



Dr Kershaw's Strictly

Heart of the Hospice

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**Strictly Raises Over
£52,500!**

**New Dr Kershaw's
Website**

**Elsie's Special Last
Memories at Home**



Dr Kershaw's Strictly a Success!



Welcome

This issue's welcome is from our Director of Finance, Sabrina Dawson. With a background in finance and accounting along with a passion for supporting sustainable healthcare, Sabrina plays a vital role behind the scenes at Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Her expertise ensures we can continue providing high-quality, compassionate care for our patients.

We've already had an incredible start to the year. Our Strictly Dance event raised a record-breaking **£52,500!** A huge thank you to everyone who supported it. If you've ever fancied putting on your dancing shoes, applications are now open for 2026.

In April, we proudly launched our new website. Designed to offer a better experience for everyone, it is a fantastic resource for patients, families, donors, volunteers and fundraisers. It is now much easier to explore how you can make a difference.

We're also proud to join Hospice UK's national '**This is Hospice Care**' campaign, which highlights the vital support hospices provide. By leaving us a gift in your Will, you can help us to provide expert care and support for future generations. Find out more on page 27.

The daily cost of running our Hospice is rising. This makes your support more vital than ever. Whether you choose to donate, fundraise, volunteer, join our Lottery or leave a gift in your Will, every single penny helps.

Thank you for being part of our Hospice family. Together, you help us provide the care, dignity and compassion that local people need, when they need it most.

Sabrina Dawson, Director of Finance

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Explore our new website

After months of hard work, our new website is now live! It is now much easier to contact us, access resources, fundraise and donate...

Highlighting our patients' incredible stories, **www.drkh.org.uk** is a one-stop-shop for discovering more about Dr Kershaw's Hospice and the services we provide.

The modern design is more accessible and can be read on any digital device, including your mobile phone or tablet. All of our latest news is just a few clicks away.

We want you to get involved, which is why you can now see all of our upcoming events in one place. Plus don't miss the chance to subscribe to our email newsletter for even more updates.

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More people can benefit from vital services that allow them to die with compassion and dignity, and more supporters can help to make that possible.

Louise Henderson, Head of Marketing and Communications

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Providing inclusive, compassionate care and support for the Oldham community

NEW FEATURE

The website text can be translated to Bengali and Urdu



Visit our new website at www.drkh.org.uk

"Elsie was treated with such care and dignity"

Known for her kindness and compassion, former primary school teacher Elsie Lawson dedicated her life to helping others. Our Hospice at Home Team provided care and support to Elsie and her family in her final days. Her beloved husband, Michael, shares her story...

“ Elsie and I met at St Patrick's Church in Oldham in 1968. Elsie was a Brownie leader, and I played the organ on a Wednesday night. We married in 1971, before going on to have four children: two girls and two boys.

Sadly, our eldest son, Dominic, died of leukaemia when he was nearly five years old. Elsie kept herself busy with her job as a primary school teacher; she liked the infants best.

My wife always put other people first. She was very involved in the life of St Herbert's Church in Chadderton, and she ran the Cornerstone Day Centre project, which collects clothes and food for homeless people in Manchester.

Elsie was very house proud and didn't even mind doing the ironing, so long as she could watch Corrie at the same time! Plus she absolutely doted on our four grandchildren.

We both enjoyed music and travel and were really interested in history and culture, so many of our holidays were to more unusual places like Istanbul and Marrakesh. In the UK, our favourite spot was Whitby.

In 2018, Elsie began getting confused, but then just before Christmas she started to have hallucinations. In early 2019, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

We cared for Elsie at home ourselves, with help from Bridging the Gap when needed. We also got a wheelchair so we could take her out. Our son David and elder daughter Helen were great helps. Elsie was a wonderful patient.

In November 2021, we celebrated our Golden Anniversary with a close family meal. Then in February, our younger daughter Sarah and family visited from Australia and we had a big party at the Chadderton Bar and Grill.

On Wednesday 8th March 2023, Elsie was brought home from the respite centre she attended because staff were very concerned about her decline. Later that day, we were told that Elsie was coming to the end of her life. It really came as a shock to us.

“ As my wife's life drew to its close because of dementia, Dr Kershaw's Hospice at Home were a very welcome addition to our support services. ”

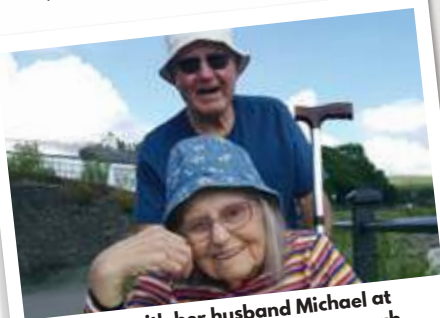
Dr Kershaw's Hospice at Home nurses were wonderful. They were so professional and caring, and made sure Elsie was comfortable and had the right medication. They also gave us helpful booklets, which explained what to expect over the next few days.

