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Welcome to Friends



This is a truly special moment in our hospice's story as we celebrate the incredible milestone of moving into our new building in Heald Green. It represents far more than bricks and mortar; it is a symbol of our vision for the future and our shared determination to provide the very best environment for those who rely on our care.

This achievement has only been possible because of the extraordinary dedication of so many people. Our teams have shown unwavering commitment and alongside them, our volunteers and you – our loyal supporters – have stood with us, believing in what this new space could make possible.

Buildings alone do not deliver care and vital services; people and expertise do. To continue providing compassionate, high-quality support every day, we must keep fundraising for the ongoing care that changes the lives of the people in our community.

Thank you for being part of this journey. With your continued support, we can ensure that this new building is part of many years of care and support to come for our patients and their loved ones.

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Become an

Everyday

Hero!



Could you spare a few pounds every month and become a regular giver? A regular, reliable income is vital to our hospice, so that we can be sustainable and care for everyone who needs us – now and in the future.

By giving a regular, monthly donation to the hospice, you will be ensuring that those who require our care receive it - like the Whittaker family.

When someone is living with a progressive life-limiting condition, both they and their family may require support. Rob Whittaker was referred to Moya Cole Hospice almost two years ago for holistic palliative care support for a rare irreversible, progressive neurological condition called PSP, as well as dementia. It was like navigating uncharted water for him and his family.

Their experiences at Moya Cole Hospice, such as symptom control for

Rob, a voice of assurance for his wife, Jayne, and their two daughters, Amy and Katy, and maintaining all four of their wishes for Rob to remain at home, were moments that truly made a difference to a family going through the most difficult time of their lives, and was made possible thanks to our Everyday Heroes who donate every month to support our care.

“Being here has been absolutely invaluable to me. Dr Waterman had the skills that gave me the confidence to make changes to how we cared for Rob as he deteriorate.”
Jayne said



To register to become an Everyday Hero
visit moyacole.org.uk/everydayhero

Moya's family delight at name change



Anna Yates, Moya Cole's great-niece and goddaughter, says her entire family were 'over the moon' when they found out about the hospice name change in honour of Moya.

The Moya Cole Hospice team tried many avenues to find her family without success and so were delighted when the family saw the hospice on the news. Anna said: My aunt Sheelagh messaged us all. We saw the family side of Moya, away from her career.

"She was very family-oriented and so kind. We know that she worked really hard, and it is just really lovely to have her work acknowledged," she added.



MPs and Councillors tour Little Hulton

Labour MP Michael Wheeler and Little Hulton councillors for Salford City Council, Rob Sharpe and Tony Davies, paid separate visits to Moya Cole Hospice.

All three were invited to learn more about the ambitions as well as the challenges the hospice is facing, and what the charity means to the local and wider communities surrounding Little Hulton. They were also given a tour of the facility.



Our radiant runners

Hundreds of runners took part in the Great Manchester Run in aid of Moya Cole Hospice and raised an incredible £45,029.18.

We had incredible support from the likes of Jasmine Ryan who ran the half marathon in memory of her mum who was cared for at the hospice, the Radiology Team at Stepping Hill Hospital who ran in memory of their colleague Adam who received care



from the hospice at the end of his life, and of course Belinda Neild who used the run as a warm-up for her 100-mile ultramarathon.

Success at Stockport Bridal event



Stockport Register Office organised a bridal event at Stockport Town Hall and invited the Moya Cole Hospice Bridal Boutique & Vintage Charity Shop to assist with organising the event.

The event involved a fashion show with 15 dresses from the Moya Cole Hospice Bridal Boutique.

"It was a very successful event," shop manager Fernanda Da Costa said. "We had a queue of couples to come and watch the fashion show."

More news from Moya Cole Hospice

Read more on our website, or follow us on TikTok, Instagram or Facebook for all the latest updates!

   @moyacolehospice

 moyacole.org.uk/news

Celebrating our wonderful volunteers

We celebrated Volunteers' Week by shining a light on some of the incredible people who give their time and talents to support Moya Cole Hospice.

Read about Rhys Griffiths-Jenkins who is one such individual who gives his time to the Moya Cole Hospice Bridal Boutique & Vintage Charity Shop or the volunteers from our Edgeley shop who take a self-funded trip each year!

