

# SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

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# We Care

SERVING SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WELLESBOURNE, KINTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS



FREE HOME NURSING FOR PEOPLE WITH A LIFE-LIMITING OR TERMINAL ILLNESS  
AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Andrew Revell

Welcome to my review of 2022.



**A busy year which started with another office move to larger premises at Blackwell Business Park as the likelihood of returning to the Ellen Badger Hospital began to diminish. As usual the team rallied to make the move as painless as possible and obviously there was no disruption to our Nursing service.**

During the year we looked after 180 patients and spent nearly 7,600 hours providing care for them. Many of the patients we cared for had complex, and or multiple illnesses requiring more intervention from us prior to the end of their lives.

In August 2022 we reorganised our Nursing team so that we were able to operate three scheduled shifts daily. During the day we have a minimum of two care staff from 0800-2000, a minimum of one member of staff at night, plus a 24-hour Nurse coordinator on call for telephone support and emergency patient visits. Our new way of working allows

us to be more integrated with other stakeholders and improves the continuity of the care we provide. In addition, we have been accepted as a provider by NHS Continuing Healthcare to support end of life patients with packages of care with the aim of improving the overall patient and family care experience.

The Health and Care Act 2022 is also making major changes to the NHS to develop Integrated Care Systems to bring together NHS, local authority and third sector bodies to take on responsibility for the resources and health of an area or 'system'. Their aim is to deliver more integrated care for patient. With this change in mind, we have been working with other Warwickshire Hospices for the last 18 months to develop a hospice 'offer' at county level to ensure there is easy and equitable access for all patients and families where and when they need a hospice service. This collaborative approach will not impact the individual identity or operation of each hospice but should improve

the way we work together and allow patients to access more end of life services.

The feedback we receive from patients and those close to them continues to be very favourable and, at a time where the pressures on the NHS continue to grow, the role of Hospices is increasingly relevant and important in the overall healthcare system. Individually and as a Coventry and Warwickshire group of hospices we continue to work with our service Commissioners and the Integrated Care Board (previously the CCG) to promote the awareness of the importance of a robust hospice service.

We continue to be financially healthy, with income of £831, 042 for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 which was a positive variance of over £150,000 on the previous financial year. In addition to the ongoing loyal support of our donors, local businesses, and trust funds we received an unexpected total of £450,000 in grant income from the NHS England Covid and Winter Pressures fund via Hospice UK. Event based fundraising income returned to pre-covid levels with income of £54,408. Costs have increased aligned to the increase in nursing hours over the period.

Rebecca Mawle our Head of Community Fundraising retired in September 2022 after 25 years of building the awareness, income, and profile of the charity. We are delighted that Rebecca has agreed to continue to work with us as an Honorary Ambassador.

We were fortunate that Kate Bamford, an existing, relatively new member of the team was able to take on more responsibility and become our new Fundraising and Communications Manager. Allison Allen joined us from Dogs for Good in September and brings

with her over 15 years of charity experience - I have high hopes for this formidable team!

Jo Sweby also joined us in February 2022 as our Trust and Grants Fundraising Manager and, despite working only one day a week, has generated nearly £54,000 in the 11 months she has been with us.

Operational initiatives to improve efficiency continued to be a theme for the year with the implementation of Beacon (a Donor Relationship Management platform) being the most resource intensive. This implementation was completed in July and will allow us to segment and streamline our communication with donors and supporters.

In October we were nominated for the Stratford Herald Business and Tourism Charity of the Year award and were delighted to be chosen as the winner from three other high profile and worthy finalists.

Also, in October we welcomed our new Chair of Trustees, David Morris. David replaced Dr Clive Irwin who retired as Chair but has agreed to remain a trustee and Chair of the Clinical sub-Committee. Clive retires with my personal thanks for his support and guidance, and I now look forward to working with David.

Finally, without the unfailing support and commitment of our donors, volunteers, staff, and trustees we would cease to exist so once again a big thank for your efforts, thoughtfulness, and support of this essential community service.

Very best wishes for 2023.

**Andrew Revell**  
Executive Director

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*You are amazing people; for all that you do and the difference that you made. You are truly appreciated.*

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING CHAIRMAN

Clive Irwin

In my final year as chairman and the 25th year of Shipston Home Nursing, I have seen the charity go from strength to strength.

The nursing team have been busier than they have ever been and this is set to continue with the NHS facing increasing challenges in supporting care in the community. New front-line staff have been recruited to support the increased number of patients and we continue to look for nurses to join our exceptional team.

Finding suitable long-term accommodation for the charity remains a challenge, obviously compounded by the changes at the Ellen Badger. The aim is for the nursing team to remain geographically close to the District Nurses to retain and nurture their excellent working relationship.

In October 2022, David Morris was appointed Chair and now leads the team of trustees. I have very much enjoyed working with David



over the past six months and wish him well in his new role. Two trustees have moved on this year and my grateful thanks go to Joanna Mitchell and Martin Whittaker for their valued services and efforts on our behalf. We are looking for new trustees and you will find further details on the charity website. Please do contact Andrew Revell with any queries.

As always, my thanks go to all trustees, staff, volunteers and supporters, both past and present, who have made the charity the strong presence and success in our local community that it is today.