Elsie passed away on Sunday 12th March with all of our family with her.

When the Hospice at Home Team arrived, they changed Elsie from her dress to night attire and left her with a little prayer by her side and four knitted hearts.

It was a real comfort to us all that she was treated with such care and dignity.

“ Although they were only involved for a few days, the Hospice at Home team helped and supported us in caring for Elsie at home. This meant she was able to die where she wanted, surrounded by her family.



Elsie with her husband Michael at Hollingworth Lake in Littleborough



◀ Whitby was Elsie and Michael's favourite place to visit in the UK



Elsie was a much-loved grandmother and teacher

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The Hospice at Home nurses were wonderful. They were so professional and caring.
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Help us to support more patients and their loved ones by donating at www.drkh.org.uk/donate, emailing fundraising@drkh.org.uk or calling 0161 624 9984

Dr Kershaw's Strictly



Dr Kershaw's Strictly raises record £52K!

In February, our annual dance competition took over Queen Elizabeth Hall. Oldham locals Katie and Jack were awarded the Glitterball Trophy by a celebrity judging panel in front of 470 guests. A massive thank you to our amazing dancers, fundraisers and supporters, who helped us to raise a fabulous £52,500 for our Hospice.



Katie and Jack were crowned the winners after bowling the judges over with their Jive from The Blues Brothers.

Here they are with the amazing dance teachers.



Our celebrity judging panel boasted actors Shobna Gulati and Scott Wright, along with the dance expert Anna Kirkpatrick and A-list makeup artist Armand Beasley.



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I know it will make such a difference to a Hospice that has cared for family members and now holds a special place in my heart.

Katie Gough, 2025 Glitterball Champion

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Do you think you have what it takes to win the Glitterball Trophy?
Sign up for Dr Kershaw's Strictly 2026 at www.drkh.org.uk/strictly

How Rose to Remember helps families like Natasha's



Each year, Dr Kershaw's Hospice helps hundreds of patients who need end-of-life care. We also support families through the process – just like Natasha, whose mum and dad were both cared for by our nurses...

When Natasha Barker's dad, Stewart, found himself in need of inpatient end-of-life care in June 2021, the family knew exactly where to turn. Just eight months earlier, his wife, Jennifer, had received support from our Hospice at Home team.

The compassionate, dignified care of our specialist teams is made possible by campaigns like Rose to Remember. Inviting people to remember their loved one with a beautiful metal rose, our summer event brings together families to celebrate their memories whilst raising much-needed funds.

By purchasing a rose, donors help to ensure that families like Natasha's are given bespoke support. The rose is not only a special keepsake, but a donation that offers comfort to families coping with the loss of a loved one.

For this year's Rose to Remember service on Sunday 29th June, we welcomed families to our beautiful new gardens. People enjoyed a performance from Dr Kershaw's Choir, along with delicious food from Café K. Thanks to your support, we raised over £15,000!



OVER
£15,000
RAISED!



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You don't truly understand the importance of a hospice until you need it. Dr Kershaw's gave us peace of mind and let us be a family in those final moments.

Natasha Barker, daughter of Stewart and Jennifer

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Amazing volunteers make a massive difference

Alongside our staff, we are incredibly privileged to work with a dedicated team of volunteers. These kind-hearted individuals help us with everything from baking to events!

Since we are only one-third funded by the NHS, we rely on the support of our local community. Luckily, we are blessed with a network of volunteers who give up their free time.

For Volunteers' Week (2nd - 8th June), our CEO and staff thanked our volunteers with a video. We also decorated our Hospice shops with bunting, and held a fun volunteers' social.

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amazing individuals supported the Hospice by volunteering their time

Volunteers contributed

39,947
hours of their time

Volunteers saved us over

£539,812
in staff costs in 2024, helping us to care for more patients



Find out more about becoming a volunteer at
www.drkh.org.uk/volunteering

60 seconds with...

our Legacy and Grants Fundraising Lead, John Edwards



Since joining Dr Kershaw's in September 2023, John has secured over £1.3million for the Hospice through gifts in Wills, Trusts and Foundations. He reveals what he loves about working with our team...

Why did you apply to work at Dr Kershaw's?

Through working for charities in Oldham for over a decade and being involved in joint fundraising activities with Dr Kershaw's, I knew well the important work the Hospice undertook. So I jumped at the chance.

Where did you work before Dr Kershaw's?

I have had numerous fundraising roles. Most recently, I headed the Development department at the Oldham Coliseum Theatre for 10 years.

Prior to that, highlights included sourcing the funding to restore a beautiful Art Deco cinema and theatre in Stockport and working on primate conservation projects in the Congo.

