

MARY ANN NEWS

2025/26

Here's a summary of what we have been up to in the last 12 months at Mary Ann. This edition is full of uplifting stories and heartfelt updates, which we hope you enjoy reading.



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WELCOME

TO OUR WINTER NEWSLETTER 2025

I would like to start by thanking you for your continued support of the Mary Ann Evans Hospice, during what continues to be a particularly challenging time.

We closed our financial year 2024 with a deficit of £212,535, and unfortunately, 2025 has not brought the financial recovery we had hoped for. The gap between our income and expenditure continues to widen, and this has placed significant pressure on our reserves.

Despite these challenges, our commitment to providing accessible, high-quality palliative, end-of-life, and bereavement care remains firm. We are proud of the impact we continue to make in the lives of local people, and we are determined to ensure that our services remain available to all who need them.

To secure our future, we launched a three-year strategy at the end of 2024, focused on sustainability. One of our key initiatives is the consolidation of our Nuneaton retail stores

into Mary Ann's Marketplace, which we hope will strengthen our financial position.

We've also seen the power of legacy giving—unexpected legacies have helped us weather difficult years in the past. Regular giving, whether monthly, quarterly, or annually, also plays a vital role in helping us plan and sustain our services.

This year, we have strengthened our relationships with local businesses, the NHS, and other care providers, including a special partnership with The Shakespeare Hospice, which we believe will be mutually beneficial and impactful.

We know that we cannot do this alone. Your support—whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word—makes all the difference.

In 2026 we will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary and we are appealing to our local

community to support the Mary Ann Evans Hospice, the work we do and the difference we make to the lives of local people.

Thank you for standing with us in 2025 and into 2026. Together, we can continue to provide compassionate care to those who need it most.

Liz Hancock
Chief Executive



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WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



Mary Ann Evans Hospice is a community hospice dedicated to providing compassionate end-of-life care for individuals living with life-limiting illnesses in Nuneaton, Bedworth, and North Warwickshire.

Our mission is to deliver high-quality physical, emotional, social, and spiritual support not only to our patients and clients but also to their families and loved ones.

To meet the diverse needs of our community, we offer a range of services including Hospice at Home, 24-hour Rapid Response, and our on-site Wellbeing Centre.

In addition to end-of-life care, we provide an on-site Family Support and Bereavement Centre, a Lymphoedema Clinic for those affected by cancer-related lymphoedema, and a Complementary Therapy service.

As a registered charity, we rely on the generosity of our local community to continue offering these vital services free of charge to patients, clients and their families.

- £5 can help towards funding a Complementary Therapy session.
- £10 contributes towards a one-to-one Family Support and Bereavement session.
- £20 supports a personal care visit through our Hospice at Home service.

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***Thank you for supporting
Mary Ann Evans Hospice and
making a difference to the
lives of those we care for.***



HIGH LIGHTS

It's been an incredible year at Mary Ann Evans Hospice, with many exciting new events held in support of our cause.

We began the year by celebrating our CEO, Liz Hancock's 60th birthday, which also marked the launch of our Cheers to 60 campaign! This initiative encouraged supporters to host 60 coffee mornings throughout 2025. Thanks to everyone involved, the campaign has been a tremendous success, raising both awareness and much-needed funds for the hospice.

Next, we laced up our running shoes and got moving! Supporters took part in three fantastic running events: the Drayton Manor 5 km race, the London Marathon, and the Rugby Half Marathon. Every runner had their own personal reasons for fundraising, and we are deeply grateful for their dedication and generosity.

During the summer, we hosted our lively Summer Fayre, featuring performances by the Nuneaton Ukulele Jam Band, The Yallar Belly Dance Group, and a talented singing duo - Fran and Aaron from Living Proof Band. With the sun shining, the day was a wonderful success, bringing the community together to support Mary Ann.



August saw the opening of our new store, Mary Ann's Marketplace. It has quickly become a bustling hub for bargain hunters and conscious consumers alike, offering a wide selection of clothing, furniture, books, and toys - all at affordable prices. Don't forget to visit the café on the first floor for a well-deserved break!

Looking ahead, we are honoured to host our joint event with Devall & Son: Eternal Lights, taking place on Sunday, 7th December 2025. Now in its second year, this beautiful event honours the memory of loved ones during the Christmas season. To find out more information on Eternal Lights, please get in touch on 02476 865440.