I wish you all the best for the continued development of this hugely important service.

Dr Clive Irwin

## OUR NEW CHAIRMAN

David Morris

I was delighted to join the charity in April 2022 as a trustee with a view to becoming the Chair of the Board of the Trustees following a six month probationary period.

Happily, I have taken on role as Chair from Dr Clive Irwin in October having benefited hugely from six months of his mentorship and stewardship as well as the support from my fellow Trustees and the wider staff group who have all been massively welcoming.

I returned home to South Warwickshire in 2012 after spending 18 years in Cornwall, London, Cambridgeshire and overseas. During this time, I trained as a nurse, undertook a law degree and then subsequently joined an international professional services firm. I now look after a large team of staff and work with organisations here and overseas identifying and managing financial and operational change. A large percentage of my time is spent working with healthcare organisations and Government agencies.

Shipston Home Nursing has been a high profile and integral part of its community for many years and bridges the gap in palliative care services which the NHS cannot fully provide through its community nursing teams. The team are a cohesive mixture of nursing and care, fundraising and operational staff, all sharing the vision that every adult in our community has access to free, high quality end of life care at home - an ethos that I personally hold very strongly.

My initial impression is that this simple vision



statement underpins all activities of the team and that they are totally focused on providing the best patient and family experience possible, often in very difficult circumstances.

I frequently review comments received from relatives of patients we have cared for and am

heartened to read about their experiences, the ways in which the team have helped and made a difference and very occasionally how we could do things better.

Improving our care services is always at the forefront of our minds and I would welcome any ideas you may have to help us achieve this.

We simply could not function without the incredible support we receive from our community - from the volunteers who generously provide their time and energy to support our community events to those of you who donate to us monthly, or through your businesses or Trust Funds you are associated with. My grateful thanks go to you all.

This year we anticipate an increase in our costs mainly due to the challenging economic circumstance but also as we try to encourage more patient referrals from our healthcare partners and families themselves. We will also be looking to expand our service offerings to ensure we deliver the very support needed to our patients and their relatives.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2023 and thank you again for your ongoing support.

David Morris  
Chairman of Trustees

# NURSE MANAGER'S REPORT

Gemma Roberts

2022 has been a fantastic year for us!

We have celebrated our 25th anniversary and were immensely proud to be nominated and win the Stratford Herald Charity of the Year award; an amazing achievement for us all.

Our nursing team is going from strength to strength; we have extended the team and expanded our services. We now offer packages of care for patients within the last 6 weeks of their lives- this includes up to 3 visits a day in addition to the much needed night care from our highly skilled nursing team. We continue to work closely with our NHS partners to ensure that shared care is as seamless as it can be.

We are looking to expand our team further this year and will

be offering a more extensive bereavement service. We want to be able to offer extra support from our nursing team but also specialist bereavement support if required.

It is a privilege caring for people at the end of their lives, within their homes and this year we have supported more patients and families than ever. The nursing team never cease to amaze me with their care and support of our patients, often going above and beyond to ensure everyone gets the highest quality care at the most difficult of times. I am immensely proud to be part of such a skilled and dedicated team.

**Gemma Roberts**  
Head of Nursing Services



**At Shipston Home Nursing, we're looking for full and part-time RGN's to join our friendly Hospice at Home team, looking after patients and families in and around Shipston on Stour, Wellesbourne and Kineton.**

We will provide you with a full induction programme, together with regular in-house training and external training, giving you opportunities to improve your skills and knowledge.

You will receive a competitive rate of pay, enhanced rates for nights, weekends (plus a night retainer incentive) and Bank Holidays, mileage reimbursement and, if you work enough hours for us, the option to join our pension scheme.

**If you're interested, please call Gemma Roberts, our Head of Nursing, on 01608 664850 or email [gemma.roberts@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk](mailto:gemma.roberts@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk)**

## SHN 100 CLUB REPORT

Kate Bamford

Thank you to all our Shipston Home Nursing 100 Club Members who have helped us to raise valuable funds over the course of the year.

This year, we say a special thank you to Hannah French who is stepping back from running the 100 club. Hannah has been instrumental in the organisation of the 100 club since we introduced it to Shipston Home Nursing. Thank you so much Hannah for all your time and enthusiasm.

We currently have 62 active members, each in with the chance of winning a cash prize every month. It costs £2 a month to have one number in the draw, with the majority of members setting up a standing order.

The 100 Club is a great way of donating to

your local hospice at home while also being in with the chance of winning!

**If you are interested in joining, please email Kate on the fundraising team at [fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk)**

# TRUSTS AND GRANTS

Jo Sweby, Trusts and Grants Fundraising Manager

I joined Shipston Home Nursing earlier in the year to work part-time and grow the charity's income from trusts and grant-making organisations.

This year, as well as support from local Parish Councils, we have received grants from various local and national trusts and foundations. We have raised funds to increase the number of night shifts we can offer and I plan to

continue to work on increasing our trust and grant income in 2023.

If you know of any trusts or grant making organisations that may consider supporting Shipston Home Nursing,

please do contact me.