Give us an overview of your role?

My role focuses on income from gifts in Wills, Trusts and Foundations. It is a mix of managing income, campaign planning and delivery, and application writing.

The most rewarding part is meeting the families and friends of those who supported us in their Will and being able to share with them how critical their support is to the Hospice.

What are the rewards of your role?

Looking after a major stream of income for the Hospice is hugely rewarding. Last year, gifts in Wills generated nearly £1 million for the Hospice.

There is huge satisfaction in being able to see the outcomes of this extremely generous support. This includes our newly-landscaped grounds, and the care we provide on a daily basis.

I also very much enjoy the more personal element of meeting people.

What is your favourite thing about working at the Hospice?

The Hospice is a truly caring and special place to be a part of. This extends to patients, their loved ones and our volunteers and staff.

You feel valued and that that your work is of value, and that's the best job satisfaction you can have. That and the bacon butties from the café are excellent!



Discover how you can make a difference by leaving a gift in your Will at www.drkh.org.uk/giftinwill

Save the Date!

Summer Fayre

**Sunday 13th July,
12pm-3pm**

Dr Kershaw's Hospice

Join us for our carnival-themed Summer Fayre!

Visit us at the Hospice for a family-friendly day of fun that's jam-packed with exciting activities including food and craft stalls, carnival games, music, face-painting and a bouncy castle. Plus you'll be able to meet our loveable Hospice mascot, Hartley.

Visit: www.drkh.org.uk/summerfayre

**ENTRY
£1
Suggested
Donation**



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Hartley's Hero Walk

Saturday 18th October, from 4pm

Alexandra Park, Oldham

Join us for a hero-themed, family-friendly evening walk in support of our Hospice!

Children will receive special fundraising packs with a hero mask, cape, and guide, empowering them to become little heroes for a big cause. Set in Alexandra Park at dusk, the short, looped route is perfect for all ages, with glow-in-the-dark features, entertainment, and a buzzing Heroes Hub full of fun. Our mascot, Hero Hartley, will be there to welcome everyone, spread smiles and hand out medals - making it a magical night to remember.

Visit: www.drkh.org.uk/hero-walk

**HOSPICE
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Christmas Fayre

Sunday 23rd November, 12pm-3pm

Dr Kershaw's Hospice

Enjoy a festive afternoon at our annual Christmas Fayre!

Join us for a festive afternoon where you'll be able to scoop up an array of Christmas gifts for your loved ones whilst supporting patient care at our Hospice. With lots of stalls, live music, a raffle, a tombola, hot food, our amazing Santa's Grotto for the children and festive gin cocktails for the grown-ups, it is not to be missed. Our Hospice mascot, Hartley, will be in attendance too - he's even going to dig out his favourite Christmas jumper!

Stalls will be available to hire on the day for £35. Reserve your stall from 1st August 2025.

Visit: www.drkh.org.uk/christmasfayre

**ENTRY
£1
Suggested
Donation**



Christmas Concert

Thursday 11th December, 6pm

Oldham Parish Church

Join us for a night of carols to get in the festive mood!

Our Christmas Concert takes place every December at Oldham Parish Church. Get in the festive mood with readings, carols, and performances from the wonderful Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir, the amazing Hope Singers and the incredible Brian Clarke Academy.

Visit: www.drkh.org.uk/christmasconcert

**TICKETS:
£6
Adults
£2
Children**



Light Up a Life

Sunday 7th December, 5pm
Dr Kershaw's Hospice

About the service

Our multi-faith Light Up a Life service is a chance to remember your loved ones during the festive season.

Whether they received care from our Hospice or not, you are warmly welcomed to our Hospice to celebrate the lives of those you have lost.

Join us as our dedication tree is poignantly lit to remember each person we hold dear to our hearts. The 30-minute service will also include readings and vocal performances.

Refreshments will be available in Café K and there will be stalls to browse on the evening.

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A massive thank you to everyone involved for such a wonderful event to remember our loved ones.

Dr Kershaw's Supporter

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Our 2024
Light Up a Life
Service raised its
highest to date
with £35,740 to
support patient care
at Dr Kershaw's

Over 1,200
dedications
were made to
loved ones
in 2024

How to make your dedication

You can make your dedication from Friday 1st October.



To make your dedication by phone please call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984



To make your dedication via our website please visit www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife



Pick up a Light Up a Life leaflet from our Reception or shops and return your completed form to the Hospice





2025 Light Up a Life circle
and angel baubles will
be available to purchase
from October

Visit www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife
or call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984

CEO fights for hospice funding in Parliament

Our CEO and Director of Clinical Services joined hospice leaders at the Houses of Parliament in March to ask MPs to support reforming the funding model for hospices.