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CLINICAL GROUPS

Alongside the vital services that we provide to our patients and their families, Mary Ann also runs monthly groups for members of our local community to attend, to connect and socialise with others facing similar challenges.



GREEN THERAPY GROUP



Our Green Therapy Group is open to our bereaved clients and takes place as monthly sessions over a six-month period. They are located at the hospice, mainly in its garden, helping to improve wellbeing by spending time in nature, creating new habitats to boost biodiversity and support the wildlife.

MND SUPPORT GROUP

The MND Support Group is an informal and friendly space for people living with MND, family members, and carers, to meet and share experiences. Volunteers and staff from the Mary Ann Evans Hospice and MND Association are available at these monthly sessions to provide you with information, guidance, and support.



CARERS WELLBEING GROUP



This group is open for family and carers who support those with a palliative diagnosis. It is a friendly and welcoming space for people to share experiences. Our staff and volunteers are on hand to provide guidance, information, and a safe space during these monthly sessions.

GOOD GRIEF CAFE

This is a place to meet and chat with others who are bereaved. The Good Grief Café is hosted monthly by our Family Support and Bereavement Team, providing a relaxed atmosphere that allows any emotion that arrives on the day. The group shares tears and laughter, ideas, achievements, and problem-solving opportunities. This is encountered together as a peer group with relatable experiences.



TO JOIN OR FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE MONTHLY GROUPS, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOSPICE ON 02476 865440. THANK YOU.



PATIENT STORIES

STEVE'S STORY: MARCHING FORWARD – FINDING STRENGTH AFTER MY MND DIAGNOSIS

In March 2024, I was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), a progressive condition that gradually destroys the motor neurons in the body, affecting movement, speech, swallowing, and even breathing.

As someone who has always lived an active life, including serving in the Parachute Regiment during my military career, receiving this diagnosis was absolutely devastating. At first, I found myself in a very dark place, but then the Mary Ann Evans Hospice reached out to me.

Their dedicated MND team offered support when I needed it most, helping me navigate those first overwhelming months and bringing me back to a place of strength and focus.



Their support inspired me to give back. In November 2024, I organised a charity ball in aid of the hospice. Earlier that year, I also took part in a 10-mile march, a challenge I hadn't faced since the 1970s, when I completed it as part of my training to become a paratrooper.

I've now raised over £4,000 for the hospice, to show my appreciation for the outstanding care they have given me and continue to provide.

Thank you to everyone at Mary Ann Evans Hospice. Your compassion, care, and commitment have made an immeasurable difference in my life.



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SAM'S STORY: BY THEIR SIDE – A JOURNEY OF LOVE, LOSS, AND SUPPORT

My journey started with Mary Ann Evans Hospice when my mum, Carol, was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Mum was so scared of dying in hospital and I made a promise to her that she wouldn't have to. One I wasn't sure I could keep.

Things got tough with mum's care quite quickly and we had to get some outside support in to help with her care. That's when the team from Mary Ann stepped in, and I must say I instantly felt safe and supported from their very first visit.

I was given access to pre-bereavement support at Mary Ann, through their Family Support Service and Issy has been my safe space ever since first meeting her. She helped me to understand mum and what was happening to her, and I felt like I could let all my frustrations out without any judgement.

Sadly, my mum died less than a year after her diagnosis. I am so grateful to the Hospice at Home Team and Issy, as without them I would never have been able to have honoured mum's wishes.

Tragedy struck again for my family just a few months after, and this time it was my father-in-law, Tom, who became very



unwell. We realised quite quickly that he was nearing end of life, and again I made

that promise to him that I would care for him at home. I was still so deep in my grief journey from mum dying and just wasn't sure if I had the strength in me.

We were offered care in his home, but I had no idea who would be providing that care. When I opened the door that day and the team from Mary Ann were stood on the doorstep I just broke down. I cannot explain the relief I felt, and I knew instantly I could do this. And I did, and with the continued support from the hospice, Tom died with care and dignity at home.

I will always be so grateful of the support we have received from Mary Ann. Their caring manner when delivering personal care, the education offered to me to care for both mum and Tom correctly, and the support for my grief journey, which is ongoing. It has all just been so wonderful. I feel that I have given a gift to both my mum, and to Tom, and I will always be thankful of the hospice for their part in that. I never want to have to do this again, but if I did then I would want Mary Ann Evans Hospice by my side.