My email is [jo.sweby@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk](mailto:jo.sweby@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk)

**Jo Sweby**  
Trusts and Grants Fundraising Manager



**We are extremely grateful to the following Trust and Grant making organisations for their donations:**

GJW Turner Trust  
The Reverend GRJ Shea Trust  
The Frank Pearson Foundation  
The Ofenheim Charitable Trust  
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The Gravelines Trust  
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Albert Hunt Trust  
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Hospital Saturday Fund  
The WPH Charitable Trust  
The A H Lynall Foundation  
Antrobus Bewlay Charitable Trust  
Tesco Community Grants  
The Oakes Trust  
Saintbury Trust

## 10K OR 5K RUN/WALK AT WALTON HALL

**Sunday 7th May 2023**

Walton Hall, Wellesbourne CV35 9HG

Adult 5k or 10k Run: £20

Child (under 16) 5k or 10k Run: £10

Runners will be electronically timed by Tempo

5k or 10k Walk: Adults £10, Children (under 16): £5

Medal and hot roll included

Registration: 8.45, 10am start

**Online entry closes Friday 28th April 2023**

**For entry and more details visit [www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events](http://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events)**



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*There aren't enough words to express our gratitude and thanks for the wonderful care you gave our Mum in her final days. You helped us through some of the darkest days (and nights) and we shall be forever grateful to you for your help, advice, support and professionalism.*

*They were a huge support to me too - always concerned for me. You all deserve a medal!*

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# 20 WALKS IN SHIPSTON COUNTRY

Thank you to everyone who joined our SHN Walks this year donating and supporting sales of the 20 Walks in Shipston Country

We apologise as we have struggled this year with planning walks as; pubs do not now open midweek; Covid infections; and 33C evening temperature too hot to walk dogs (and owners)

The pub situation doesn't seem to be improving so we suggest fixing walks on the first Thursday in the month, with 11:00am walks every month until the Spring. We will skip January with the next walk on Thursday 2nd February at 11.00am around Brailes/Winderton for a 3 Churches walk

Please let us know any feedback, comments or suggestions, as well as any walks that you would be keen to include in the 2023 schedule, or if you want to be on walk email circulation list

Kind regards

Elizabeth, Richard, and John

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*If you wish to join the walks please go to  
[www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk](http://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk)*

*Thank you all*



## COLLECTION BOX DONATIONS STILL CONTRIBUTE

Percy Sewell

Considering the sad and ever-demising use of cash since the pandemic, it's remarkable that the collection boxes still attract a very respectable amount of money from our generous supporters, raising £1,017.00 throughout 2022.

As always, we're grateful to all those who both hold, and contribute to, the boxes and I am convinced that they still have a great role to play in the fortunes of the Charity in the future.

Rather to my surprise, I've realised that I've

been co-ordinating the collection boxes for over 25 years and do feel that now is the time to pass this on to a fresh pair of hands. Far from being onerous, it is very rewarding, especially considering the accumulated sum the boxes have raised since 1997. With this in mind, SHN would welcome anyone to come forward to take this on.

*An enormous thanks to Percy from us all for his support over the years. Also thanks to Percy, Louise and Fudge, for their enormous support throughout the year. Well done and our grateful thanks to everyone who kindly houses our boxes and helps raise vital funds.*



# SUE'S STORY

**"IT'S LIKE SHIPSTON HOME NURSING WRAPPED A BLANKET AROUND OUR FAMILY IN THE VERY DARKEST OF DAYS," SAID JO CARROLL, WHOSE MOTHER SUE SADLY PASSED AWAY IN AUGUST 2022.**

Sue was an active and healthy 78-year-old, until she suddenly became ill in April 2022. After a series of tests, she was diagnosed with multiple cancers (brain, bowel, liver and lung) and was sent home from Warwick Hospital, with the news that she had "days – at best weeks" left. Her cancer was so advanced palliative care was the only option.

Jo, who runs Winchcombe Farm with husband Steve Taylor, said: "We were in complete shock. It's difficult to recall the feeling of utter devastation and the helplessness of not knowing what to do and where to go for help. We all knew what the final outcome was going to be but had no idea of how we would survive the journey."

It was the latest bitter blow in a what has been a difficult year for the family. In the same month as Sue's diagnosis, they were grieving the loss of Steve's 86-year-old mother, Liz, following her 12-month battle with lung cancer.

Jo, Steve and their two sons were also forced to spend most of the year living in temporary accommodation after a fire ravaged their home in January. Steve collapsed while trying to contain the blaze and suffered a cardiac arrest, going on to have a triple heart bypass.

It was at the suggestion of a friend that Jo, 52, contacted Shipston Home Nursing. She explained: "The nurses and carers team became our 'guardian angels,' helping us every step of the way, and I sincerely believe that we wouldn't have survived this period without them."

"As expected, Mum deteriorated very quickly and our biggest problem became night times – Mum was very restless, couldn't sleep and became very confused as the brain cancer and seizures got worse. She couldn't be left alone. Medication failed to help and we very quickly discovered that even with three of us – Dad, my sister and myself – providing 24-hour care was almost impossible.

"I am self-employed and it was peak season running the holiday lodges so it was impossible just to stop working. I also have young children, one of whom is severely autistic, so already have extensive carer responsibilities. "We tried almost 20 care agencies trying to find a waking carer, but to no avail. Shipston Home Nursing stepped in to help us, providing a carer from 10pm to 7am every night they were able.