Since 2020, hospice costs in Greater Manchester have risen by 33%, with two-thirds of costs paid for by fundraising within the local community.

Adele Doherty, CEO, said: "The current funding model is simply not sustainable.

"Hospice care keeps care within the community, reducing hospital admissions, speeding up hospital discharges, and allowing people to choose where they die.

"By investing more in hospice care, we would not only be meeting the needs of patients, but supporting the NHS for future generations."



Lindsey Harper and Adele Doherty ►

Menopause support available for staff

Dr Kershaw's Hospice is working towards Menopause Friendly Accreditation to support staff going through the menopause.

Recent initiatives have included the introduction of menopause awareness sessions, a new lighter uniform option, and a menopause email bulletin to staff.

Mandi Halton, HR Manager, said: "To give our patients the best experience possible, we also need to take care of our employees.

"We are proud to employ a large proportion of female workers, many of whom have reached or are approaching menopause.

"Their wellbeing is incredibly important to us, and we want them to feel supported and confident at work."



Treats and thanks on International Nurses Day

Our nurses are nothing short of inspirational, showing love, kindness and compassion every day. As a small token of our appreciation, we rounded up the team for a buffet and lots of goodies.

The celebration on 12th May was a chance to say a heartfelt thank you for their hard work and the care they provide for patients.



Hard work recognised at Buckingham Palace



Jill Kirkham and Joanne Penketh from our Income Development Team were invited to a lavish garden party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of their contributions to charitable services. Prince William and Princess Catherine also attended! They enjoyed an afternoon of live music, cucumber sandwiches and exploring the historic gardens.

Culture focus for Dying Matters Week

For Dying Matters Week (5th-11th May), we encouraged people to let us know how we can make our Hospice more inclusive. This builds on our work with diverse groups across Oldham.

Lindsey Harper, Director of Clinical Services, said: "We

know that different cultures honour and deal with death in alternative ways.

"Dying Matters Week was a great chance to break down barriers and get talking about the things that both unite us and make our cultures unique."



For more updates from Dr Kershaw's Hospice, sign up to our email newsletter or visit the news section on our website.

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Thank you to all our fantastic supporters for their amazing fundraising...



The London and Manchester Marathons took place on Sunday 27th April.

Congratulations to Geoffrey, Becky, Louie, Anthony, Jack, Danielle, Ryan and Holly. Our wonderful runners raised over **£13,000** between them!



Alkington Friendship Group chose to support Dr Kershaw's with a **£100** donation. Our Community and Partnerships Lead, Jill, gave a talk about the wonderful work the Hospice does. She was warmly welcomed before receiving another generous donation of **£50**.

Stephen Green, Jo and family and friends organised a wonderful concert at Boarshurst Band Club in memory of Julie, who was cared for by the Hospice. Reuben brought the evening to an end with his beautiful piano playing in tribute to his grandma. The concert raised an amazing **£509!**



Hartley had a great time at the Angel Inn, joining in the brilliant May Day Fun-draiser. A HUGE thank you to the Angel team for organising, we can't wait to see how much was raised!



Our Head of Marketing & Communications, Louise Henderson, ran the Chester Half Marathon in May, raising a fantastic **£828.75**! Our Director of Clinical Services' son, Kenan, also completed the race, raising **£550**! Plus our supporter Archie Taylor raised **£585**.



Brian Swindells celebrated his 75th birthday earlier this year and instead of receiving gifts he asked his friends and family to donate to Dr Kershaw's Hospice, raising an incredible **£2,672.50**!

Our wonderful friends at the Royal Oldham Hospital Pharmacy Department held an egg-cellent Easter Raffle, raising over **£200**.



Jill Kirkham

For more information on fundraising contact our Community & Partnerships Team on 0161 624 9984 or fundraising@drkh.org.uk



Bunny Hop

Fir Bank Primary School and Oldham childminders joined forces once again for a group Bunny Hop at Alexandra Park. Plus Santos AFC raised over £100.

In total, our Bunny Hops raised over **£1,320** this year. Thank you to all of our wonderful bunnies!



Morecambe Bay Walk



On Sunday 8th June, 60 fantastic fundraisers (plus some furry friends) joined Dr Kershaw's for our Morecambe Bay Walk!

The walkers were guided by Michael Wilson, the official King's Guide over Sands Trust, from Arnside to Grange-over-Sands, for an 8-mile trek across the beautiful sands of Morecambe Bay!

The sun shone and the day was incredible seeing our amazing fundraisers raising much-needed funds for patient care at the Hospice.

Golf Day

Our Corporate Golf Day took place on Thursday 12th June with 25 teams competing at our new venue, Manchester Golf Club, 'Lancashire's Best Inland Course', to lift the Dr Kershaw's Cup.

