

TOGETHER



Sharing news and updates on what we have achieved together

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Rennie Grove Peace



Welcome to the first issue of **Rennie Grove Peace Together** – the new biannual newsletter from Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care.

You'll see that this issue of the newsletter not only has a new look, but a new name, too.

The title of this newsletter represents one of the cornerstones of our organisation: nothing is achieved unless we work together. Whether that is communities pulling together to support us through fundraising or volunteers providing essential skills and experience to complement our paid workforce, everything we do is achieved together.

As Medical Director I know that this is also key to the services we deliver. Clinical experts working together with patients and families to find out a patient's needs and provide the services that will best meet those needs is at the heart of our patient-centred ethos when it comes to supporting people with a progressive life-limiting illness.

Rennie Grove Peace Together will bring you a twice-yearly digest of the latest news and updates on what we have achieved together over the previous six months.

Each issue will be packed with information about the people, services and patients who make up the organisation, what's coming up and how your support has made a huge difference to the lives of the patients and families that we work with.

Tell us what you think of this issue by emailing the marketing team on marketing@renniegrovepeace.org with any thoughts you'd like to share.

Dr Sarah Klinger

Medical Director

Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care





BRIAN'S STORY

When Brian was diagnosed with a grade four brain tumour late last year, it came as a huge shock to his whole family. Here his son, Ed, explains how the care provided by Peace Hospice Care helped the whole family through a very difficult time.

“After a long stay in hospital following surgery on the tumour, and weeks at home being supported by Peace Hospice Care’s community team, Dad spent his last 36 hours as an inpatient at Peace Hospice. As soon as we arrived, we wished we’d got him there sooner.

“It was the perfect environment for him. You expect this medical, maybe even clinical atmosphere. And although there were obviously elements of that, the overriding sense was one of calm and tranquillity. There’s none of the bustle synonymous with a hospital, but peace and privacy for patients and families.

“He was more relaxed – and Mum was too – once they got into the hospice. Once there, he was still responsive for a few hours, but then he slipped into a deeper sleep. Mum stayed with him, and I arrived around midday on Friday. We sat together for

several hours. Then I popped back to Mum’s house to get her a change of clothes.

“I got back around 6pm. I remember we were watching a gardening programme on the TV. Suddenly, Dad’s breathing changed, and I went to get a nurse. I was gone for maybe 30 seconds. In that time, Mum said he let out a couple of gasps, then passed away in her arms.

“My two brothers arrived within an hour or two and we sat with him for a couple of hours. It meant so much to have the time and privacy to sit with him for as long as we needed to, without anyone bringing out the paperwork or making us feel there was ever any rush. And then, when we had questions, the staff answered them calmly and kindly. We finally left around midnight with a very weird mix of emotions – devastation, relief and more.