"This made the most enormous difference to us – the world is a much better place when



you can have a good night's sleep and at least you feel like you can cope with whatever the next day will throw at you, when you've had some rest."

Shipston Home Nursing has a team of qualified night carers – offering both waking night and sleep in care – which is provided free-of-charge to the user, funded by charity donations. This provides a lifeline to many families who are navigating their way, dealing with a terminally ill relative at home.

The Shipston Home Nursing Team worked alongside the District Nurses to care for Sue in her own home, surrounded by her family, until the day she died, even rushing over on the morning she passed away to remove her cannulas and comfort the family, before she was taken to the Chapel of Rest.

Jo added: "They are amazing people – for all that they do and the difference that they make. Their person-centred approach ensures a seamless service but it's not just about the care, it's the people working for Shipston Home Nursing who are pouring their hearts and souls into their job."

The Carroll family has set themselves a fundraising target of £10,000 to say thank you to Shipston Home Nursing and make sure that other local families can have the same support they received.

They raised just over £7,500 so far, through donations from family and friends and in lieu of flowers at Sue's funeral.

Sue's seven-year-old grandson, Bob, recently raised £235 by charging people to sign his plaster cast after breaking his ankle. He said: "I'm really pleased that I've raised such a lot of money for the people that helped my Nanny. My mum and dad are very proud of me and I've been very brave, because it hurt a lot."



Jo added: "Shipston Home Nursing walk alongside many families dealing with terminal illness and can only do that with the continued support of the local community and businesses.

"Both myself and my sister Heidi are going along to their volunteer recruitment night at The George in Shipston on 18th January to see how we can join the fundraising team.

"A good deed brightens a dark world and we can't pay back kindness, but we can pass it on. We pledge to do all that we can to help Shipston Home Nursing continue their invaluable work for local families like ours, who make a difference that is immeasurable in words. For that, we shall be forever grateful".

*In loving memory of Susan Carroll, wife, mother, nanny and friend to many*

**22 December 1943 to 8 August 2022**



# COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING REPORT Kate Bamford

I joined the fundraising team in February 2022 and haven't looked back!

The 25th anniversary year of Shipston Home Nursing has been wonderfully supported by our community, with highlights including our pop-up shop, plant sales, Walton Hall 10k, golf day, designer sale, Christmas gift fair and the fabulous Party in the Park in July. The sun shone for us all afternoon and we were so fortunate to be in the magnificent surroundings of Alscot Park.

As a small team, we're always grateful to active fundraisers who raise money on our behalf. Whether you held a birthday fundraiser, sold plants and cakes or perhaps even ran a race to raise money for Shipston Home Nursing, we send our thanks to you.

I send my personal thanks to Rebecca Mawle and Debbie Foster for their patience in handing over the reins to a new fundraising team. In September, we welcomed Allison Allen who brings a wealth of experience from her previous role at Dogs For Good. Alli and I have been astounded by the

dedication of our volunteers and supporters and will be sure to nurture those relationships moving forward, continuing the hard work of Rebecca and Debbie.

If you would like to get in touch with the fundraising team, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk)

We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

**Kate Bamford**  
Fundraising & Communications  
Manager



**We would love to keep in touch with you. If you don't currently receive newsletter emails from us and would like to, please let us know by contacting [fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk)**

## Thank you to our generous donors

Traditionally, a list of donors has been printed in our newsletter. However, as donations now reach us through so many different channels, it becomes increasingly challenging to list everyone by name. We are also aware that some of our donors prefer to remain anonymous.

We are enormously grateful to regular monthly givers, one off donors, community supporters, trusts, parish councils and those who leave legacies in their wills. Your generous donations mean that we can continue to support people within the community with life limiting illnesses.

**If you have supported Shipston Home Nursing this year, we thank you.**



# FUNDRAISING EVENTS NOW BACK IN FULL SWING



## POP UP SHOP AT THE WHITE BEAR FUNCTION ROOM

Olga Satterley joined us for the four days taking donations for her table full of wonderful toiletries and food. Jane Cleave, Nicola Loades, Karen Elder, Liz Dixon, Bev Beaumont, Jules Cattell and Liz James were all brilliant and helped Rebecca over the four days at the "Perfect Room" at the back of the White Bear. Emma, Max, Luke and the team at the White Bear were simply amazing, so very generous and helpful. We raised £4,028. Many thanks to Kerrie Hall who donated £250 following a Big Birthday, celebrated at the White Bear in lieu of presents.



## THE PHILIP SALT RUGBY MEMORIAL MATCH

As one would imagine who knew and loved Philip, hundreds came along to the most special day at Stratford Rugby Club. Stratford and Shipston Rugby Club had an excellent match. The sun shone and families had a relaxed time seeing friends which had not happened for over two years. The grand total raised from donations, the sales of the caps, ties and pin badges all designed by Charlie Salt, was £3072.16. Our enormous thanks to Caroline, Alice, Annabelle and Charlie and of course Salts Healthcare for their generous support.



## ABBI BALDWIN'S CAKE SALE

Abbi raised £679.59 for SHN selling delicious cakes in the Townsend Hall in memory of her Uncle Chris who was looked after by the charity. Abbi and her family were so grateful for this support.