Our golfers were treated to bacon butties and tea and coffee on arrival, 18 holes of competitive golf, fun golf challenges, a hot buffet meal, a raffle and an awards presentation.

The weather was amazing and golfers enjoyed the new venue, raising over **£14,700** for Dr Kershaw's.



Junior Dragons' Den

Our Junior Dragons' Den Enterprise Competition Grand Final takes place on Thursday 17th July.

Together with support from local businesses we have been searching for Oldham's next entrepreneurs!

Teams of six pupils from local schools have been set the challenge to design an innovative gift, work out how to manufacture it and write a business plan. Each team has been allocated a business mentor and a member of Dr Kershaw's Fundraising Team. Together, they are supporting, guiding and encouraging our Junior Dragons via team meetings and emails.

The overall winner will be the team that declares the most profit at the Grand Final. Runners-up will also be named for recognised skills in presentation and innovation. Good luck to everyone taking part!

To find out about the event and the overall winners, take a look at our Facebook page at @drkershawshospice

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Eid Run

On Friday 20th June over 1,000 children took part in our very first Eid Run at Alexendra Park! Thank you to all of our runners, who got a free Eid handband for taking part. You have made such a huge difference for our patients and their families!



Are you a Born Survivor?

Test your limits on the ultimate obstacle course!

Sign up for mud, guts and glory with 30 gruelling obstacles on a 10k mud-fuelled assault course designed by Royal Marines Commandos!

Join us on Saturday 13th September at Gisburn in Ribbles Valley, Lancashire, for the world-famous military obstacle course designed to test your strength, stamina, and mental grit!

We have limited charity places for you to sign up with.

Entry is just £45 and each fundraiser will receive a Dr Kershaw's T-shirt, plus the official survivor T-shirt, headband, and medal on completion!

Visit: www.drkh.org.uk/bornsurvivor



Jill Kirkham

For more information on fundraising contact our Community & Partnerships Team on 0161 624 9984 or fundraising@drkh.org.uk

Be a Hospice Festive Fundraiser

Reindeer Run



Organise your own sponsored Reindeer Run on a chosen day and in your own way. It's the perfect activity for children and adults to get involved in. Ideal for schools, clubs and groups, or friends and families! You will receive a free reindeer antler headband for each child taking part, along with a supporting fundraising pack.

Swap Cards for Care



Share festive greetings with colleagues and friends by giving a donation instead of sending Christmas cards. You will receive a poster to pin up, plus a Dr Kershaw's collecting pot and stickers. Just write your Christmas message on the poster, make your donation and wear your Cards for Care sticker with pride.

Jolly Jumper



Choose the date of your Jolly Jumper Day and tell us you are taking part. Then invite everyone you would like to join in (at home, work or school) and ask them to give you a donation to pass on to Dr Kershaw's. We will provide everything you need to deliver your Jolly Jumper Day.

To take part in any of our festive fundraisers, visit:
www.drkh.org.uk/festivefundraisers

Christmas Tree Collection

Leave your Christmas tree disposal to us!

Enjoy Christmas with your real tree, and leave the hard work and disposal to us, whilst at the same time supporting patient care at your local Hospice!

From the end of November, you can get your Christmas Tree Collection slot booked in with the Hospice for a minimum donation of £10.

Our Christmas Tree collections will take place in the Oldham area, around 12 days after Christmas.

Once you have made a donation towards your tree collection, we will contact you when our route maps have been completed. You will then receive an email or telephone call informing you of when the collection will take place.



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You can book your 2026 Christmas Tree Collection from the end of November. Visit: www.drkh.org.uk/christmastreecollection

Corporate News

Thank you to our corporate supporters for your amazing support so far in 2025. You've held bake-offs and head shaves, serviced our solar panels, and cleaned and organised our collection pots.

We look forward to seeing what you get up to next!

**Oldham
Business
Awards Quiz
Night**



**Best
Food
Logistics**



**Urban
Green
Bake Off**



**Primark
Oldham**



**Crane
Payment
Innovations**



N Brown



**Raw Green
Energy
Group**



Shobna Gulati

A special thank you to TV star Shobna Gulati, who visited Dr Kershaw's Hospice in April to see the difference her winnings from the Weakest Link and generous donation from her appearance on Celebrity Great Christmas Bake Off will make.

Shobna spent time in our Dementia Hub, meeting our staff, volunteers and patients. She also had a tour of our Inpatient Unit with Lindsey Harper, our Director of Clinical Services.



To find out more about how your business could support our Hospice, visit:
www.drkh.org.uk/corporatepartnerships

“I would like to thank Dr Kershaw’s from the bottom of my heart.”