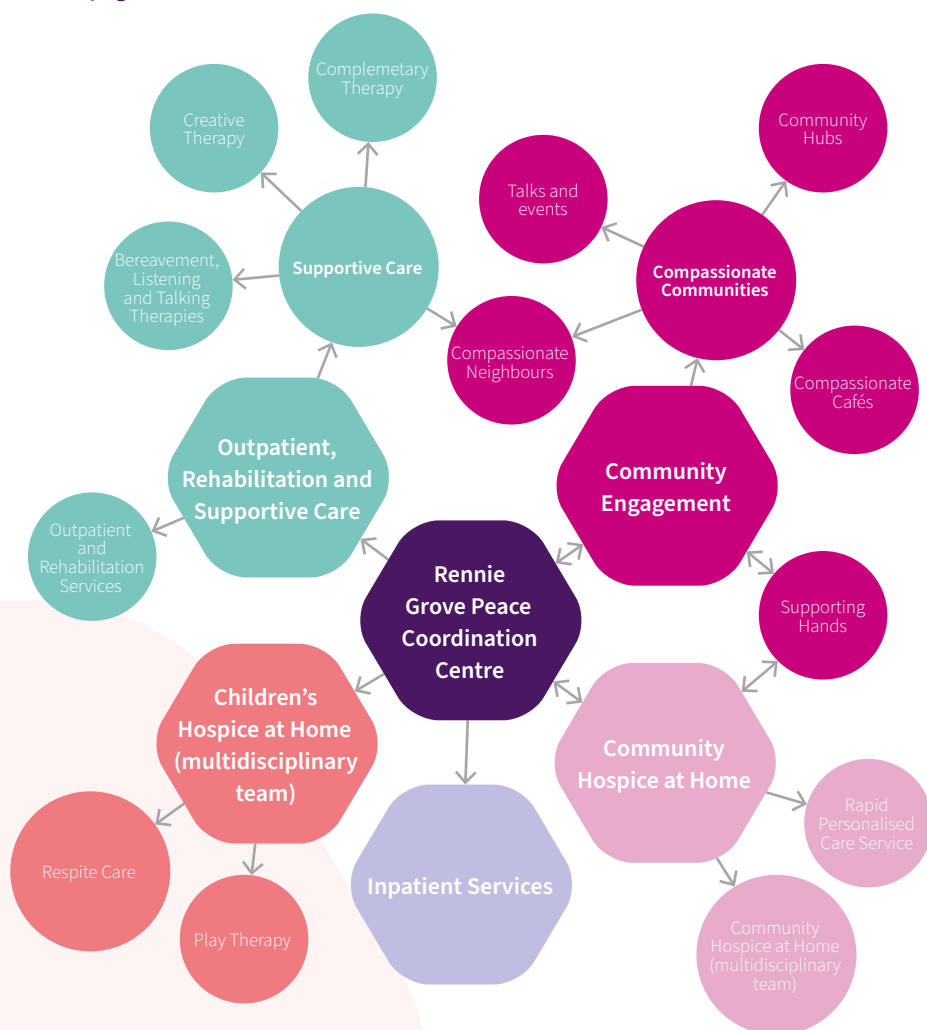
“The service that Rennie Grove Peace provides is unspeakably important. There is nothing that can prepare you for the finality of someone passing, but to be guided gently through the process by experienced hands helped prevent the experience from ever deteriorating into all-out hell.”

Our services for patients, families and carers

For more information on each service, visit our website



As a combined organisation we are able to offer a broad range of services to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of each patient and family. Our services are delivered by multidisciplinary teams and grouped into five categories, all underpinned by our new Coordination Centre. This graphic gives an overview of the services we offer and how they all fit together. Turn to page 11 for more on the brand new Coordination Centre and how it will work.



SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Did you know that our children's team delivers hospice at home care, respite for families and a play team to support children and their families to enjoy precious moments and make memories together?

This Children's Hospice Week, we spoke to members of the team who told us more about how the services work together to make a difference to families.

Sarah Mobsby is a Children's Hospice at Home Nurse. She explained: "We adapt the care we offer to a child's changing needs. For example, if a child's condition becomes unstable, we'll offer the family 24-hour on-call nursing care. We do the same as a child

nears end of life. If parents can reach us any time of the day or night in times of crisis, we can help avoid hospital admissions and keep families at home together."

About the respite service, Healthcare Assistant, Katie Hinton, added: "We can free up nursing time for more complex care while giving parents space to breathe, to catch up on other tasks or to spend quality time with their other children."

The care the children's team delivers goes beyond a child's medical needs. The play team is crucial in ensuring that all of a child's needs are met – and that they have plenty of opportunities to play and be a child.

Play worker, Kelly Constantine, provides play sessions in families' homes or at Grove House in St Albans. She told us: "Arts, crafts and messy play are popular. As are our sensory stories, told using lights, sounds and textures."

The play team also facilitates memory-making activities – such as scrapbooks, bear-building workshops and clay hand and foot castings – as well as hosting monthly groups at Grove House for patients and siblings to have fun and make friends.

Seven-year-old Lily attends the sibling group because her three-year-old brother, Taylor, was born with a rare condition that weakens his immune system.

His mum, Michelle, told us: "I know he needs to lead as 'normal' a life as possible and that means going to nursery, to soft play and on holidays". But all these things are a huge challenge for a family caring for a little boy with a condition like Taylor's. Our children's nurses support the family with Taylor's healthcare needs and the play team fills the gaps when he has to be off nursery due to his condition, giving him a chance to laugh, play and have fun.





STAR SUPPORTERS

London Marathon Runners – A team of 20 runners took on this year's London Marathon (1) and raised an incredible £65,000.

Louise Wright (2) organised a marathon for her Move Walk Run running group, which raised over £8,000.

Rookie and Dingo (3) once again organised the Mike Hodge Golf Day, raising an incredible £9,000.

Ian Wainright (4) spent three months walking from Land's End to John O'Groats in memory of his grandad and raised over £5,500.

