

Hospice News



The Prince & Princess
of Wales Hospice



Spring/Summer 2026

ppwh.org.uk

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice

Scottish registered charity SC012372



The Prince & Princess
of Wales Hospice

Summer FAYRE

Sponsored by

CARRARO

1927

Sunday 7 June 2026

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice
Bellahouston Park, Glasgow



Tickets are £5 per person when booked in advance, or £7 per adult on the day. Children under 12 can attend free of charge.

Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly afternoon at the hospice. Browse the stalls, enjoy face painting, visit the Bargacree Café, and treat yourself to the BBQ, ice cream van and Scarpetta Pasta Van, plus more. For more information, email fundraising@ppwh.org.uk or call 0141 726 2660.

Scan QR Code





Welcome

This will be my final time welcoming you to Hospice News in my capacity as Chief Executive for The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. While I will be so sad to leave the hospice, I wish to spend more time with my family and friends and have planned to retire at the end of October of this year.

Our Board has conducted an extensive recruitment campaign, and I am delighted

to tell you that they have appointed Manish Joshi who will start with the hospice in August to allow a handover period between us. I hope you will all join with me in welcoming Manish to the role which I have cherished for the past 20 years.

I'd like to thank you for your continued loyalty and support for the hospice over these years. We have been through so much together including the capital appeal which led to the building of this fantastic facility in Bellahouston Park. You have been with us every step of the way, ensuring that we are able to continue caring for our patients and families.

I hope you will continue to support the hospice, our staff, volunteers, patients and families for many years to come, as I will.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Rhona M Baillie OBE, Chief Executive

Front cover photograph: Young adult patient Caitlin meets the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games mascot, Finnie.

Contents

4

Finnie visits the hospice

6

Life changing care

9

Meet Jon

10

A legacy for the future

Commonwealth Games mascot visits Glasgow's Hospice



Hospice CEO Rhona Baillie OBE with Finnie

It was twice the fun at Glasgow's Hospice thanks to Finnie, the official mascot of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. The unicorn mascot popped into The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice not once but twice, to help bring joy and fun to patients, families, staff and visitors.

At the visits on 13 and 20 April, young adult patients of the hospice got to spend time with Finnie, interacting with her. They had also prepared a vibrant artwork of Finnie, took part in a musical performance and held their very own sports day. The hospice mascot Harvey

the Hospice Heart even joined in on all the fun.

The hospice also welcomed along The Lord Provost of Glasgow Jacqueline McLaren on Monday 20 April to Finnie's visit to enjoy the mascot's interaction with the young adults.

"It was such fun, I loved all her dancing."

Young Adult, Catlin Gunning (28) was present for Finnie's visit, she said: "It was such fun, I loved all her dancing. She was so interactive. I'm really looking forward to watching the Commonwealth Games."

Rhona Baillie OBE, Chief Executive of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, said: "We're so grateful to Finnie and her team for coming along to the hospice to ensure that our young adults feel included in the excitement of the Commonwealth Games.

"Our young adults have complex health conditions, and we remain determined that our young adults have access to



Finnie meets Christopher

Harvey, Rhona Baillie OBE, Lord Provost of Glasgow Jacqueline McLaren, and Finnie



Finnie meets Ryan



Cara and Finnie



Max and Finnie



the same opportunities as other young people, so we were delighted that these visits were made a reality by the Commonwealth Games team.”

Glasgow 2026 Community Engagement Coordinator and All In lead, Jamie Carmichael said: “To be here and see firsthand the hospice come together, has been incredible and really is what it’s all about. Since we launched All In, the response from sports clubs, community organisations and charities has been fantastic and we’re excited to see people getting into the spirit.

“The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice has set a fantastic example of what it means to be All In for Glasgow 2026, making their celebrations of the Games truly their own. Their enthusiasm and their brilliant poem about Finnie, captures exactly what All In is about.”

Hospice patient praises life changing care

A patient at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice has spoken about the care he has received.

Jack Ogilvie, 74, from Priesthill was diagnosed with liver and kidney failure around 18 months ago and has had several lengthy hospital stays. When treatments stopped working, his consultant spoke to him about hospice care.

Jack says: "I wasn't sure about the hospice at first. I'd only really heard about hospices on TV and believed people went there to die.

"But two hospice staff came to my home and talked me through options to improve my quality of life.

"Then about two weeks ago I was at a really low ebb. The clinical staff spoke with me about coming into the hospice, where they could monitor my medication daily and find what worked best.

"I was hesitant, but I agreed to come in, and I have to say it's been life changing. The staff have been incredible. They are so caring, nothing is too much for them. They've gotten to know me and what I like, such as my cup of Bovril at night. I don't even ask, they just check if I'm ready. It's those small things that make such a difference."



Jack Ogilvie

Thanks to the care he received on the inpatient unit, Jack is now ready to go home.

"I wasn't sure about the hospice at first... I have to say it's been life changing."

He continues: "My outlook has changed. I feel much more positive. I have birthdays coming up and I am looking forward to spending them with my family at home.

"Everyone at the hospice is so friendly and positive. They made me feel comfortable and that's helped me feel better.

"I hope anyone in a similar position considers hospice care. It really helps you live and make the most of every day. I cannot praise them enough."

Jack returned home to the loving care of his wife and daughter, knowing support from Glasgow's Hospice is only a phone call away.

Hospice patient praises 'beautiful' care



Angela Welsh

Angela Welsh was diagnosed with lung and spinal cancer after a visit to Glasgow Royal Infirmary A&E in October last year. Thinking she was having a heart attack, the terminal diagnosis came completely out of the blue.

