

Press Release

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Coffee, Cake and Community Spirit

St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice will be welcoming the Sherborne Community to get to know them over coffee and delicious homemade cake on Tuesday 6th February 2018, 10.30am at the Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne.

Fundraising Volunteer Coordinator Susan Bickle and Community Fundraiser Victoria Poole will be on hand let residents know about the incredible work that the hospice carries out in the area, and more importantly how local people can support local patients by becoming involved through offering a few hours volunteering per year with the team, or by setting up a fundraising group.

Susan, who joined the hospice in June 2017 explains 'Without our army of dedicated volunteers St. Margaret's Hospice could not survive - volunteers are embedded in every area of the hospice, from reception staff to gardening, and everything in between, including animals such as ponies and dogs - we even have a hospice cat ! However we can always do with more volunteers - If people can offer their time - even a little as an hour a month - we will have a volunteer role that will suit them!'

Victoria, the Local Community Fundraiser for the hospice added 'We already have a small band of amazing volunteers who help us raise funds locally, but hope that more people in the Sherborne Community may come forward to give a few hours a year to help us raise the £9.5m per that we need to support our services by helping at our events, or by hosting activities, such as open gardens, cake bakes, raffles, tombola's - in fact anything that is fun and enjoyable! '

St. Margaret's Hospice is a Somerset Charity, which also covers parts of West Dorset, and is not part of the NHS. The aim of the hospice is to make each day count for their patients, families and carers, and relies on the goodwill of the local community to help them achieve that aim. Last year they cared for 3800 people, through inpatient and community services - please pop along on February 6th to find out more.

Visit www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk for more details.

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Notes to Editor:

1. St. Margaret's Hospice Care: Making Each Day Count

Our purpose is to provide “High Quality responsive care to patients and their families facing a life shortening illness” and our vision is “a community in which all dying people and those close to them have access to appropriate care and support, when they need it, wherever they need it and whoever they are”.

Did you know?

- St. Margaret's is a Somerset charity - we are not part of the NHS
- It costs in excess of £12m per year to run our hospice services
- After NHS funding we still need to raise over £9.5m to deliver our care
- We care for people with any life-limiting illness - not just cancer
- We support families and carers as well as patients
- 1 in 3 people in Somerset will need our support in their lifetime
- Last year St. Margaret's cared for 3,800 people
- The majority of people are cared for in their own homes
- Over 1,200 volunteers help us care for people at the end of their lives
- 1 in 5 patients receive care thanks to gifts in wills

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