## THE TARTAN FLING IN SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

The Tartan Fling (a Charity Scottish Dancing party for teenagers) missed a few years due to Covid. On April 14th 2022 it was back and the committee raised a fantastic £2933.78 for SHN. Treasurer Juliet Loudon, was delighted along with the efficient Committee, making lasagne for 120 teenagers in the Townsend Hall. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.





## THE COACH & HORSES, SHIPSTON -ON-STOUR MONTHLY MUSIC QUIZ

"The Old Farts" team won and thoughtfully donated their winnings to SHN. Thank you so much for the £76.

## NEWSLETTER MAIL OUT 2022

We are so grateful to Di, Bonnie and Susie for stuffing the newsletters into thousands of envelopes! Thank you to Peter Clarke Stratford-on-Avon and to NFU Mutual in Shipston-on-Stour for franking some of these postal envelopes. Charlie aged 8 and Mason aged 6 stuffed 800 envelopes on a Sunday evening at the kitchen table, well done and thank you both!



## WALTON HALL 10K RUN /WALK

After two years, we were back at the beautiful Walton Hall, on a perfect May morning for the 10k run /walk.

A broken foot bridge meant some necessary last-minute alterations, but everyone loved the new route and we were delighted to see 200 runners and walkers on the day. 20 volunteers and the staff at Walton Hall looked after our supporters so well with drinks and sausage and bacon baps. As always, there was a wonderful atmosphere and the sun came out to shine on us all. Sir Andrew kindly started the race and Steph and Rose took their usual positions checking the runners in with their excellent times. Thank you to our fantastic volunteers (the marshalling team were outstanding and

runners and walkers were most appreciative) and enormous to Gilda who expertly planned and managed the route.

Many thanks to Turners of Shipston, Paddock Farm Butchery in Brailes, Tesco's Shipston and the Co-op for providing juice, bananas, sausages and water. Congratulations to the winners, and to team Sheldons Wine Runners who raised a magnificent £3500.

The event raised £8077

## TYSOE WI

Heather and Rebecca were invited by the Tysoe WI to speak at their June meeting in Tysoe church. The church was looking beautiful with flowers and wonderful Artwork by the children celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Tysoe WI are supporting SHN throughout this year and they gave a donation of £150. We were also given a cheque for £80 from a previous speaker. Thank you all for a lovely evening.

## ILMINGTON NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Our grateful thanks to Ilmington NGS gardens for their donation of £1763, following their extremely successful weekend in May.



## TABLE TOP PLANT SALES IN 18 VILLAGES

Once again, our table top plant and home produce sale was a rip roaring success! Over May Day Bank holiday participating villages



ran their wonderful stalls over three days. We were blessed with good weather. Roz Warriner, Michael Cummings and many others generously donated funds following sales of their plants and delicious cakes" at



home". The grand total for this simply extraordinary fundraiser was £12,072. Congratulations to all the volunteers – this is a fabulous event thanks to you all.





### TOUR D'ILMINGTON

We were delighted to be involved with this fantastic cycling event once again. Thank you Shipston Rotary for your support.



### CHERINGTON SHOW

Heather our Nurse-coordinator, Rebecca and Sarah Mortimer attended Cherington Flower Show on a beautiful sunny day in August. We sold a few of our lovely 25th anniversary mugs and had special conversations with local families whom our Nurses had met. Thank you Cherington Show committee for inviting us to be part of this village event. We received a cheque for £693, many thanks to Cherington.



### THE WOLF RUN

Fourteen of our wonderful volunteers worked enthusiastically over the weekend in September at Offchurch Bury dealing with over 1500 bags and hundreds of envelopes with keys in for the thousands of entries that tackled the challenges of the 10k WOLF Run. Grateful thanks to Nick, Christine, Kate, Jane, Liz, Mark, Alasdair, Malcolm, Anneli, Lawrence, Fred and John for their exceptional help. What a team! The bucket collection over the two days totalled £273.68. We received £924 from the WOLF Run team for the work our volunteers did over the weekend.

### BUTTERFLY WALKS AT BLACKBERRY FARM

Richard Gray has once again given a whole month to answer the phone to take bookings for all children and adults who love to walk in the tranquil valley between Idlicote, Halford and Honington. Thank you Richard for sharing this lovely place with our supporters. Richard raised a marvellous £720.

### SHEEP STREET GARDEN PARTY JUBILEE WEEKEND

This special garden party was to take place in David Rutherford's garden but it was a little chilly to be sitting outside. So the 60 plus residents of Sheep Street had their party in the Townsend Hall! Di and Lisa worked hard to give everyone a superb Jubilee lunch. Thank you all so much for your extremely generous donations raising £1210. Special thanks to Di, Jasper and Lisa for creating a memorable day for Sheep Street.

### SUNFLOWERS AT LODGE FARM

During the month of August, Jilly and Emma at Lodge Farm invited people to their fields of bright and beautiful sunflowers, to pick a sunflower for 50p per stem, from unsprayed fields, every day from 10am to 5pm. As per previous years, there was a trailer selling refreshments, ice creams and delicious home-made cakes. Jilly and Emma raised a magnificent £3189 for Shipston Home Nursing.