Seventy-two-year-old Angela, from Partick, said: "I didn't want treatment or chemotherapy. I decided I wanted to live my life without side effects.

"I spoke to my GP about my options and asked about hospice care. I went along to The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice as an outpatient, was shown round, and everything was explained. I felt reassured and supported from that day."

Since her diagnosis, Angela's health worsened and in March she was admitted to the hospice inpatient unit.

"I was very ill when I first came in," she says. "But my time here has been so special. It's not about death and gloom. I have felt heard and seen, and there have been so many beautiful moments. I feel safe. I know what is coming, but I am in the best place with so much support that I am not afraid."

Angela's care has improved her condition to the point where she returned home with support, allowing her to spend time with her daughter, grandson and great-grandson.

She adds: "My family were unsure at first, but they have seen the care first-hand and have been able to spend as much time with me as they wished.

"I've never experienced a place like it."

"I cannot praise the hospice highly enough. They see the person, not the diagnosis. I've never experienced a place like it."

Pauline McIntyre said: "We are grateful to Angela for sharing her story and helping to reduce fear around hospice care. We care for each patient as an individual and are committed to providing person-centred care when and where it is needed."

Union Street is open for business



Union Street Hospice Shop

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice opened its newest Hospice Shop on Union Street in December.

The coolest shop on the street opened its doors to customers just in time for Christmas. However, after building a loyal customer-base the shop suddenly had to close in March due to the major fire in Union Street. With the street closed to traffic and pedestrians, the shop sadly had to close for almost two weeks and since reopening has experienced a drop in footfall.

But Shop Manager Jon Fowlie is determined to bring back customers and welcome new faces as part of Union Street's revival.

What to expect at Union Street Hospice Shop...

You will experience a carefully selected range of pre-loved items, reflecting the hospice's focus on quality and sustainability, offering:

- Fashion for men and women, from everyday wear to standout pieces
- Shoes, handbags and accessories
- Homeware and unique one-off finds
- The warmest welcome in Glasgow

The Shop has a fantastic team of staff supported by 34 amazing volunteers. Jon describes the shop as quite theatrical but with a real sense of community which bridges across the city centre's diverse customers.

One Hospice Shop customer even wrote to the Prince and Princess of Wales to commend them on such a vibrant and friendly shop and the difference it had made to her.

Why not visit Union Street Hospice Shop today at 54 Union Street and experience a real Glasgow Welcome while helping to support Glasgow's Hospice?

Meet Union Street Manager, Jon

Jon is 32 and from just outside Aberdeen, and you can still hear the northern twang in his accent.

Ten years ago, he made the move to Glasgow. With a background in retail, he was keen to meet new people and came across an Instagram post for pole dancing classes. It felt like the perfect way to connect.

Jon says: "I joined Twirl and Tone in the Pentagon in Glasgow and never looked back. After about two years, they asked if I would consider becoming an instructor.

"It's a real privilege to work for The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. I couldn't be happier."

"I found the classes so empowering and wanted to pass that on. After four months of training, I began running my own classes. We have up to 14 people in each, a mix of women and men.

"It's been so rewarding. People open up about their lives and support each other through difficult times. I've seen people



Jon Fowlie

who have experienced domestic abuse find their inner strength. It's a safe space." Jon joined the hospice nine months ago at the Queen Street Hospice Shop and was soon recognised for his potential. He was offered the manager role at the new Union Street Hospice Shop.

"It was daunting starting a shop from scratch, but I've loved the chance to be creative and bring my own ideas to life while supporting the hospice.

"I have an amazing team of staff and volunteers who care deeply about their community. We've made a real impact on Union Street.

"People often have fixed ideas about charity shops, but we're proud to be different. There's such a positive atmosphere here. It's a real privilege to work for The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. I couldn't be happier."

Pop into 54 Union Street and say hello. Open Mon–Sat, 10am–5.30pm, and Sun, 10am–5pm.



A legacy for the future



Sheila Nisbet with her grandchildren

Sheila Nisbet was known for her kindness and compassion for others. Her husband Stuart describes her with love and tenderness. They were married for almost 50 years and have three children.

When Sheila was diagnosed with kidney disease 11 years ago, she faced it with bravery and positivity. A gradual decline in kidney function led to surgery, dialysis, then a transplant.

Stuart says: "At no time did Sheila feel a victim, as everyone she met had much more serious issues. She enjoyed 11 years following this diagnosis and even welcomed six grandchildren.

"Last year, Sheila was diagnosed with cancer and following treatment she spent her final weeks at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, where she received brilliant care.

"The hospice didn't just care for Sheila;

they were there for all of us. I received pre-bereavement counselling and once Shelia died, I continued counselling sessions which has helped me so much.

"Our children and grandchildren were able to visit, and the kids made use of the playroom. There was just so much support for us all."

Sheila had decided before her death to leave a gift in her Will to the hospice. In 2025, the hospice received more than £637,000 from gifts generously left in Wills. This generous support helps ensure we can continue caring for patients and families, now and in the future.

Thinking about leaving a gift in your Will?

Many people are surprised by how simple it can be.

- You don't need to be wealthy.
- You don't need to rewrite your whole Will.
- You don't need to decide on an amount today - or do it alone.

If you already have a Will, a small update is often all it takes.

Leave a gift in your Will to The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice and help ensure compassionate care continues for future patients and families.

Visit ppwh.org.uk/giftinwill

Let's Keep On Caring



The Prince & Princess
of Wales Hospice

Help us to keep on caring
for patients and families
in Glasgow.

Please make a monthly
donation to support patient
and family care.

Scan the QR
code



You can make a difference today.
Set up a monthly donation in a way that suits you.

Visit **ppwh.org.uk**

or complete the form overleaf