After being diagnosed with brain cancer at just 48 years old, Christine Sinclair turned to our Hospice for support. From making new friends to enjoying a manicure, her time with us was filled with love. Her daughter Hannah reveals the power of hospice care...

“Mum was the best mother you could wish for to me and my sister, Rachel. She was always smiling and upbeat, incredibly generous, and endlessly supportive.

At every school concert, she would be in the crowd, telling us how wonderful we were afterwards. When we baked cakes, they were the most delicious she had ever tasted. Our homemade cards were always the best she had received.

She was also a great wife, daughter, sister and aunt. Plus she had lots of friends after working for the Oldham and Rochdale councils. When she had a moment to herself, she loved to bake, spend time with family, go for walks and travel.

In August 2014, Mum was diagnosed with brain cancer. She was only 48 years old. She began attending Dr Kershaw’s Wellbeing Centre, where she made even more friends. And she became a prolific crafter, knitting and creating cards.

Then in May 2017, she was admitted to the Inpatient Unit. The nurses were always on hand to speak to. They told us what to expect towards the end of Mum’s life, and in doing so made it that bit easier.

We couldn’t have asked for better care at the end of her days. It was incredible to see that while she was not awake for most of her stay, she was so comfortable. Even then, she still smiled!

The Hospice staff and volunteers were fantastic. I remember her being taken outside in her bed, which she really enjoyed. She also had a manicure and a facial. As a family, we were made to feel so welcome.

“Please now, and in the future, consider supporting Dr Kershaw’s for all of the amazing work they do.”

“If your loved one is being cared for by a hospice, you are not admitting that you can’t care for them yourself.”

My dad stayed over at the Hospice on her last night, and we spent time with her throughout the day. The team went above and beyond to make sure that our needs were met as well as Mum’s.

Dr Kershaw’s does the most wonderful work. It is not gloomy, as one might expect; nor is it clinical and unfeeling like a hospital might be. Family are given as much input as they wish, and they are treated with the utmost respect.

I would like to thank everyone at Dr Kershaw’s from the bottom of my heart.

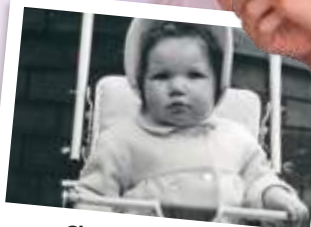
A hospice could be the best place for anyone who needs care at the end of their life. If your loved one is being cared for by a hospice, you are not admitting that you can’t care for them yourself.

Please now, and in the future, consider supporting Dr Kershaw’s for all of the amazing work they do.”



▲ Christine with her sister Elizabeth on holiday and in the Brownies

► Christine with Hannah on her prom night



Christine as a baby



Christine with her mother-in law, Barbara



Christine with Hannah as a baby



Christine with her girls, Hannah and Rachel

“ We couldn't have asked for better care at the end of Mum's days. ”

By sharing Christine's story, Hannah has helped us to raise awareness of the importance of hospice care. Share your own experience of Dr Kershaw's by contacting us on fundraising@drkh.org.uk or 0161 624 9984

Patients can now enjoy our beautiful new gardens

A haven for patients and their loved ones, our new gardens are somewhere to relax and create wonderful new memories...

The dementia-friendly design and children's play area enable people of all ages to find joy in nature. Accessible pathways are surrounded by colourful flowers and comfortable seating areas to rest, talk and enjoy the sunshine.

Sustainability is a key feature: we have introduced a plot to grow vegetables and herbs to be used in our popular Café K. Natural materials like wood and stone give the garden an earthy feel.

Excitingly, we have been granted planning permission and funding for a state-of-the-art Wellbeing Centre. Funded by The Roger Tanner Trust, this new outdoor building will enable us to expand our activities and help more people across Oldham.

Our Hospice Wellbeing Centre Manager, Kat Harding,

said: "The Wellbeing Centre will be a calming, beautiful space to promote mindfulness and mental wellbeing."

We were also honoured to receive a bespoke garden bench, which was coordinated by an architect whose wife and father were cared for by Dr Kershaw's.

Matt Taylor, a Director at Urban Green, wanted to give back to the Hospice. As a surprise, he incorporated a unique granite bench that bears our motto, 'You are at the heart of everything we do!'.

The local community, including Booth's Garden Centre and St Paul's Church, have kindly donated flowers.

After a glorious day for our Rose to Remember service, we look forward to welcoming many more people to share our special space with us.



Dr Kershaw's Hospice provides essential, compassionate, community-led support and care at tough times. We were delighted to be able to support such an inspiring project.

Ian Mills, Roger Tanner Trust



Taking the time to notice

Written by our Gardener,
Louise Whitehead

It isn't just taking a break in the fresh air, or the sunshine on our faces which helps our wellbeing, but also taking time to notice.