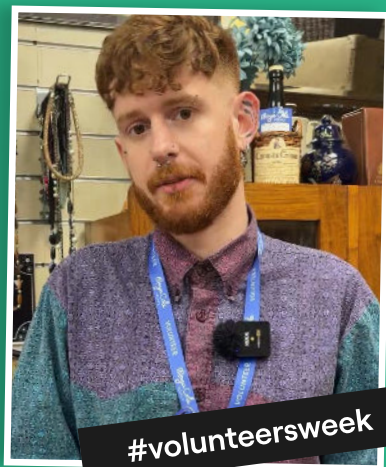
Volunteering gives Rhys more 'purpose'

Rhys has been volunteering at the Moya Cole Hospice Bridal Boutique & Vintage Charity Shop for over a year and has developed a love for the work he does in the shop.

"I started volunteering because I got head-hunted by the manager of the store," Rhys said. "I came into the shop one day and she complimented me on my outfit and said have I ever considered volunteering.

**Rhys says
volunteering brings
structure to his life.**

"It's another thing for me to be doing. It gives me a purpose, satisfaction. It keeps my days busy. It helps me feel fulfilled.



#volunteersweek

"It's also really good to help me get back out there. I've been out of work for a bit and it's given me my confidence back and knowing that I still have skills that can be used. It's teaching me new skills that I can take forward to full time employment," he said.

Trip to Wales brings volunteers 'closer together'



Every year, our volunteers from our shop in Edgeley plan a three-night, self-funded stay in Wales. According to Maria Bartley the Shop Relief Manager it allows the volunteers a great way to socialise outside of the shop setting.

"This year marked the second year we've been on our trip," Maria, said. "It all started because I mentioned to one of the volunteers that I'd been to the Warner Hotel at Bodelwyddan Castle in North Wales.

"She mentioned that she'd love to go there. I told her that we'd all have to go one day.

"I asked some of the other volunteers and it ended up that there was nine of us that went," she said.

According to Maria, it is an amazing experience, especially for the volunteers, as some of them don't get to go on holiday or don't have anyone to go on holiday with.

"It is so lovely we were all able to go together. It's brought us closer together, to socialise outside of work."

The group took part in a wide variety of activities over the course of their two trips from line dancing classes to rifle shooting and quizzes.



Would you like to volunteer and become part of the backbone of Moya Cole Hospice?
moyacole.org.uk/volunteer

Vows renewed after 29 years of marriage

Light danced through the stained-glass windows of the Haven at the former Moya Cole Hospice site in Heald Green, shimmering hues of blue, purple, and orange as Derek and Pamela renewed their vows after 29 years of marriage.

When it was discovered that Derek had bile duct cancer, the couple decided they wanted to renew their wedding vows.

They originally planned to have the renewal of their vows on April 28th until there was a sudden deterioration in Derek's health in March, and he was taken to the hospice.

Pamela's sister-in-law, Anne, said it was decided to have the vow renewal at the hospice.

"When we knew Derek was being admitted to Moya Cole Hospice, we spoke with the Macmillan nurses who said it would definitely be possible to renew their vows in the Haven," Anne said.

"The vicar from the church where they were originally married agreed to do the vow renewal. One of Pamela's friends has a Rolls-Royce and provided it free of charge as well as the vicar providing his services free of charge."



“It was mainly family and a couple of friends, but it was a lovely occasion.”



By Imogen, Staff Nurse,
Moya Cole Hospice

Could you
be the lucky
£5,000 prize
winner?

You could win the top prize of £5,000 by entering this year's Summer Raffle! With every £1 ticket you buy, you're helping the hospice to care for patients and their loved ones.

I work as a Staff Nurse on the Moya Cole Hospice inpatient unit, providing care to those with life-limiting illnesses. Each day we provide comfort and support during difficult times. The work we do wouldn't be possible without your support.

We offer a free service, and we only receive around a third of our funding from the NHS. The rest is made through the kindness and the generosity of the people in our communities.

Will you help us this year by entering the Summer Raffle?

On behalf of everyone at the hospice, thank you so much for your support – and best of luck!

£1 per ticket



How to play

Visit raffleplayer.com/moyacolehospice

Buy tickets at Moya Cole Hospice
receptions or charity shops

Call 0161 498 3642

Find out more
moyacole.org.uk/raffle



A new chapter in Heald Green



Moya Cole Hospice has officially moved into its new home in Heald Green – a major milestone for our charity, our staff, and, most importantly, the people we care for.