Give the gift of **REGULAR GIVING**

Mary Ann Evans Hospice is a registered charity. While we work closely with the NHS, a significant part of our funding comes from the generosity of our local community.

By becoming a regular giver, you're helping us plan for the future with confidence, enabling us to grow and adapt our services to care for those who need us most.

Make a difference today

Scan the QR code to visit our donation page, where you can choose to make a one-off gift or set up a regular donation.



Remember a loved one with our

MEMORIAL WALL



Our Memorial Wall offers a meaningful way to honour the memory of someone special, while also supporting the work of Mary Ann. It was created in memory of Bill Olnor, former Labour MP for Nuneaton, who played a key role in founding our hospice in 1991.

Each plaque on the wall commemorates a loved one who was cared for by our team. To find out how you can add a name to our Memorial Wall, call us on 02476 865440.

Thank you for supporting Mary Ann.



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Ways you can support us

Here are some ways that you, or your organisation, could support your local hospice.



Charity of the Year

Choose Mary Ann to be your Charity of the Year where you aim to raise a set amount of money for the hospice in that year.



Bake Sale

Hold a bake sale to raise funds for Mary Ann.



Donation Bins

Borrow our donation bins for a period of time and fill it with clothes, toys, books etc for our shops to sell.



Host a Coffee Morning

Attend a Mary Ann Coffee Morning or host your own at your workplace on behalf of Mary Ann.



Fun Run/Sports Challenge

Pay to take part in a fun run or similar sporting challenge.



Volunteer

Spend a day volunteering for our hospice, such as gardening, retail support, or patient wellbeing.



Support our Eternal Lights event

Attend our annual winter memorial event, held in partnership with Devall & Son. You could also volunteer your time to support the event.



Mary Ann's Summer Fayre

Attend our annual Summer Fayre to raise money for Mary Ann, or offer your time and host a stall.



Jolly Jumper Day

Wear a 'Jolly Jumper' during the festive period and donate the money raised to Mary Ann.

VOLUNTEER STORIES

JOSIE TOWN: A HEARTFELT JOURNEY WITH MARY ANN EVANS HOSPICE

I began volunteering at Mary Ann in April 2005, 20 years ago. Having spent my entire career in general practice, I wanted to give something back to the local community. I knew Mary Ann was the perfect place to do just that.

Starting as a receptionist, I've continued in this role throughout my time here. Then, 10 years ago, Liz, our hospice CEO, asked me to join the board of trustees. As the first volunteer ever invited to join the board, I was truly honoured to bring the volunteer perspective, shaped by my many years of service.

Over the years, there have been many rewarding experiences at Mary Ann, but what stands out most for me is witnessing patients arrive for their sessions at the Wellbeing Centre. Seeing firsthand how deeply we care for them and the difference it makes is a constant reminder of why Mary Ann is so essential to our community.

My husband, Brian, has also been volunteering at the hospice for 17 years, helping in the estates and facilities department. His skills in maintenance and his love of gardening make him a perfect fit for helping care for the hospice and its beautiful grounds.



In our free time, Brian and I enjoy weekends away in our caravan, which we have had for 53 years. We used to go away with our daughters, and as they have grown up, we have continued our travels around the UK as just the two of us.

Volunteering, and in my case, serving as a trustee, has been a truly fulfilling journey. Watching Mary Ann grow and evolve over the years has been inspiring, and we're excited to see how it continues to expand in the future.



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MARGARET BALDING: FINDING PURPOSE THROUGH GRIEF

I was just 59 when my husband, Roger, sadly passed away. It was a tremendous shock, however, with the help of my wonderful family and friends, I found a way to move forward. I felt very lucky to have the support I did and found a way to rebuild a new life. My work colleagues were also a great part of this. Yes, I would cry all the way to and from work, but it gave me purpose, and my colleagues made that purpose possible.

When I retired at 66, it felt like the right time to look for a new challenge in life, and that's where I came across Mary Ann Evans Hospice. My friend had recently been bereaved and had asked me to support her by attending a meeting with the Family Support Team at Mary Ann. Sitting through that meeting really made me wish I had looked into counselling and I made a comment to the lady to say how I wish I'd have explored that as a career. "Why not look at volunteering for Mary Ann in the Family Support Team?" she replied.