Emma Welland (5) completed a tandem skydive in memory of her dad, Dave, and raised almost £4,000.

Sue Cutler (6) dedicated almost 15 years to volunteering with Peace Hospice Care before she sadly died earlier this year. She has posthumously been awarded a certificate from the League of Mercy Foundation in recognition of her invaluable contribution.

Sue Hobley (7) recently celebrated 30 years of service as a volunteer. As well as being volunteer Head Gardener she runs our annual wreath making workshop and organises an open garden at Grove House each summer. Thank you Sue!

Increase your donation

This issue we're bringing you not one, but two ways you can increase your donation without it costing you a penny more.

#TICKTHEBOX

GiftAid is a tax relief for charities in the UK that helps organisations to generate more income at no cost to the donor. When a charity receives a donation from a UK taxpayer, it is entitled to claim an extra 25% from the government. That means every £10 donation is worth £12.50.

As a donor, all you need to do is #tickthebox on the Gift Aid declaration form when you make a donation and provide some basic personal details. We do the rest, and see your donation grow in both size and impact.

GiftAid awareness day is on Thursday 6 October 2023. If you already #tickthebox, why not take the opportunity to encourage a friend or relative to do the same?

#tickthebox today to GiftAid a donation to Rennie Grove Peace using the form at the back of this newsletter.



THE BIG GIVE



This November The Big Give Christmas Campaign will give all supporters a unique opportunity to have their donation to Rennie Grove Peace doubled.

The match-funding campaign is made possible by pledges to a match fund pot from key supporters and a Big Give champion. Then during a seven-day window starting from 28 November, any donation made to Rennie Grove Peace via The Big Give website will be doubled by the match pot, until the funds run out.

For 2023 we've set the ambitious challenge of raising £100,000 – enough to fund two nurses for a whole year.

If you'd like to give the gift of nursing care this winter, visit our website now to register your interest.

renniegrovepeace.org/thebiggive



Mark your calendar now for The Big Give Christmas Campaign from 28 November to 5 December 2023.

Hospice volunteering: it's not what you think



PENNY

Open Art Studio volunteer

As a charity we currently have around 1,600 registered volunteers. Volunteers outnumber staff by more than 4:1 which means we simply couldn't do what we do without them.

When you think of volunteering with a hospice you might think of our shop volunteers, our Inpatient Unit assistants or our community support volunteers. But did you know we also have volunteers dedicated to gardening, PAT testing electrical equipment and everything in between?

Here some of our volunteers share what they do and why they love it.

"I get so much out of volunteering with the therapeutic art group. I feel like I'm using my time constructively and I hope I'm helping to make a difference to patients. I would like to continue volunteering for as long as I can because I get so much out of it – it really is a two-way thing."



MARTIN

Volunteer gardener

"I'm part of just one of the teams of gardeners. My group has about six garden volunteers. We look after the gardens around Grove House so we take care of planting, pruning and weeding as needed."

CAROLYN

eBay volunteer, books specialist

"We get a lot of donations of books into the shops and if a shop team thinks they've got something that could collect a little more money on eBay, they send it into the warehouse for listing. I do a basic valuation and check to see if there's anything like a signature or first edition

cover that will increase its value. I then write a description and list the books on eBay to make sure we sell them at the best possible price for the charity."



COLIN

PAT tester

"My role involves testing electrical items that are donated to the shops to make sure they're safe for sale. The items we test range from hair dryers to televisions. Before I started I didn't have the necessary qualifications but this was not a problem as Rennie Grove Peace arranged for me to do the relevant training course and obtain a PAT tester's certificate."

BEST OF BOTH

The merger between Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care has opened up new opportunities for the hundreds of volunteers who were registered with the individual charities.

John and Sara are just two of the volunteers who have taken advantage of the new opportunities open to them by signing up for additional roles.

John has been volunteering with Peace Hospice Care for over five years. As well as working one shift per week as an IPU (Inpatient Unit) Assistant, he volunteers as a Compassionate Neighbour and acts as an Ambassador for the charity. This means he gives talks to groups and organisations about the work of the hospice to spread the word about how members of the public can either access our services or support the organisation.

Since the merger, John has signed up to train as a Supporting Hands volunteer. He says:

“When I speak to groups about the work of the charity I want to be really clued up on everything we offer. I’m a very hands-on person so for me the best way to learn about the Rennie Grove side of the organisation is

to get stuck in! I’m looking forward to getting started as a Supporting Hands volunteer so I can learn about other parts of the organisation and support more patients in the community.”