After years of planning and building our new £26.5 million hospice is now open and welcoming patients and families into a space designed around comfort, dignity and specialist care.

The hospice is located next to our old site and is made up of two buildings joined together by a link corridor. The first building, which houses the main entrance for the hospice, consists of the Being You Centre for outpatient services, rehabilitation facilities, a café, and offices.

The second building is home to the new Inpatient Unit, consisting of 27 patient beds across 23 rooms, providing our patients with much-needed privacy during this period of their lives. There is a family lounge, a dining area, a number of quiet areas,

and an interior courtyard for patients and their loved ones to enjoy.

Each patient bedroom has direct access to the hospice gardens, with doors wide enough to allow a bed to be wheeled out if necessary.



“A dream come true.”



Rachel McMillan, Chief Executive for Moya Cole Hospice, said: “It is truly emotional that our new hospice in Heald Green is now fully operational. I remember the initial talks about the possibility of a new hospice site and then contracting PRP Architects to design a new building, to the securing of the site, the first spade in the ground, our contractors, Caddick Construction, laying the first bricks, and seeing the building rise before our eyes. It is a dream come true and this new site will make a world of difference to our patients, their families, and their loved ones for generations to come.

“Our now former site in Heald Green was never a purpose-built hospice facility. We made the absolute most of it, but sadly, it became tired and no longer fit for purpose towards the end of our time there. We take the memories we made there, and we bring them with us to this new, monumental facility that we as an organisation are so proud of.”



Thank you to all our supporters

For supporters, this new hospice is a powerful reminder of what generosity can achieve. The old building served the community with dedication for 55 years, but it had reached the limits of what it could offer. Thanks to the support of donors, fundraisers, volunteers and the wider community, we now have a hospice fit for the future – one that will care for people across Greater Manchester for generations to come.

To everyone who helped make this possible, thank you for building something truly extraordinary.

Our VIPs

(Very Important Patients)

The move to our new Heald Green hospice was marked with a wonderful welcome and a poignant goodbye.

On the first day in the new building, David Haig became the very first patient to be welcomed through our doors. Describing the experience, David said simply: "It's special... look at this place, it's amazing." He arrived with his wife, Julie, to a warm welcome from staff gathered at the entrance.



Pictured: David Haig, the first patient to arrive at the new hospice with wife Julie Haig.

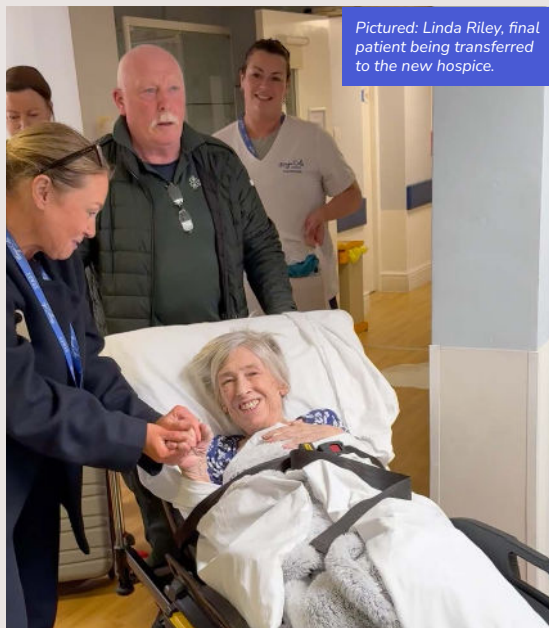


"It's special. I mean, look at this place, it's amazing. This is how it should be."

Later that day, at our former hospice next door, Linda Riley became the final patient to be cared for in the building that had served the community for 55 years.

Linda said she felt “very privileged” and spoke about how hospice care had eased her fears. The team who were stationed at the old hospice building helping move patients to the new building gathered in the reception to wave Linda off as she headed for the ambulance to take her to her new room.

It was an emotional occasion for the staff who had cared for thousands of patients within the walls of the now former site.



Pictured: Linda Riley, final patient being transferred to the new hospice.



Our TV

starring role

Our team and some of our fabulous outpatients and supporters were featured on Granada Reports on ITV News on our first day at the new hospice.