A few weeks later, I started my volunteering journey with the hospice. I initially supported the Jigsaw programme, which offered group support to bereaved clients. I then had the honour to move to providing 1 to 1 support for clients, which is where my passion truly lies.

I always say to clients that I haven't got a magic wand – I wish I did. What I can offer, though, is a safe space, a listening ear, and to be there for them as they travel through their grief journey. I have supported many clients over the 12 years of volunteering for Mary Ann, and I can honestly say it has been a privilege to support everyone through the most traumatic time of their lives. Supporting them supports me! It provides me with more strength, more empathy and more understanding. I feel it's such an honour to volunteer for Mary Ann, and something I hope to be able to do for many more years to come.



**WE
APPRECIATE
YOU!**





MARY ANN'S MARKETPLACE

IN AUGUST, WE
OPENED THE DOORS
TO OUR BRAND NEW
STORE, MARY ANN'S
MARKETPLACE.

Located at the Ropewalk Shopping Centre, Nuneaton, this new venture brings together our Home Store on Weddington Terrace and our Nuneaton Shop on Harefield Road, both of which closed in mid-August to make way for our exciting Marketplace store.

Mary Ann's Marketplace brings with it a vibrant community hub offering preloved clothes, vintage, homeware, furniture, sports equipment, books, media, and even a small café. It's a place to shop sustainably, connect with others, and most importantly, support a vital local cause. Every purchase helps change lives, supporting people in our community affected by a life-limiting illness.



KAY ALEXANDER
MBE, AND PATRON
OF THE HOSPICE,
CUTTING THE
RIBBON TO
OFFICIALLY OPEN
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To find out more about Mary Ann's Marketplace, please call the store on
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Opening hours

Monday – Saturday: 9 am – 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Located in the former H&M store (briefly the Jobcentre Plus), Mary Ann's Marketplace is our second store to open 7 days a week.

It's designed to be a welcoming space for bargain hunters and conscious consumers alike.

Liz Hancock, CEO at Mary Ann Evan's Hospice, said: "We are thrilled to bring Mary Ann's Marketplace to Nuneaton's Ropewalk Shopping Centre. This store provides a wonderful shopping experience to our loyal customers, whilst also attracting new customers to shop with Mary Ann. It gives the public an opportunity to shop with a conscience, finding unique preloved items while knowing their purchases directly benefit our patients and their families.

With hospices nationwide facing funding challenges, this initiative reflects our commitment to diversifying income streams and securing the future of local hospice care. One shop in place of two helps reduce costs while investing in a larger, more centrally located space.

Whether you're shopping, enjoying a coffee, or donating items, your support will help us continue our vital work within the local community. We do hope you'll enjoy the experience too".



SUMMER FAYRE

A Fantastic Day at Our Annual Summer Fayre!

On Saturday, 5th July 2025, we enjoyed an incredible day at our annual Summer Fayre, and what a success it was!

With so many local organisations coming together to support us, we feel truly grateful for everyone's generosity and community spirit.

The fayre was packed with stall holders, a bouncy castle, live music, tombolas, raffles, children's entertainment, and a mouthwatering selection of cakes, all lovingly baked by Mary Ann supporters.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, we raised an impressive £1,560.15! This fantastic amount will directly support the vital care we provide to our patients, clients, and their families.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to the organisations that helped make the day even better by supporting key aspects of the event:

- Instarmac generously donated £250, which helped us cover decorations, food, and drinks.
- Eco UK Group sponsored the bouncy castle for the second year running, and thanks to Tracy & Stuart for volunteering their time to supervise it.
- Asda Nuneaton kindly donated cakes and water for our stalls, giving a real boost to our fundraising total.

The incredible generosity of this year's sponsors has played a huge part in our success, and everyone at Mary Ann is truly grateful. Thank you all for making this day so special.

We are now looking forward to our 2026 Summer Fayre, taking place on Saturday, 27th June. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information in the new year!



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Cheers TO 60!



At the start of 2025, we launched our **Cheers to 60** campaign in celebration of our CEO, **Liz Hancock's 60th birthday**, which she celebrated in January.

We kicked off the campaign with our first Cheers to 60 coffee morning at the hospice on Friday, January 31st, inviting many of our local supporters to join us for coffee, cake, and birthday celebrations.

