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Bolton Hospice
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Hello from the hospice!



Welcome to the fourth edition of our bulletin for all hospice volunteers.

So much has changed in recent months with the roll out of the vaccine and roadmap out of lockdown offering hope to us all, however we know that some of you are still shielding and anxious about life 'returning to normal'. We want you to know that the hospice is here for all of our volunteers as we move further into 2021 and what the year may bring. When you are able to return, we can't wait to welcome you back! Thank you for continuing to play your part in helping the hospice.

Spring-tacular Displays

Decorate your window and help brighten up Bolton this Spring with our new competition! Entries close on Sunday 11th April. You can find out more at www.boltonhospice.org.uk/spring-tacular-display



Charity shops re-opening

Following the latest government announcements, all of our charity shops (with the exception of our Town Centre Shop) will re-open on Monday 12th April at 10am. We will also be resuming our free home collections and have shared our 'Donation Days' for each shop on our website. We're thrilled to be re-opening and can't wait to be back raising vital funds for the hospice! You can find more information at www.boltonhospice.org.uk/shop-with-us



Bolton Hospice Thank-a-thon 2021



We recently held our annual Thank-a-thon; an opportunity to celebrate and share the love for our volunteers, supporters and every person that makes Bolton Hospice and the care we provide possible. As part of our Thank-a-thon, staff and volunteers from across the hospice hand wrote and posted 630 thank you cards, 200 certificates to schools and businesses, and delivered some special gifts to supporters which were kindly donated by ASDA.

If you missed our special messages for volunteers and other videos, please visit see the Bolton Hospice Facebook page.



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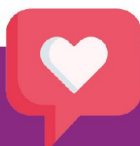
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To our volunteers



"I just want to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who have come in to help since last March, we've asked a lot of you with PPE and testing and never fail to be amazed by your loyalty and dedication. I would especially like to thank the small group of reception volunteers who have managed to provide cover in the early evening and at weekends for us since the first lockdown started, all the staff are very appreciative! Soon I will be contacting more volunteers to ask if they will return to their role, on reception, the ward and the Wellbeing Hub, and we look forward to seeing you again, it's not been the same without you! Take care and we do understand if you'd rather wait a while before returning, we've all got to be cautious."

With many thanks,

Margaret – Volunteer coordinator

'Shop & Support' Facebook group

Our Retail Team now have an exciting new facebook group which you can join. You will find posts about items for sale on our eBay shop and across our charity shops. We'll also use the group to post about upcoming sales and promotions in our shops and to showcase fantastic upcycling projects that our supporters complete!

Search 'Bolton Hospice Shop & Support' on Facebook to join.



Refer a friend

Our retail team are currently looking for new volunteers to join us and sign up to support our charity shops now that we are able to re-open on 12th April. If you know someone that would be interested in volunteering, why not refer a friend and see if they would like to sign up today! Visit www.boltonhospice.org.uk/volunteer-our-shops or get in touch for more information by calling our retail team on 01204 663063