The report showcased the new facilities and showed what a huge difference the hospice will make to everyone who walks through the doors.



You can watch the coverage at <https://www.itv.com/news/granada/2026-05-13/new-hospice-opens-providing-end-of-life-care-for-generations-of-people>

Top Fundraising Tips

Are you planning on taking on a fundraiser for Moya Cole Hospice? Follow the guide below to maximise the promotion of your own event.

1



Be early

Set up your JustGiving page as soon as possible. The earlier it's live, the more people will see it. Keep it active with occasional reminders and updates.

www.justgiving.com/charity/MoyaColeHospice

2



Set your target

Be clear about how much you want to raise. Share your target and update your audience as you get closer. If your fundraiser involves a physical challenge, share those goals too.

3



Tell your story

Explain why you're fundraising for Moya Cole Hospice. Personal stories create connection and inspire donations. Use the Story section on JustGiving to share your motivation.

4



Photos

Photos boost engagement. Include at least three on your JustGiving page - of yourself, your challenge, your inspiration, or hospice-related images. Share training photos, preparation shots, and pictures from the big day.

5



Post consistent updates on social media

Keep updates short, visual, and regular. Aim for weekly posts leading up to your event. Always include your JustGiving link.

Share your story

Our Communications Team loves sharing supporter stories.

Email communications@moyacole.org.uk

with a short summary.

Inspiring Fundraisers

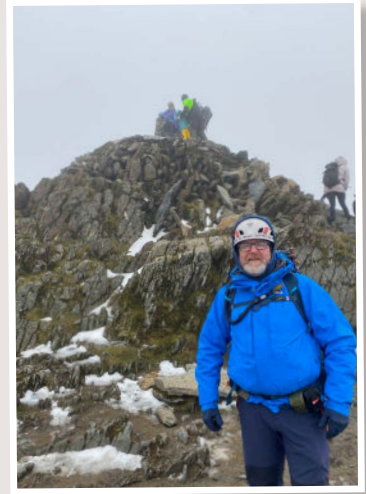
Scott scales a mammoth challenge

Scott Morton has climbed the highest peaks in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland in aid of Moya Cole Hospice.

Scott's mum, Kathleen, and stepdad both got diagnosed with cancer within three months of each other. Scott's stepdad had been with his mum for 42 years.

Scott's stepdad sadly died first, with his mum subsequently dying eight months later.

"I did this in honour of my mum and stepdad, but ultimately it was about giving something back to the hospice too," Scott said. "I want to also thank the staff at the hospice as well."



Together in tandem

Megan and Mark Whittaker are once again raising funds for Moya Cole Hospice in what will be their most challenging tandem bike ride yet.

The duo will be cycling the entire length of Britain from Land's End in Cornwall to John o' Groats in the northeast of Scotland.

Moya Cole Hospice cared for Megan's nanna Gertrude in 2015 and also cared for her "honorary" grandma, Annie, in her final days, offering end-of-life care in 2007.

"Annie passed away peacefully and with dignity there in June 2007. We want to thank them for all their love and support caring for our two amazing grandparents and help them be the difference to others in need," Megan said.

The challenge will be taking place over 14 days from July 18th to August 2nd this year. They will be cycling 60 miles to 80 miles per day.

Dates for your diary



Moya Cole Hospice Comedy Night

Saturday 11th July
Alma Lodge Hotel, Stockport
moyacole.org.uk/comedy

National Three Peaks 3-Day Trek

Friday 3rd-Sunday 5th October
moyacole.org.uk/threepicks

Manchester Half Marathon 2026

Sunday 4th October
moyacole.org.uk/mcrhalf

Discounted
places

Altrincham Comedy Night

Saturday 10th October

Save the
date

Firewalk

Thursday 22nd October
Moya Cole Hospice, Heald Green
moyacole.org.uk/firewalk

Light up a Life services

Monday 7th December
Moya Cole Hospice, Little Hulton

Wednesday 9th December
St Peter's Church, Hale

Thursday 10th December
Moya Cole Hospice, Heald Green

Sunday 13th December
Manchester Cathedral

Save the
date

Manchester Marathon 2027

Sunday 18th April 2027
moyacole.org.uk/mcrmarathon

Great Manchester Run 10k & Half Marathon 2027

Sunday 23rd May 2027
Moya Cole Hospice, Heald Green
moyacole.org.uk/GMR

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