During this event, we also opened up the campaign to supporters and the wider community, encouraging people to host their own Cheers to 60 coffee mornings wherever they choose.

The goal? To host 60 coffee mornings throughout 2025, organised by local businesses, organisations, schools, and individuals, all supporting the hospice.

So far, the campaign has been a huge success, raising £3,000 and counting! We have had an amazing response from the local community, who have come together to host their own coffee mornings in a variety of creative ways. Ranging from local schools, businesses, Scout groups, social and networking groups, and MP Rachel Taylor, who hosted a coffee morning in support of Mary Ann in June.

As 2025 comes to a close and we look ahead to the new year, we're excited to keep this wonderful initiative going, with a fun twist. Instead of just Cheers to 60, why not celebrate a milestone personal to you? Whether it's a big birthday, a new job or home, a new baby, there are countless reasons to celebrate.

Why not host a coffee morning in honour of your special occasion, and raise funds for Mary Ann at the same time?

To find out how you can host your own coffee morning in support of the hospice, please call us on 02476 865440 or email maehmarketing@geh.nhs.uk.



LONDON MARATHON RUNNERS



The London Marathon is an event our hospice eagerly looks forward to every year. It's a tremendous honour to be part of one of the world's biggest running events, where so many people run to support their chosen charities.

In 2025, we were proud to have 12 dedicated runners representing our hospice. Four secured their places through the ballot, while eight were given charity sponsorship spots for Mary Ann.

Our runners came from far and wide, each motivated by their own personal reasons to support our cause.

It was incredible to witness their journeys, from receiving their marathon places, through months of training, all the way to crossing the finish line.

All 12 runners completed the marathon, raising an astonishing £35,165.00 for Mary Ann, a truly remarkable achievement!

We are deeply grateful to every one of our runners. They inspire not only the running community but also all of Mary Ann's supporters, proving that with determination and courage, anything is possible!

Looking ahead to next year's London Marathon, which takes place on Sunday 26th April 2026, the excitement has already begun. Our runners have been selected, and we cannot wait to follow their journeys and cheer them on as they take on this momentous challenge.

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SCHOOL PARTNERS

We are incredibly proud to receive the support of several local schools in Nuneaton, whose creativity and enthusiasm have helped raise both funds and awareness for Mary Ann Evans Hospice in inspiring ways.

At the start of 2025, we were invited to Weddington Primary School to deliver an assembly as part of their Charity Day. We spoke to pupils about what a hospice is, the history of Mary Ann, and how they could get involved in supporting our work. In the afternoon, the children created crafts inspired by the hospice and raised an amazing £309 by wearing something yellow or purple - our signature colours.

Etone College has also shown ongoing support throughout 2025. Their Phoenix House chose Mary Ann as their House Charity and came up with the idea to borrow our Mary Ann Donation Bins. These bins, available to schools, businesses, and local

organisations, are used to collect donations of clothes, toys, books, and more, which are then sold in our charity shops. Etone College has hosted two successful donation drives this year, helping to raise vital funds for the hospice.

Middlemarch Primary School took part in our Cheers to 60 campaign by hosting a coffee and cake morning during one of their monthly reading sessions with parents. They used the opportunity to promote awareness around neurodivergence, all while supporting the hospice through conversation and community spirit.



If you're a parent or teacher and would like to help raise money or awareness for Mary Ann Evans Hospice, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch at maehmarketing@geh.nhs.uk



Thank you...

We are very lucky to be supported by many individuals within our local community, who strive to raise money for our hospice in lots of unique ways. We would like to shine a light on one specific individual, Pat Boucher, who uses her creative flair and passion for cooking to raise money for Mary Ann.

Marvellous Marmalade:

My journey of giving back

Back in 2014, my sister gave me a recipe for marmalade, and I decided to make a batch for friends and family. Everyone who tried it really enjoyed it, so the following year, I decided to sell jars and donate the money to various local charities in Nuneaton.

My 'Marvellous Marmalade', a title my grandson came up with, quickly became popular, and every year, more and more friends and family would ask me to make sure they got a jar or two. I chose to donate the money raised from these sales to Mary Ann Evans Hospice—a charity that my mum and I have supported since the early 2000s.

