council, teamed up with 14 staff and councillors to run the Pennine 10k for the Hospice and 'Team Rossendale' was formed. Helen set up a weekly running club with her colleagues as they geared up to take on the challenge.

The runners quickly improved their fitness ensuring they were all able to complete the run. Together the novice runners have raised over £1100 for the Hospice. Helen said: "Thank you for being so generous. The race is over and everyone did really well but you can still donate if you wish."

Councillors Liz McInnes and Patrick Marriott completed the course within a second of each other. Councillor McInnes said: "This helped strengthen our working relationships and I'm looking forward to doing it again next year." In fact Liz found herself bitten by the fundraising bug and later joined councillor Steve Hughes to complete the Hospice's Onesie Walk and raised even more funds for the Hospice! Many thanks to Rossendale Council's runners for helping the Hospice, it is very much appreciated.

Rossendale Hospice contact details...

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01706 222712 Day Therapy

Email: admin@rossendalehospice.org

Web: www.rossendalehospice.org

Rossendale Hospice, New Cribden House,
Rossendale Primary Health Care Centre,
161 Bacup Road, Rawtenstall BB4 7PL.

Fundraising and Volunteering

If you think you can help, ring Fundraising on 01706 253633 or email fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

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