Noticing the changes (shoots emerging, buds opening), noticing beauty (finding a favourite flower or viewing point) or noticing the birds and insects.

Noticing the cloud patterns in the sky, noticing the dancing shadows and light shafts through the tree canopy, noticing the different scents and sounds.

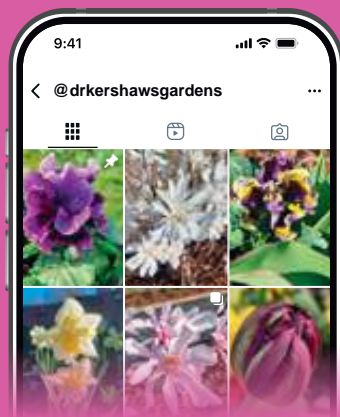
We're on Instagram!

@drkershawsgardens

Our Hospice gardens are too gorgeous to keep to ourselves, so Louise is sharing all of the latest news and photographs over on Instagram.



Make sure you're following us to be the first to hear what's going on.



▲ An artist's impression of the new Wellbeing Centre in The Roger Tanner Building

5-star feedback for our Dementia Hub

Our amazing Dementia Hub offers a range of support and activities for patients, families and carers. Their dedication hasn't gone unnoticed, as you can see by this spectacular feedback...

I would be lost if I could not access somewhere to find the help I need to understand what my mum is experiencing. Supportive, warm, friendly, welcoming, informative. I've never felt as welcomed into a group with such supportive, caring people.



Everyone is so friendly, welcoming, caring and kind to us. It helps me greatly to know if I have any worries or concerns there will be someone to help me and give advice. It helps me to feel less alone as a carer of a dementia patient.

It makes me feel less alone for that couple of hours a week knowing there are people I can ask advice and who understand this situation. It helps me so much to see my husband so relaxed and happy while he is at the group.



To find out more about our Dementia Hub, visit www.drkh.org.uk/wellbeingcentre



Watch our Dementia Hub interviews on YouTube

Throughout Dementia Action Week in May, we shared stories from inside our Dementia Hub. Interviewing volunteers, patients, and family members, we got an insight into their experiences.

Head over to our YouTube channel to hear from couples like Don and Karen Westwood, who describe our Wellbeing Centre as a “godsend”. Karen, who has dementia, adds: “I call it my happy place.”

Don told us: “It’s been hard work for us to come to terms with what has happened. But since the first day we came, we’ve enjoyed it.”

Follow us on YouTube! @DrKershawsHospice

Watch interviews, event highlights, tours and more.



Dr Kershaw’s joins Hospice UK campaign

We have joined over 140 hospices for Hospice UK’s ‘This is Hospice Care’ campaign.

The national TV advert aired on major TV channels in February and features stories inspired by real-life patients and families.

Its purpose is to encourage people to leave a gift to the Hospice in their Will. As a charity, we are reliant on funding from legacies to continue our vital work.

Our CEO, Adele Doherty, said: “By leaving a gift in their Will, people are not only funding medical staff and equipment, but helping people to die with compassion and dignity.”



What you need to leave a gift

**THIS IS
HOSPICE
CARE** ❤️

Our name:
Dr Kershaw’s Hospice

Our charity number:
1105924

**Please also speak to a
legal adviser**



The Furniture Hub expands

A new treasure trove for home décor has been created at The Furniture Hub...



Our new bookshop, mirror gallery and artwork sections on the first floor of The Furniture Hub have been a hit with customers since opening in March.

The home décor selection includes a wide range of artworks and mirrors in different shapes, styles and sizes.

Over in the bookshop, a former librarian is volunteering to organise the display of adult and children's bestsellers.

David Wright, Sales and Distribution Manager, said: "After a fantastic response to Krafties Kave and The

Vault, we are excited to introduce our latest venture.

"Our staff and volunteers have done a great job with a very limited budget. All of the display materials have been designed and built in-house.

"The new rooms will help us to raise even more funds for patients and their families.

"They are also a great addition to what is fast becoming our 'Dr Kershaw's Emporium', giving shoppers even more to explore when they visit."

Follow us on Instagram! @drkershawsshops

See first about our latest products, sales and much more.



Visit from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday, at Neo House, Shaw Road, Oldham, OL1 4AW

Krafties raise amazing £20K

They are known for their amazing handmade goods, and now Dr Kershaw's Krafties have another reason to celebrate. They have raised a whopping £19,741!

Teddies, cards, bookmarks and cushions are no challenge for this group of creative crafters, who have been a huge asset to our Hospice since forming three years ago.

Headed by Angie Hamilton, Dr Kershaw's Krafties are based all over the UK, from Scotland to Scarborough. Earlier this year, they opened a brand-new craft outlet, Krafties Kave, at The Furniture Hub.

Angie told us: "To raise this much money has been so emotional - we never expected it.