My mum, Lucy, was an avid knitter and often donated baby clothes to Mary Ann's charity shops. Unfortunately, in 2021, she became unwell, and it was decided she would need hospice care. I reached out to Mary Ann, knowing about their services for many years, but



INSPIRATIONAL FUNDRAISERS

**PAT HAS RAISED AN
INCREDIBLE £2,135
OVER HER YEARS OF
SUPPORTING MARY
ANN**

I never imagined I would be on the receiving end of their care.

Mary Ann's team came to care for Mum at home. They comforted both her and me until she peacefully passed away on August 8th, 2021, at the age of 94. I continue to sell my marmalade every year to raise money for the hospice, and I've also started making handmade cards for anniversaries and celebrations. The money raised from both my marmalade and cards goes directly to Mary Ann, and I'm truly grateful to be able to support such a wonderful charity.

The support that Mary Ann provided for my Mum is just incredible, and I will continue to do whatever I can to donate to the hospice.



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CORPORATE

FUNDRAISERS



Mary Ann Evans Hospice feels incredibly privileged to receive the generous support of so many local organisations across Nuneaton and the surrounding areas.

Throughout 2025, countless fundraising events have been held in support of our hospice, too many to name individually. Whether big or small, every business that supports us plays a vital role, and we are truly grateful. Without their dedication, we would not be able to continue providing essential care to those in our community who need it most.

We would like to extend a special thank you to a few standout supporters who went above and beyond to raise both awareness and funds for Mary Ann this year.

Tony Armstrong, Group Commercial Director at Needham Insurance Services, took on a series of extreme sports challenges throughout 2025 to raise money for our hospice. From bungee jumping at Cliff Lakes Water Park to abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth, Tony's courage and determination were truly inspiring, all in support of Mary Ann.

In August, we were delighted to welcome employees from EON, who volunteered their time to help spruce up our hospice garden. They painted fences, raked leaves, and prepared the plants for the colder months, making a real difference to our grounds.



Eco UK Group has once again chosen Mary Ann as their Charity of the Year for the second consecutive year! Their goal is to raise £1,000 by the end of 2025 through a variety of fundraising activities, including raffles, tombolas, sponsored walks, and more. They also generously supported our Summer Fayre, just as they did in 2024, by providing a bouncy castle, an act of kindness that means so much to us.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, who donated an incredible £4,500 in August. Donations like this help fund many of the vital services we provide to our patients, clients, and their families. Thank you for your generosity.

We are deeply grateful to every one of our supporters for their amazing fundraising efforts and continuous encouragement. Your support makes all the difference.

Whether it's supporting one of our events, choosing Mary Ann as your Charity of the Year, or taking part in a fundraising challenge with your colleagues, we would love to have you on board!

For more details, please contact a member of our Fundraising Team on 02476 865439 or maehmarketing@geh.nhs.uk



FANCY A FLUTTER



CUT YOUR COFFEE AND PLAY THE LOTTERY.



SIGN UP TODAY

For less than 2 cups of takeaway coffee a month you could support Mary Ann Evans Hospice and have a chance to win weekly cash prizes too.

Looking for a fun and easy way to support your local hospice? Why not try the Local Hospice Lottery...

For just £5 a month, you'll not only help fund essential care for our community, but you'll also be in with a chance to win over 200 cash prizes every week including a rollover which can reach as much as £25,000. That's not all—there are three SUPER DRAWS each year, offering an incredible **£10,000 prize**.

Every £1 spent on the lottery directly benefits the hospice, making it a win-win for both you and the community. Signing up is simple: just scan the QR code or visit localhospicelottery.org. Alternatively, give us a call on 0800 316 0645, and we can send you all the details.

By joining the Local Hospice Lottery, you're not only helping an award-winning hospice, but also making a real difference to those in need of care.

“Your support matters - why not give it a go?”

You could be like Paul Robinson, one of our recent lucky winners of the guaranteed £2,000 weekly prize, who generously donated part of his winnings back to the hospice.



It's a little bit of fun that makes a BIG difference



Promoter: Local Hospice Lottery Ltd, North Court Road, Chelmsford CM1 7FH. The Local Hospice Lottery Ltd is registered in England and Wales (Company No. 3226004) at Farleigh Hospice, North Court Road, Chelmsford CM1 7FH and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Farleigh Hospice (Registered Charity No. 284670).

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Mary Ann Evans is a Registered Charity No. 1014800. Mary Ann Evans is one of a number of hospices throughout Great Britain supported by Local Hospice Lottery. Local Hospice Lottery will give between 60% and 80% of profits from individuals playing in support of Mary Ann Evans Hospice to Mary Ann Evans Hospice. This is expected to be at least £300,000 over five years from April 2024.



From time to time, our door-to-door agents may visit your home to offer you the chance to sign up.

ETERNAL LIGHTS

A NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

On Sunday, 8th December 2024, we were honoured to join Devall & Son in hosting Eternal Lights, a meaningful event dedicated to remembering loved ones during the festive season. A service that offers a moment to reflect, to honour the lives of those we have lost, and to find comfort and hope together as a community.

2024 was our first year partnering with Devall & Son, and we are delighted to announce that both organisations remain committed to delivering this event to our community for many years to come.

Following the incredible support and generosity of the local community, we were deeply honoured to be presented with a cheque from Devall & Son of £5,106.92. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to raising this wonderful amount of money. The support means the world to us and will enable us to continue to provide compassionate care and support to our patients, clients, and their families.

Mary Ann Evans Hospice, and Devall & Son, are delighted to announce that this year's Eternal Lights will take on Sunday 7th December 2025 at Attleborough Green, Nuneaton.

To find out more about this year's Eternal Lights service, please call us on 02476 865440.





At Mary Ann Evans Hospice, we are proud to offer therapeutic animal care to our patients during their Wellbeing Sessions.

Therapy animals are known to bring a range of emotional benefits, including emotional support, stress relief, and enhanced social interaction.

We're incredibly grateful to our therapy dogs and their owners for the invaluable comfort and joy they bring during these sessions.



Benji

Since joining us in March 2025, Benji's favourite game is fetch, and he never gives up!



Freddie

A beautiful chocolate-brown cockapoo with a gentle nature, Freddie has been a cherished part of our hospice for over two years.



Ruby

Our newest team member, Ruby, is four years old. She loves a good cuddle and always appreciates treats from patients, volunteers, and staff alike.



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GIFTS IN WILLS

How a gift in your Will could make a difference to your loved ones

£1,000 - Could fund 30 hours of support from a Rapid Response nurse

£3,000 - Could fund 22 Family Support & Bereavement sessions

£5,000 - Could provide funding for 50 patients to attend our Wellbeing group

How to leave a gift in your Will

Your solicitor can support you to leave a gift in your will to Mary Ann. They will need to use our full name "Mary Ann Evans Hospice", our registered charity number:

1014800, and our registered address: Mary Ann Evans Hospice, Eliot Way, Nuneaton, CV10 7QL

Your generous gift will help us continue to support over 2,000 patients and their loved ones each year.

Thank you!

Have you ever considered leaving a gift in your will to Mary Ann Evans Hospice?

A gift in your will can make a powerful impact for the future care we provide to our community and the development of Mary Ann for generations to come.

Why leave a gift in your Will?

Hospice care is free at the point of use, but, unlike the NHS, it is not fully state-funded.

While Mary Ann receives some government funding, around three-quarters is raised through donations, grants, our retail operation, and the support of our local community.

In addition, income through Gifts in Wills left by generous donors, with rising costs and growing demand for hospice services, are more important to us than ever. A gift in your Will can help to ensure Mary Ann continues to offer compassionate, free care and support to people impacted by life limiting illness each year, now and into the future.

VISIT OUR SHOPS...



ATHERSTONE

Mon-Sat | 9am-4pm

49 Long Street
Atherstone, CV9 1AZ

COLESHILL

Mon-Sat | 9am-4pm

5/6 Chamberlain Walk
Coleshill, B46 3BZ

BOOKS REVISITED

Mon-Sat | 9am-4pm

110 High Street
Coleshill, B46 3BL

COVENTRY

Mon-Sat | 9am-5pm

5 Trinity Street
Coventry, CV1 1FJ

MARKETPLACE

Mon-Sat | 9am-5.30pm

Sunday | 10.30am - 4.00pm

Ropewalk Shopping Centre,
Chapel Street, Nuneaton,
CV11 5TZ

JUDKINS

Mon-Fri | 9.30am - 3.15pm

Sat-Sun | 8.30am - 4.15pm

Judkins Recycling Centre
Nuneaton, CV10 0HR