## PARTY IN THE PARK

Emma and Andrew Holman-West generously opened their estate and exquisite private gardens for our supporters to enjoy on a superb summer's afternoon. The sun shone for us all day, supporters lined the magnificent driveway with vintage cars, cream teas were served alongside entertainment, stalls and car booters. Our grateful thanks to Emma and Andrew and the Alscot team who were so helpful in setting up this memorable event, marking our 25th year. Thank you again to our volunteers who spent the day setting up, marshalling, serving tea and hosting stalls. Thank you to Camilla West for a generous donation.

Our thanks go to:-

Meg Rivers for baking the 3 tier celebration cake and providing delicious fruit cakes  
Victoria Onions for her superb cake decorating  
Fosseway Garden Centre for providing delicious scones and loaning trees and plants to decorate the marquee  
Orbit Housing & Listers Group for sponsorship  
Rob Walker Butchers

Paddock Farm Brailes  
Jo Freeston and her two helpers  
Jo, Rebecca and Daisy Fosset for bringing the camels  
Hilary Bryan for loaning catering equipment  
Mandy Lane for loaning Vintage China  
Jim Walton for his M C expertise  
Iain and Jenny at Cheeky Chimps  
Emma-Jane at Calypso Kids

Face Painting Girls Zanna and Catriona  
Good With Custard Lucy's Gingerbread biscuits  
Nick Leach and the coaches from Stratford Rugby Club  
Tesco's Shipston on Stour  
The Co-op Shipston on Stour  
John Rutter for providing Straw Bales  
The amazing local support we had for the Silent Auction prizes.

*Photography by Neil Teasdale & Mark Williamson, Stratford Herald*

## TULIPA ARMSCOTE

Our enormous thanks to Deborah Williams at Armscote Manor who so kindly gave proceeds of their beautiful Tulipa Armscote bulbs to Shipston Home Nursing. The grand total raised was £1640.50 Thank you also to Ilmington Community Shop, Taste of the Country and The Cottage Garden Florist for selling the bulbs on our behalf.

## WALK BOOKS

Sales of this fantastic book continue to support Shipston Home Nursing and our enormous thanks go to Robert Harper and Ian McConnel who spare their time to ask pubs in the area to stock and sell the books on our behalf. Thank you and thank you to all our stockists! Ian is stepping down this year after many years spent distributing our walk books to

local pubs. We are enormously grateful for his support. We are looking for people who might be interested in taking our walk books to their local pubs to be sold. If you need an excuse to visit your local, please email [fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk)





### TOTALLY LOCALLY IN SHIPSTON

SHN shared a stall with Hannah Porter in October's Totally Locally. Our wonderful nurses made delicious cakes for us to sell along with our merchandise. We raised over £238. Thank you for all the delicious contributions.



### ILMINGTON SHOW

Gemma joined Kate at Ilmington Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. We sold some of our walk books and recipe books and enjoyed chatting to people. It was great to be back in Ilmington.



### FOSSEWAY GARDEN CENTRE

Shipston Home Nursing ran the raffle at Fosseway Garden Centre's Christmas Launch in October, with beautiful prizes kindly donated by their suppliers. We raised £392 and had a lovely afternoon and evening.



### FELDON VALLEY GOLF DAY

The sun shone for our annual Golf Day at Feldon Valley on 7th October, with 11 enthusiastic teams supporting the event.

Andy and Les ran the golf side of proceedings so efficiently, alongside Michelle and Tracy who spent the morning out on the course with refreshments for the golfers. We couldn't be more grateful for their expertise and support. This year's winning team were The Playfair Players. A huge thanks to you all. We very much hope you will join us again in 2023.

Our enormous thanks to Peter Clarke, Arden



Garages and Shipston Excelsior Football Club for their sponsorship. We raised just over £4400 which reflected the huge generosity of the golfers on the day. Michael White kindly gave a donation. Thank you Michael for your ongoing support.

Thanks also to our supporters for some wonderful raffle and auction prizes: The Howard Arms, The Bower House, Feldon Valley, Hoar Cross Hall, Spirit of Ilmington, Taste of the Country, Mad Molly, Cottage Garden Florist, Justina, The Cotswolds Distillery, Fosseway Garden Centre, M&N Heating and Plumbing and Harley Finishings.



### DESIGNER SALE

The annual Moda Rosa Designer Sale returned in November this year, kindly welcomed to Darlingscott by John & Maggie Sargent. There were exceptional designer bargains to be had, with up to 80% off beautiful clothes and accessories. Rosie, Zena, Jane and Tessa travelled up from Alresford and Nicola and Joanna came along to help with serving coffee, wine and delicious goodies. The door donations and raffle took £557. Squeaky's jewellery, Mr Portobello and Annabelle's 10% donations raised a further £149. 10% of Moda Rosa's sales raised £1360. The grand total for the successful two day sale £2066. We love seeing Rosie, Zena and Jane in Warwickshire for this popular event. Thank you Rosie for your generous support of Shipston Home Nursing.

### PAULINE AUSTIN

Pauline opened her garden in Shipston on Jubilee weekend serving teas. A collection box for SHN raised £55.40. Thank you Pauline for your ongoing support.