"It may be a small drop in the ocean, but it goes a long way towards supporting the Hospice. It's more than the cost of running the Hospice for a day.

"The Krafties have taken off in a way that I never anticipated. It has evolved so much, and everyone involved loves it."



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Boost your donation by 25% for FREE

Did you know that you can help us to raise an extra 25% for our Hospice at no extra cost to yourself? If you're a UK taxpayer, you can opt into Gift Aid so we receive an extra 25p per £1 made from your donated items.

Find out more by asking one of our friendly shop team.

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We'd love for you to visit us soon! You can find our opening hours on the back cover

2025 Spring Raffle Draw

Thank you to all those who participated in our Spring Raffle Draw on Friday 2nd May...

Congratulations to our jackpot winner from Hathershaw who won £3,000, and the 2nd prize winner from Shaw who scooped £1,000!

Our Spring Raffle Draw raised a fantastic £19,655 towards patient care which in 2024/25 cost £14,357 per day across all our Hospice services.

All funds raised from the Spring Raffle Draw went directly to Dr Kershaw's Hospice and each ticket purchased contributed to providing vital care and support for their patients and their loved ones. A chance to win, a way to care!

Joanne Penketh, Head of Lottery & Donor Stewardship added: "Congratulations to our six lucky winners, who were delighted to share £4,500. Thank you to everyone who entered the Draw, and on behalf of all our patients and their families, thank you for making a difference!"

**OVER
£19,000
RAISED!**



If you didn't win in our Spring Raffle Draw, there are plenty more opportunities to win big this year. Watch this space for our Anniversary Raffle Draw taking place on Friday 3rd October 2025.



£3,000 winner shares his story

When Mohammad Khan opened his post, he definitely wasn't expecting to see a cheque for thousands of pounds!

After recently losing his job and worrying about bills, the win couldn't have come at a better time.

He told us: "I've been with Dr Kershaw's Hospice's Lottery for around two years now.

"My brother Wahid was cared for eight years ago after he was diagnosed with cancer. The Hospice Team really helped, and we had a lot of support.

"When I got the cheque in the post, I couldn't believe it. It has helped me a lot. I'm going to spend some of it on new clothes.

"I just want to thank the Hospice Team for their support. The Hospice did a lot for my brother.

"When we arrived, it was a welcoming and friendly environment – a really cosy place to visit. Although it was hard and we knew it was his last days, it was a comfortable experience for him.

"We can't thank them enough for their help through the hard times."



A chance to win, a way to care with our Lottery!

The vital services that our Hospice provides wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our valued Lottery Members.

Our Lottery has raised over £6 million pounds for the Hospice since its launch in 2003 and has also created almost 7,000 lucky winners.

For only £1 per week you can support patients and their families whilst also being in with a chance of winning our weekly £1,000 jackpot prize.



How to join our Lottery

Online in just a few clicks!

Join using our new user-friendly website at
www.drkh.org.uk/lottery



Telephone



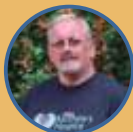
You can call our team on
0161 624 9213
Monday to Friday and we'd be delighted to help you sign up.
Out of hours, you can leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Email



You can email our team on
lottery@drkh.org.uk
Winners will be notified and cheques will be posted automatically. You can find the winners' numbers on our website and our social media channels.

**Thank you to all of our Lottery and Raffle supporters.
We couldn't raise as much for our Hospice without you!**



Our Lottery Promoters, Natalie and Nigel are regularly out and about in the community promoting our Weekly Lottery and the work of the Hospice. Please say hello if you see them!



MAKE A WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This autumn, selected solicitors will be offering to help you write your Will, giving their expertise completely free of charge. Instead, they ask that you make a difference towards patient care.

To find a participating solicitor or to find out more visit: www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth or call our Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984**.

Shops Directory

Lees Hospice Shop

99 High Street, Lees,
Oldham, OL4 4LY
Tel: 0161 628 7100
Mon – Sat, 9am – 4pm

Shaw Hospice Shop

50-52 Market Street, Shaw,
Oldham, OL2 8NH
Tel: 01706 290973
Mon – Sat, 9am – 4pm

Royton Hospice Shop

Unit 14 Market Square, Royton,
Oldham, OL2 5QD
Tel: 0161 652 8707
Mon – Sat, 9am – 4pm

The Furniture Hub

Neo House, Shaw Road
Oldham, OL1 4AW
Tel: 0161 510 0102
Facebook: @FurnitureHubDrKH
Email: furniture@drkh.org.uk
Mon – Sat, 9am – 5pm

* New opening times as of 28th July 2025

Contact Details

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volunteering, Friends of the Hospice:
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fundraising@drkh.org.uk

Lottery Office: 0161 624 9213
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