Following her retirement Sara started volunteering as a Compassionate Neighbour with Peace Hospice Care. Having gained a lot from the role, she was pleased that the merger meant she could volunteer with the Supporting Hands scheme – originally established by Rennie Grove – when she moved to Aston Clinton. She says: “The roles are flexible, you commit to the number of visits you can manage each week, and the charity works hard to find a good match. For example, I’m disabled so I need to avoid heavy lifting or too much housework when I’m supporting families, and that’s always taken into account.”

“It’s a privilege to be welcomed into people’s homes and to meet their family. I enjoy it a lot and I’d recommend it to anyone thinking about volunteering.”

If you’d like to volunteer with Supporting Hands or Compassionate Neighbours, the next training dates will be:

Compassionate Neighbours – Thursday 7 September at Peace Hospice, Watford or Wednesday 25 October, Grove House

Supporting Hands – Monday 16 and Thursday 19 October (two day course), Rennie House, Tring



LOOKING BACK ON MOVING FORWARD

As we continue to progress our merger integration, we're taking a look back with some of the volunteers who have been with the charity through its different stages, to ensure we're always learning from the past to shape the future.

Audrey started volunteering with Peace Hospice Care 18 years ago. She says:

"I've lived in Watford most of my life so I've known the Peace site since it was a hospital. Peace Hospice has always been *the* local charity for a lot of people in the town and there's a lot of affection for the organisation locally. I've seen various changes over the years – from observing its transformation from hospital to hospice, to being involved in other major milestones such as the rebrand in 2013 and the 25th anniversary celebrations. I look forward to seeing how the merged organisation develops in the future. It certainly makes sense to be working together and sharing resources so we can serve more patients and families."

Doreen has been volunteering since 2009. She joined Grove House before its merger with Iain Rennie Hospice at Home to form Rennie Grove Hospice Care. She says:

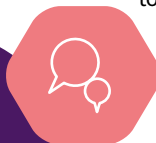
"Since starting my volunteering with the charity I've seen a number of changes over the years. I was involved in setting up the Life Stories project – to capture the

stories of patients' lives for them to hand down to future generations – which is just one example of the way the charity innovates to offer more to patients and families.

"It has been great to see that during the mergers I have been part of, patients have always remained at the heart of everything we do. The aims of both mergers in my time have been to enhance and expand services for patients. Despite all the work involved in achieving that, I take heart in the fact that everybody who works or volunteers with the charity keeps patients at the forefront, always."

"I think the current merger with Peace Hospice Care is a great step forward. Being a larger hospice organisation will give us more strength when it matters – i.e. when negotiating for funding. By coming together, we can all learn more from our colleagues – learn new things, observe best practice, and bring together the strengths of both organisations for the benefit of patients."

Keep an eye on our website and social media for more stories about our heritage in the coming months.



NEW SERVICE

THE COORDINATION CENTRE

The aim of the merger that formed Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care is to serve more people who need our services and strengthen our offering for patients.

A key service we're developing to underpin this aim is our Coordination Centre.

The Coordination Centre will be the single point of contact for everybody who needs to access our services, and will take referrals from patients, family members and healthcare professionals.

As the central hub for new patient referrals, the Coordination Centre team will ensure that everybody with a life-limiting illness can access the service that is right for them, by carrying out standardised assessments.

Each patient's needs and circumstances will be reviewed to ensure they are referred to the service or services that are right for them – whether that is a service offered by Rennie Grove Peace or a partner organisation.

Erin Beer, Head of IPU and the Coordination Centre, says: "As a larger organisation, having a standardised assessment process for all new patients is key. It will ensure equity across our whole patch by making sure that all referrals are reviewed in the same way, so that all patients are being referred to the right services for them. The merger of two charities means we have more services to offer patients, and the Coordination Centre will be crucial in ensuring we're making the most of all services for patients across our catchment area.

"We're currently building the Coordination Centre team and it will be staffed by trained professionals who are experts in understanding and assessing not only patients' symptoms, but their circumstances, too, to ensure every patient who is referred to us can make the most of the full range of services we offer."

