

NEWSLETTER



Third Sector UK Large Charity of the Year Autumn 2025

We hope this newsletter finds you well and you have enjoyed a lovely long summer. You may have heard the amazing news that in September we were awarded Third Sector UK Large Charity of the Year! This incredible recognition wouldn't have been possible without your unwavering support—so thank you. You help us make a real, lasting impact.

VISION AND THANK YOU PARTIES

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the summer vision sessions and thank you parties. These sessions are a great way to keep up to date with all things North Devon Hospice and give you a chance to ask any questions you may have. The parties gave us the opportunity to thank you for all your support and it was great to see so many volunteers from different departments come together. Invitations will be sent out shortly for the Autumn sessions - join us for mince pies and catch up on all things North Devon Hospice.

The dates will be:

Friday 7th November 10am - 12pm, Deer Park

Tuesday 18th November 2pm - 4pm, Deer Park

Wednesday 19th November 2pm - 4pm, The Long House, Holsworthy



PETS AS THERAPY PARTY

We couldn't let our furry friends miss out on all the fun! So in July we invited Obie, Meadow, Willow and Daisy for some fun and treats in our dog walking field.

If you are looking for a safe space to walk your dog please see the website: <https://waggytailsmeadow.co.uk/>. All proceeds go to North Devon Hospice.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We're looking for volunteers to help out at the following events – or just come along to show your support and enjoy the day with us!

BUCKET COLLECTIONS

Friday 28th November - Asda Barnstaple - 1pm -4pm

Saturday 13th December - Asda Bideford - 10am -1pm and 1pm - 4pm

EVENTS

Coffee Morning - 29th October - Memorial Hall Holsworthy 8.30am- 12pm

Cream Tea Bingo - 20th November - The Longhouse, Holsworthy - 1pm - 5pm

Barnstaple Christmas Lights switch on - 27th November - 4pm - 8pm

Late Night Shopping - Pannier Market, Barnstaple every Thursday throughout December 4pm - 8pm

Candles in the Lake - Kenwith Castle - 5th December 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Holsworthy Christmas Fayre - 7th December - The Longhouse - 11am - 5pm (all or part of the day)

If you are able to volunteer or would like to know more please contact Heidi Orton:

heidiorton@northdevonhospice.org.uk or call 01271 347207



WHEN HARRY MET CHRISTINE

A Special Moment Between Volunteers

In June, at the Terrace Café, two of our volunteers met for the first time—Christine, one of our longest-standing volunteers from Supportive Care, and Harry, our youngest volunteer in Retail. After their chat, Harry shared:

“Christine told me about all the roles she’s had over the years, but what really stayed with me was how she described her role—giving people the time they need, offering a listening ear, or even a warm hug if that’s what they needed. It made me stop and think that sometimes, just being there is the most important thing.”

We’re proud to support young people like Harry as they volunteer towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award, building new skills and confidence along the way.

If you know a young person who would like to volunteer for their DofE, please do pass our details—we’d love to hear from them: peopleteam@northdevonhospice.org.uk, 01271 347248

HOSPICE TOURS

Whether you are a seasoned volunteer or have joined us recently, we invite you to join us for a virtual tour of the Bedded Unit, a look around Deer Park and to learn about the services we offer. Our next tour is 16th February 2026

To reserve a spot please visit: [North Devon Hospice Tour](#)



HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY TO THE LONGHOUSE

In September we were delighted to have so many people join us in celebrating 10 years since the Longhouse first opened its doors providing a peaceful retreat for the local community, offering complementary therapies and compassionate support.

WANTED! VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES!

VIEW is our Volunteer Involvement and Engagement Working-Group and we are looking for a representative from the following areas:

- Community Support
- Complementary Therapy
- Supportive Care

The aim of the meeting is to enhance communication and collaboration between the hospice and volunteers, so we can update teams on news, changes and projects and give volunteers the opportunity to give us feedback, so we can continuously improve our volunteer experience. Through the meeting we also have a specific focus on fundraising and recruitment. The group meets quarterly for roughly an hour and half.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Cate Oliver, Director of People and Organisational Development on 01271 347220 or email cateoliver@northdevonhospice.org.uk

We hope you have enjoyed these updates. If you have anything you would like included in the next newsletter please get in touch. Let’s keep making a difference together.