### LIZ BEAUMONT'S SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Many dear friends of Liz's joined her at The Bower House for a delicious lunch, to celebrate this special day. Donations for SHN were asked for in lieu of presents. Over £1000 was donated. Thank you Liz for this generous gesture and many thanks to all your friends who donated.

### RAY LUKER, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A wonderful supporter of Shipston Home Nursing, Ray decorated his home and garden to look like a festive winter wonderland once again in December. He raised £193.11. We are so grateful for Ray's support and always love to see the lights at Christmas. Thank you Ray.

### WHICHFORD POTTERY

A donation has been made by the Keelings for the 10% sales of the Armscote Bee Pot over the last two years. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. (£1,148.00).

### THE BARONESS HOWE OF IDLICOTE CBE

Amanda, Cary and Alec invited us to attend the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of Elspeth Howe. Gemma and Rebecca attended this beautiful service and it was a privilege to be there. The retiring collection went to SHN and RNID. Thank you so much for your ongoing support Amanda. Donations from the Memorial service £951.20. Donations from Baroness Howe's funeral in Long Compton in March £4422.50. Total donated £5373.70.





### SHIPSTON VICTORIAN EVENING

Shipston Home Nursing were delighted to have a stall at the Shipston Victorian Evening on Friday 2nd December. We met some lovely people and raised £216.40. It's a great event and we very much look forward to being there again next year,

### COTSWOLD TUROPHILES

Cotswold Turophiles so kindly supported us once again this year, donating £315 to Shipston Home Nursing following sales of their amazing artisan cheeses from UK-based cheesemakers. David Greenwell and his team run this fantastic cheese consortium, offering four kinds of cheese every six weeks or so, delivered to your door. Thank you for all your support. If you are interested in learning more about the Cotswold Turophiles, please contact the SHN fundraising team who will point you in the right direction (fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk)



### SHIPSTON EXCELSIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

Shipston Excelsior Club donated £500. Our grateful thanks for their donation and ongoing support. Thank you all.

### ALAN TURNER

Alan Turner had a wonderful birthday celebration at Cherington Village Hall, donating £259 in lieu of presents. Thank you Alan for your ongoing support.

### FOSSEWAY GARDEN CENTRE

We were delighted to be chosen by Fosseway Garden Centre as their charity of the year from April 2022 – April 2023. Our thanks go to them for their support throughout the year, from their generous donation of plants for our plant sale to the delicious scones at our Party in the Park.

### QUIZ NIGHT AT THE RED LION, LONG COMPTON

The pub quiz at The Red Lion in Long Compton raised £205 for us in November – thank you all!



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Huge thanks to Hannah Porter for designing our Christmas cards again this year. We are also so grateful to Hannah for creating the 25th Anniversary mug design last year. These pretty china mugs are still for sale at £6 each, please contact fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk. We also send our thanks to the Porter family and to Richard Harvey, EH Spencer and Mrs Browns Tea Rooms for stocking and selling the cards for us.



### CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Our annual Christmas Gift Fair was held at Ettington Community Centre on 15th and 16th November. Over 35 volunteers helped to run this wonderful event which our supporters love.

We had a fabulous selection of stalls this year, from delicious Christmas cakes and smoked salmon in our Food Hall to bespoke jewellery, elegant homewares and beautiful festive decorations in the main hall. Of course, we also had our tombola which was as popular as ever, and we served delicious homemade soup and biscuits which were very much appreciated.