Contact the Coordination Centre on 01923 60 60 30 and coordinationcentre@renniegrovepeace.org



FIVE MINUTES WITH SARAH GAYWOOD

Sarah is the eCommerce Manager in our Retail & Trading team. She leads a team of five staff members and 28 volunteers, looking after our online selling platforms. She has been with the organisation for almost nine years, initially joining as a shop manager before moving into the eCommerce team three years ago. Talking about her current role, she says:

"I'm responsible for overseeing online sales from our warehouse in Berkhamsted. I'm in constant communication with the staff in our High Street shops, coaching them on current trends and managing the items they send to be sold online. I'm always monitoring our live listings and make sure I respond to any buyers' queries. I love the team and am really passionate about where we're going.

"I'm so proud of the growth of our online operation. Before I came into the role, it was relatively small, with the team packing around 40 items a week. Now, they're packing and sending over 200 items per week and 7% of our Retail & Trading income comes from eCommerce. The expansion of our online selling operation has definitely been fuelled by the change in shopping

habits with more people opting to shop online, and the growing understanding of the fantastic range of fashion, collectibles and so much more that can be found on online second-hand platforms.

"We wouldn't be able to do any of this without our fantastic volunteers. We have listers who research and take photos of the items for sale, specialists who lend their expertise in music, musical instruments and antiques to value items, and packers who finish the process and ensure items get to their new homes in great condition. The volunteers really are the heart of our team.

"The items that come through to be sold on eBay are brilliant and it's such a buzz to see us sell an item for a great price, making more money for the charity to go towards patient care. We recently sold a pack of 100-year-old Tarot cards to an Australian collector for almost £2,000!

"You can shop with us on Vinted and Facebook Marketplace, but eBay is the heart of our eCommerce outfit and is a treasure trove of brilliant finds. We add new items every week, so do visit our store – you may be surprised by what you find!"

"I have always worked in the retail world and was delighted to make the move to charity retail because I was really keen to give back."





RETAIL AND TRADING SUSTAINABLE SEPTEMBER

As a charity, we're committed to sustainability and reducing our impact on the environment. This spans everything we do and is particularly relevant in our retail and trading operation. This year, for the first time, we were delighted to launch our own awareness month,

Sustainable September. During the month, our focus has been raising awareness of our High Street shops and online selling platforms, promoting the fantastic fashion we stock and challenging supporters to incorporate more second-hand shopping into their day-to-day lives.

Visit renniegrovepeace.org/shop to find your nearest shop and browse online





COLIN'S STORY

When Colin was diagnosed with incurable pancreatic cancer in autumn 2021, staying at home, surrounded by the people, places and peace he loved – was paramount. His wife, Elspeth, explains how Rennie Grove helped make that possible.

“Colin wanted to be at home and to die at home – that was very important to him. Despite the prognosis, he was determined to try everything. He lived for another year and four months after his diagnosis, passing away peacefully at home as he’d hoped.

“I remember when the Hospice at Home nurses first visited us, they made arrangements for ‘anticipatory medicine’. This, they explained, was so they could treat any symptoms quickly, when the time came, which would help Colin stay at home in safety and comfort.

“The Rennie Grove nurses are so well qualified – able to administer strong painkillers. They are very, very professional, but also genuinely kind. You could tell this was more than a job to them – you could tell they really cared.

“The nurses managed to keep Colin very comfortable. He was never, to my knowledge, in any pain. He had a syringe driver towards the end, and he slept peacefully for the last few days.

“I remember hearing his breathing change. At that very moment, the phone rang, and it was a Rennie Grove nurse. She asked after Colin, and I explained his breathing had just changed. She said her colleagues were already on their way – they must have known the end was very close. They’d visited the day before and had been visiting more and more regularly over the last few days – sometimes two or three times a day.

“Colin quietly passed away – it was a very peaceful ending. Not long afterwards, I met the nurses in the driveway. They gave me a hug, came in and took over. Washing and dressing Colin, making the necessary phone calls.

“I’ll be forever grateful. That hug meant the world to me at that moment.”

“I’m very glad Colin was able to stay at home, where he felt most at peace, right to the end.”

Make a difference – your way

REGULAR GIVING

“My father-in-law used Rennie Grove’s Hospice at Home services and after he died, my wife and I wanted to support the charity. We did this by setting up a regular gift. It is easy to forget to donate to a charity and by having this set up automatically, I know that it will be paid in regularly and I can plan for it in my budgeting. I’ve since learned a lot more about what the charity does and I want to continue with my regular gift for as long as I can to help other families in the local area.”

Colin, Aston Clinton

Could you join Colin in giving a regular gift to ensure we can be there for local people who need us?

Visit rennigrovepeace.org/donate or call 01442 890 222 today.



Christmas
Skydives
9 and 10
December

Summer
Skydives 2024
Dates TBC



SKYDIVE

If you’re looking for a way to fundraise that will leave you feeling on top of the world, why not sign up to one of our upcoming skydive challenges? Whether you fancy donning your Christmas jumper for a festive leap or putting your faith in the British summer weather, sign up today to secure your space.

Visit rennigrovepeace.org/sky to complete the enquiry form.

MATCH BINGO

If you enjoy watching live football matches, Match Bingo can turn your hobby into an opportunity to raise funds for hospice care. Match Bingo brings together the best of live sports – including the nation’s most popular football fixtures – and bingo in app-based games.

Bingo cards cost £1 each.
Scan the code to sign up today.



Engaging with our communities

Over the past six months the Community Engagement team has been out and about in the local area meeting members of the community, raising awareness of the work we do, celebrating the diversity of our local areas and encouraging people to support Rennie Grove Peace.



Attending the launch of Proud Watford gave us the chance to make connections with a new community organisation that seeks to ensure that everyone feels safe and included. We share Proud Watford's aspirations of creating a wholly inclusive society without prejudice, and look forward to working together in future.

Attending various community events to mark the 75th anniversary of the Windrush generation (below) gave us another opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our communities. Hearing talks, speaking to people and making connections gave us the opportunity to learn more and take away ideas to embed in our own practice.



If you, or someone you know, can help please email compassion@renniegrovepeace.org

In June we were delighted to attend the Borehamwood Health & Wellbeing event (above) to help promote the launch of our new Compassionate Café in Borehamwood. If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by bereavement or loss, please come along on the first and third Thursday of each month to chat with others over a cuppa, at 96 Shenley Road.

Did you know that you could support us by:

- Spreading the word about our services as a Community Engagement Ambassador
- Recommending groups or organisations we could visit to raise awareness of our services
- Suggesting groups or organisations that would like to work in partnership with us to run a Compassionate Café or Support Hub
- Connect us with community leaders who could introduce us to communities that may not be familiar with our services

COMPASSION IS SO IMPORTANT

Here Liz, one of our Compassionate Communities volunteers, shares her experience of volunteering:

“I had been wanting to volunteer with Peace Hospice Care for a while. My husband was cared for by the hospice in the last few days of his life. The care he received enabled him to stay at home right to the end and I’ll always be grateful for that.

“At the Peace Hospice Light up a Life event, I got chatting to the Compassionate Communities team about volunteering and signed up to the next training session. Since then I’ve been matched with a couple of people in the community. One person I support, mostly over the phone, has a life-limiting illness, which isolates him and affects his wellbeing. At first he wasn’t very chatty on the phone but we’ve really built a rapport now, and recently he joined me at a local Compassionate Café which was a big step.

“I also volunteer at the Compassionate Café in Oxhey and I love that I get to meet so many people and also benefit from the peer support as much as those who attend.

“Volunteering has made a huge difference to my life. I love the face-to-face interaction and it is an honour to support people”

Recently Liz said to the team after one of her visits “He was smiling when I left. Thank you for letting me be his Compassionate Neighbour!”

Did you know that you could support us by:

- Volunteering with us. Whether you’re interested in supporting someone in their own home as one of our Compassionate Neighbours or see yourself running one of our Compassionate Cafes or Support Hubs, we’d love to have you in the team. Get in touch on volunteers@renniegrovepeace.org
- Spreading the word. If you know someone who might benefit from one of the Compassionate Communities services, encourage them to contact us at compassion@renniegrovepeace.org



COMPASSIONATE CAFÉS

Compassionate Cafés are open to anyone who has been affected by bereavement or any type of loss. They’re a place to meet new people and enjoy a friendly chat over a cuppa.

We currently host Compassionate Cafés in Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere, with plans to launch cafés in St Albans, Dacorum and South Bucks soon. To find where your local Compassionate Café is, scan the QR code.



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

QUIZ NIGHT

Test your knowledge at the Wendover Fundraising Group quiz night. A cash bar will be available, bring your own nibbles. Wendover Memorial Hall – tickets from the Rennie Grove Shop in Wendover, £10 per person.

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

SPLITFIRE LIN BENEFIT NIGHT

Jukes Jiving presents a Rennie Grove Peace benefit night in memory of 'Splitfire Lin'. Featuring DJ Jumping Jimmy Taylor, plus guest DJs playing swing and jive music.

Including cabaret and raffle.

Riverside Club, High Wycombe – to book call Quintin Jukes on **07835 183 927**. £15 per person, includes light refreshments.



10-14 OCTOBER

PEPPER SHOW

The Pepper Show returns for its 34th year. The set list boasts a range of classic pop and rock anthems from across the decades, so there's something for everyone's ears! Court Theatre, Tring, tickets from £20. [thelittleboxoffice.com/pepper/event/view/180620](https://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/pepper/event/view/180620)



SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

ASCOT BRASS

Seasonal programme from the highly acclaimed Ascot Brass at St Michael & All Angels Church, Beaconsfield. Organised by the Beaconsfield Fundraising Group. Tickets cost £15. Email Tom tjohnson955@btinternet.com to buy.

DECEMBER

BIG FESTIVE QUIZ

Our Big Festive Quiz of the Year is back for 2023. Simply download your questions, make a donation to Rennie Grove Peace then host at home with your friends and family. Quiz costs £5. [renniegrovepeace.org/bigfestivequiz](https://www.renniegrovepeace.org/bigfestivequiz)

For more information on events happening in your area, visit [renniegrovepeace.org/get-involved](https://www.renniegrovepeace.org/get-involved)





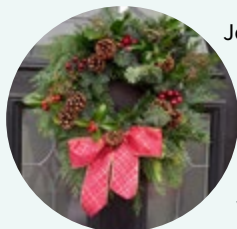
SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

RUDOLPH RUN

1.5k or 5k festive fun run in the heart of St Albans. Come along in your best Christmas attire and we will supply the antlers!
renniegrovepeace.org/rudolphrun

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

WREATH MAKING



Join us at Grove House for our annual wreath making workshop, or sign up to our virtual workshop to craft your

seasonal creation from home. Grove House, St Albans. renniegrovepeace.org/wreathmaking

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

CHARITY BALL

Tickets, £65 per person, include a drink on arrival and dinner. Verulam Golf Club, St Albans. To book email anne.swanston@hotmail.co.uk

3-17 DECEMBER

TRING SANTA FLOAT

Santa and his elves will be visiting areas of Tring and some of the surrounding villages to spread Christmas cheer. For dates and routes visit the website.
renniegrovepeace.org/santafloat



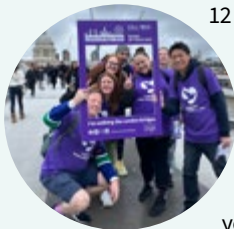
THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

ST ALBANS FIREWALK

Can you take the heat? Sign up to The Firewalk, a NEW event, taking place at Grove House, St Albans. renniegrovepeace.org/firewalk

MARCH (DATE TBC)

LONDON BRIDGES WALK



12 Bridges, 10 miles, one charity. If you're looking for a family-friendly way to support us, while taking in some of the sights of the capital, this could be just the thing for you. renniegrovepeace.org/londonbridgeswalk

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

DAFFODIL WALK

Take a stroll through the beautiful West Wycombe park while raising funds to support our care before enjoying tea and a slice of cake once you have finished.
renniegrovepeace.org/daffodilwalk

Support us and win

Rennie Grove Peace is pleased to be part of two lottery schemes. Charity lotteries can be a fun and rewarding way to support our work. Your donations help fund our care and support for patients, and you're in with a chance of winning great cash prizes. It's a win-win!



HOSPICE LOTTERY PARTNERSHIP

The Hospice Lottery is a weekly lottery that raises funds for local charities.

Rennie Grove Hospice Care has received over £5.2 million in funding from Hospice Lottery players since 1997. The funds we receive annually from The Hospice Lottery can almost cover the cost of one of our Community Hospice at Home teams.

When you play The Hospice Lottery, every Friday you have a chance to walk away with a top prize of £1,000. And that's not all – there's also the thrilling Rollover prize, which can reach up to a whopping £10,000 and two chances to win £5,000 in Bonus Draws which take place in November and May every year.

Visit hospicelottery.org.uk to find out more and sign up to play today.

LOCAL HOSPICE LOTTERY

Local Hospice Lottery has been raising funds for Peace Hospice for around six years. As well as a weekly draw, it offers players three superdraws per year with a chance to win £10,000.

Martin Walker, Senior Individual Giving Fundraiser at Rennie Grove Peace, explains:

“Playing a weekly lottery is a great way to support hospice care locally. You don't even need to check the numbers each week as prizes are issued automatically, so players tell me it's a lovely surprise when they find out they've won!”

“I recently spoke to one of our supporters who had won a top prize in one of Local Hospice Lottery's superdraws. They were so pleased when they found out they had won and planned to use the prize money to make improvements to their home. If you're looking for a new way to support us that could lead to a big win for you, too, why not sign up today?”

Visit localhospicelottery.org and search 'Peace Hospice Care' to play.



Corporate fundraising

Origin Global, based in High Wycombe, is celebrating its 10th year of supporting us this year. Over the past decade, the company has raised almost £300,000, as well as providing volunteering support for a variety of events including this year's Colour Fun Run, Christmas tree collections and the London Bridges Walk. Origin colleagues from across the company have been involved in volunteering over the years, and members of staff enjoy reading about their colleagues' support in the company's own newsletter.

To celebrate this 10-year milestone, Origin is increasing its fundraising efforts and tackling a host of challenges, from the Chilterns 3 Peaks in September to organising a Firewalk for colleagues in November, as well as sponsoring our golf day at The Grove in October.

Ben Brocklesby, Sales and Marketing Director at Origin, explains: "We originally chose to support the charity for a number of reasons – largely that the values of Rennie Grove Peace align with our own company values, and because a number of colleagues had personal experience of the care and support provided by the charity's nurses. This all meant there was no partnership more fitting, and we haven't looked back."

Thank you to everybody at Origin Global for your support over the past 10 years. It has made a huge difference to the patients and families we support.



Do you work for an organisation that would like to support Rennie Grove Peace? Please get in touch by emailing corporate@renniegrovepeace.org



Vice Presidents' scheme

Have you heard of our Vice Presidents' scheme? It's a way of giving regular, significant gifts that make a huge difference to the services we deliver today, as well as allowing us to plan for the future with confidence.

Vice Presidents commit to donating £1,000 per year for a minimum of three years and their donations directly support the overnight community nursing service.

This service has long been established in the Buckinghamshire and west Hertfordshire areas. Thanks to our merger, we now have plans to expand the service into south

west Hertfordshire, to support even more patients at home, day and night.

Ursula Reeve, Head of Community Hospice Services for south west Hertfordshire, explains:

“One of the main benefits of our merger is the ability to develop new services and expand the reach of existing services, to care for even more patients. Our plans for a second overnight team are a huge part of this. We're actively recruiting and training new staff to establish the second night team and the support of our Vice Presidents will be instrumental in making this happen.”

If you'd like to learn more about the Vice Presidents' scheme, email philanthropy@renniegrovepeace.org or call 01442 820747



Vision for the future

When I take a step back from the day-to-day work that goes into merging two organisations, it's remarkable to see how far we have come.

The organisations that have come together to create Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care were all established by dedicated, community-minded people who identified an unmet need in their area and acted upon it.

From establishing a Hospice at Home service to founding a day hospice and fundraising to create an Inpatient Unit, we have so much to thank our founders for. By bringing together the services that they created, we are building an organisation that can reach more people in our communities, serve them with a greater range of services and have a bigger voice in the hospice sector, nationally.

We have big ambitions for how we will achieve these aims. So much work has already happened behind the scenes and we're starting to see big developments for patients and families, such as the launch of our Coordination Centre.

We couldn't achieve any of this without you. Thank you for everything you have done over the past six months – from donating to fundraising or volunteering your time, it all makes a huge difference.

The team and I have exciting plans for the next six months and beyond. We can't wait to see what we can achieve before the next issue of this newsletter. Together.

Best Wishes,

Stewart Marks
Chief Executive
Rennie Grove Peace
Hospice Care



We hope you enjoyed reading this first issue of Rennie Grove Peace Together.

If you have been inspired to support our work, here are the details of just some of the ways you can get involved:

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Search volunteer vacancies on our website or call the volunteer team on 01727 731020.



SHOP WITH US

With 32 shops across Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire you're sure to find one on a High Street near you.



DONATE TO US

Whether it's through regular giving, taking part in a challenge event or supporting an event in your community, every penny you donate helps us to deliver our services for patients and families. Visit renniegrovepeace.org/get-involved to find out more.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We'd love to stay in touch via email to keep you updated on news and events from Rennie Grove Peace. Visit our website today to sign up for our emails.

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