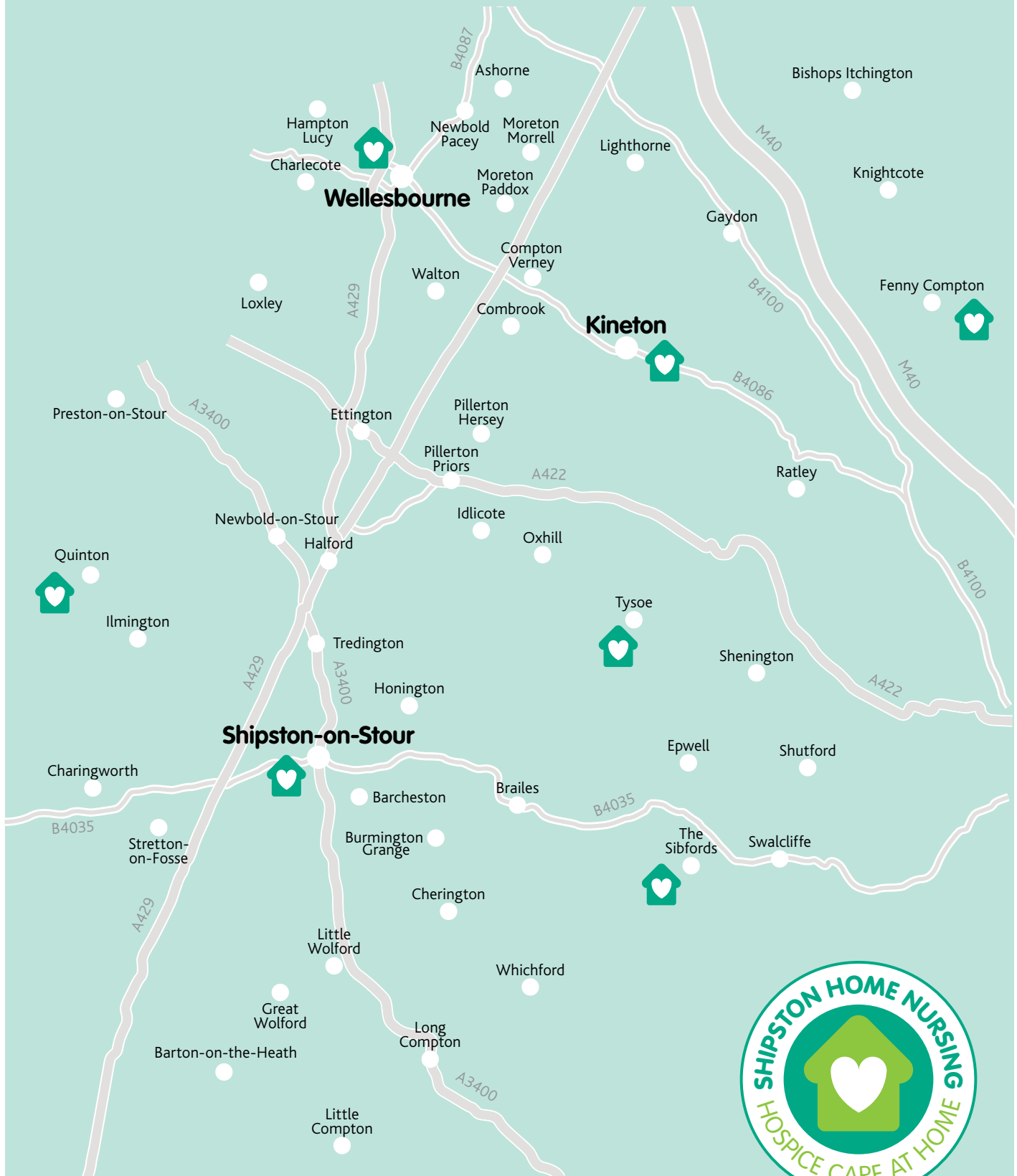
Thank you so much to all our volunteers for your time, expertise and dedication. We are so grateful. Emma Morris, landlord of The White Bear, has been making the mince pies for this Christmas Fair for many years. Once again she made the most delicious mince pies, 150 of them! Emma, thank you so much. The grand total for our event this year was £6415.



## The communities where we can provide our Free Nursing Service

Our care is available to those people living within the areas marked on this map.

**If you need our help please contact the Nursing Team on 01608 664850.**



# COMING UP IN 2023 (AT TIME OF PRESS)

## POP UP SHOP

Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th February  
10am-3pm

The White Bear, Shipston on Stour  
Join us at The White Bear for our annual pop up shop of pre-loved and new clothes, accessories, jewellery, books and homeware.

## WALTON HALL FUN RUN 5K AND 10K

Sunday 7th May, register 8.30am for  
a 10am start

Walton Hall, Wellesbourne CV35 9HU  
Enter at [www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events](http://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events)  
Run: £20 adults, £10 children  
Walk: £10 adults, £5 children

## POP UP TABLETOP PLANT AND HOME PRODUCE SALE

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May  
Table top sales in various local villages

## BUTTERFLY WALKS

Throughout July  
Blackberry Farm

Keep an eye out for other seasonal walks  
throughout the year.

## THE WOLF RUN

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September  
Offchurch Bury  
for more details visit [www.thewolfmun.com](http://www.thewolfmun.com)

## GOLF DAY

Friday 15th September  
Feldon Valley, Brailes

## CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Tuesday 21st November  
Wednesday 22nd November  
Ettington Community Centre CV37 7SX

For the latest information on any of these events, please contact Kate or Allison on **01608 664850**, email [fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk) or visit [www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events](http://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events)

## Making a regular donation makes a difference!

If you would like to make a regular or one-off donation please complete the form below and return to:  
Head of Operational Support, Shipston Home Nursing, Ellen Badger Hospital, Stratford Road, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire CV36 4AX.  
Tel: **01608 664850** Email: [admin@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk](mailto:admin@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk)

- ☐ Make a one-off donation  
☐ Donate monthly through Standing Order

- ☐ Leave us a Legacy in your Will (please call us on 01608 664850)  
☐ Trusts (please call us on 01608 664850)

### My details are:

Title:
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### I wish to...

<b>Make a one-off donation of: £</b> and enclose my cheque payable to Shipston Home Nursing
<b>Donate £</b> <b>monthly through a Standing Order, my Bank details are as follows:</b>
Bank Name:
Bank Address:
Account Name:
Sort Code:
Account Number:
<b>Payments to be made to Shipston Home Nursing Account:</b> Lloyds Bank, 25 High Street, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, CV36 4AJ Account Number 01665317, Sort Code 30-98-26 on the _____ of each month until further notice.

### Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

- ☐ I wish the charity to treat this donation as Gift Aid and to treat similarly all future donations that I make to the charity. I am a UK Taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of the gift aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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(Date of cheque)  
and any future donations I make as Gift Aid donations.

- ☐ I would like Shipston Home Nursing to claim the tax back on this donation.

**Please pay Shipston Home Nursing by Standing Order** from the account detailed on this instruction. I understand that this instruction may remain with Shipston Home Nursing and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Date:

Signature: