



# Newsletter

Spring  
2022

Nursing care at home  
for local children with  
life limiting or terminal  
illnesses and support for  
their families

## Spectacular Supercar Track Day



### **Hundreds of Supercar fans flocked to the Goodwood Motor Circuit for the Peter Saywell Charity Track Day.**

A truly incredible collection of Supercars wowed the crowds and many Snowdrop families enjoyed the day. Peter Saywell, Managing Director of Saywell International Ltd, very generously hosts these events for free to make them accessible to everyone. Attendees are able to appreciate the thrill of watching these special supercars on the track and then have the opportunity to see them up close on the grid. Through donations from drivers, visitors and businesses, The Sussex Snowdrop Trust received £10,000 from the event, which will be spent on family days out for the Snowdrop families. Among the cars were a Lamborghini Aventador SVJ, McLaren Senna, Ferrari La Ferrari, Porsche 911 GTR RS and the stunning Pagani Zonda PS.

Picture: Derren with Peter Saywell

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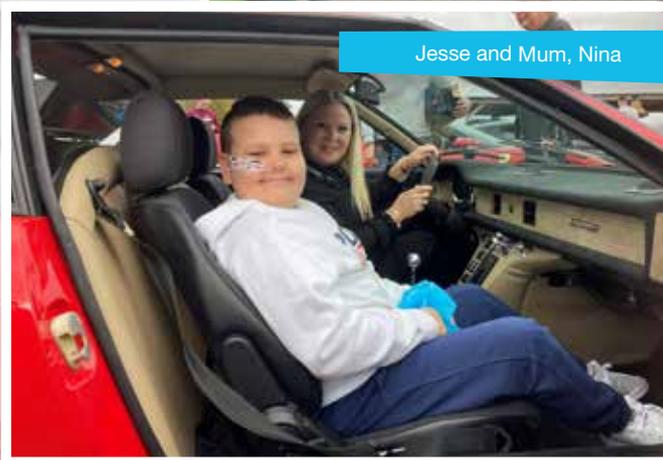
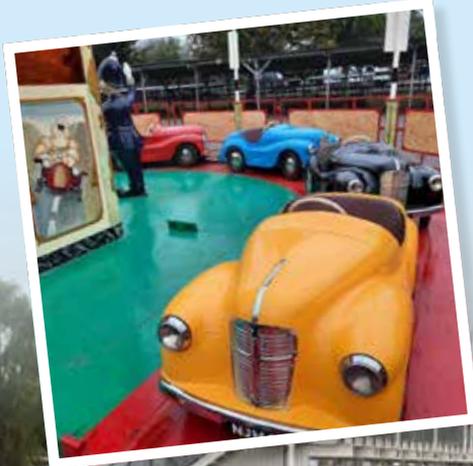
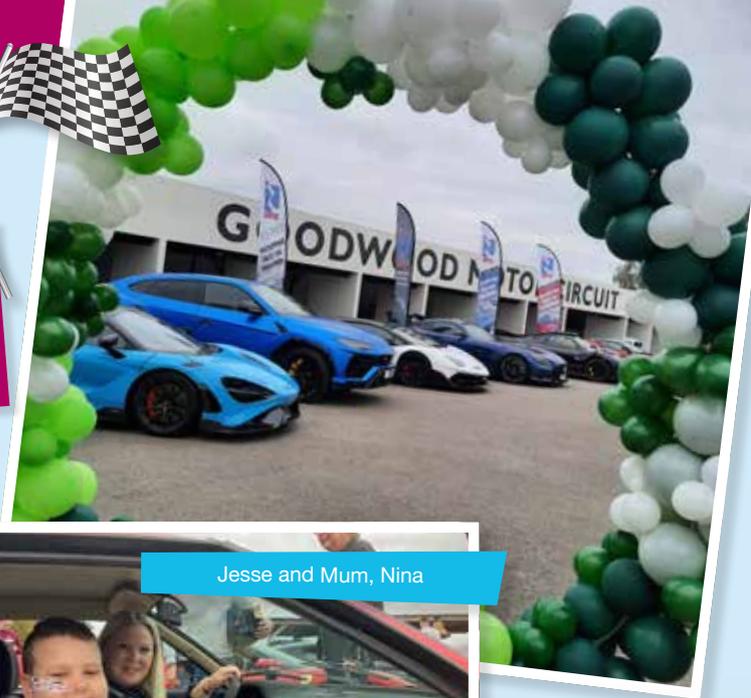
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# Fun on the Track!

We were delighted to see so many supporters at the iconic Goodwood Motor Circuit.

Children enjoyed riding on Horton's vintage Austin Martin carousel which was sponsored by Autocurators. Pitch Up and Co created a balloon ring and a pop-up games igloo which added to the special event. The sweet and toy tombola was a great success thanks to help from our enthusiastic volunteers.

NEXT  
TRACK DAY  
Saturday  
2nd April 2022



Jesse and Mum, Nina



## Rolls Royce Charity of the Year 2022!

The charity has been chosen through a process of nomination, shortlisting and voting involving colleagues company-wide. Nominations were scored against a set of criteria including location, children, education and organisations with a personal link to the nominating colleague.

The announcement renews a friendship that began more than a decade ago. The Sussex Snowdrop Trust was previously voted House Charity back in 2008, just five years after production started at the Home of Rolls-Royce.

Di Levantine, Chairman and Co Founder of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust comments, "We are absolutely thrilled to have been chosen to be the Rolls Royce House charity. We have supported families who are staff there and we are so grateful for the nomination and every vote made in our favour. We are



Snowdrop mum, Natasha Ruggiero, Andrew Ball – Head of Customer Relations – RR, Di Levantine – Chair and Co Founder of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust

excited to hear about the staff's plans for fundraising and we will certainly make the most of this special year with the company. We have supported hundreds of children in the local area since the Trust was founded nearly 30 years ago. The Care at Home team continue to make a huge difference to the lives of local families whose child has a life threatening or terminal illness. To have such a prestigious and large employer in Chichester to help us raise our profile and vital funds really is fantastic."

## Festive Fun

**Grittenham Barn, near Petworth once again held a festive market with a wonderful array of handpicked suppliers who kindly donated a percentage of their profits from the two day event in November.**

Visitors enjoyed this unique shopping experience in the historic stone Sussex Barn with its central roaring fire and selection of gifts. The event generated nearly £4,000 for Snowdrop from entry money and donations.

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**Save the dates – 25/26th November 2022 for finding fabulous gifts for your loved ones.**



## Light Up Christmas



**Thank you to all the families that visited Stoneyfield Cottages in Eastergate again.**

Father Christmas and his elf handed out over 3,360 lollies and used 75 litres of liquid snow! So much work goes into preparing the gardens with thousands of lights and the residents are on standby from November through to the beginning of January, to ensure visitors have a fun time. This year donations exceeded all expectations and topped a record breaking £4,176.40!

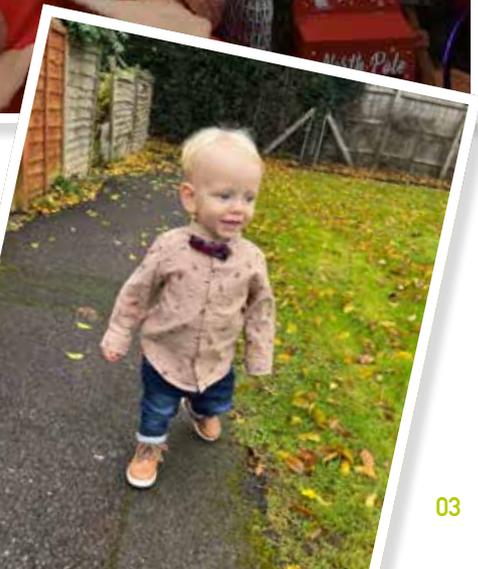
## Butlin's Party

**We were cautious about having the Snowdrop party at Butlin's in December.**

With changing covid restrictions at the time, we organised the event differently. It was a delight to see the nurses and counsellors with over 64 children attending. One boy, Thomas, was so excited to be there after being in isolation as he was under going treatment for liver cancer. Families were seated in the conference centre and children took it in turns to pick out their favourite toy. Toys were kindly donated by The Works in Chichester, V2 Radio and Mission Christmas. Families were able to take home a family photograph and watch a pantomime by the Nineveh House Players from Arundel. Father Christmas was in his very own bubble- winter igloo! This enabled a socially distanced experience whilst spreading some festive joy!



Panto at Butlin's



## Tee Tastic!

### Golf is a winner in 2021

Playing golf was extremely popular in 2021 and we were so grateful to the many golf Captains who chose our charity to benefit from their fundraising activities.

Jon Seymour from Hubbl Marketing hosted a great golf experience at Goodwood and we invited two long-standing volunteers, Andy Blumer and Peter Brown, to join the group. There were varying degrees of golfing ability which made the event a lot of fun. One player managed to hit a ball so far it hasn't been seen since! The group raised a fabulous £2,145.

The Cowdray Golf Seniors under the guidance of Captain, Roger Murphy together with members, donated a staggering £3,665!

The Selsey Lions put on a charity golf day and raised £1,000.

Chichester Golf Club arranged several events with Golf Captain, Colin Westwood and the club donated £4,200.



Hubbl Marketing Golf Day at Goodwood

The Bognor Ladies' Golf Club Captain, Lin Harbutt, has been working hard for us throughout the year and has smashed their £4,000 target raising an outstanding £5,350! £500 was raised solely from one cake sale which were all donated by generous members of the Club.



Bognor Ladies' Golf

## The Pig in the South Downs

The new hotel restaurant based in the hamlet of Madehurst, called The Pig in the South Downs, opened in September 2021 and the team have embraced fundraising with great gusto.

The hotel hosted a kitchen garden and vineyard tour with the Slindon, Eartham and Madehurst Horticultural Society and we received donations of £360. In addition, eight team members took on a gruelling 42km overnight walk from Brighton to Beachy Head and raised £2,457! They are also generously donating another overnight stay with breakfast and dinner for our Summer Raffle!



Di Levantine and Charlotte Storey, The Pig



The Pig – Hike

## Snowdrop on the Big Screen

**The Charity embarked on a film project with Feel Good Films Co to see into the lives of four Snowdrop families with the aim to engage with existing and potentially new supporters.**

Film content and social media platforms have become increasingly important during the pandemic. The film allows the viewer an insight into the impact the Snowdrop Care at Home Team has on local families whose child has a life threatening or terminal illness.

Each family's journey is very different, which emphasises the great strengths of the Care at Home Team professionals who are there to support parents from when their child has been diagnosed and then when they are home, the team provide vital nursing care, counselling and end of life support. We are so grateful to these families for sharing their journeys. Each one is very special. You can view these on our website and

The Sussex Snowdrop Trust's YouTube account.

We launched the first in the series of the films at our outdoor cinema night at Madehurst on a huge screen and the response was amazing. The crowd applauded these brave families.

One child, called Snowy, featured in the film, was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare cancer that affects four in a million children. This is a story of hope and positivity. The whole family endured the heart-breaking anxiety of her diagnosis and her treatment and the film shows how they had to adapt their lives to cope with her medical needs. Thankfully Snowy is in remission. The change in her is astonishing.

The second part of the film shows Derren, who has a rare blood condition called Von Willebrand Disease. His parents have been trained to administer medications and he requires regular



The Neville family



Derren with his Family

visits from the Snowdrop nurses. Derren has ongoing care for his condition and he bravely shows his port-a cath in the film so people can understand what he lives with.

## Miles - Forever in our hearts

**Alison Woodward shares her story in an extended charity film which conveys the journey of her son Miles, who was just 7 years old when he died of a brain tumour.**

Alison talks about his diagnosis and how Miles was unaware of how sick he was. The film shows the strength of his parents and how the Snowdrop Care at Home Team assisted them with his end-of-life care. The film is very moving to watch. Alison has been an amazing ambassador for the charity speaking at several key events for the charity.

Tristan, Miles' Dad, once again took on The Three Peaks Challenge with Ed, Miles' Godfather and raised an incredible £2,217.

Tristan comments; "The challenge was such a special thing for myself and Ed to do. It was hard and tiring, but filled with so many memories to look back

on! We both felt such a connection with the mountains and could feel that Miles was charging up and down them invisibly with us, helping us to the finish line. So glad we could help give something back to the Snowdrop, such an amazing charity who were and always will feel like part of the family, sharing the load, holding our hands when we needed it, making Miles' treatment that little more bearable. Looking out for all of us and of course sharing the pain of losing our special boy. I will always be forever grateful to Di and all the team, it really has made such a difference and in a continually horrendous time. The generosity and caring nature of the team is just staggering."



Miles and sister Kerris

Tristan Gall and Ed Gill



## Toby's Journey

**This is another powerful film with Gary and Jenny Booker speaking about their son, Toby who sadly passed away aged 2 years and 9 months.**

They share details of his life and how the Snowdrop Care at Home Team supported them throughout his life and beyond. The family love the Annual Snowdrop Walk and walk in memory of Toby with friends and family. Both parents have taken on fitness challenges to help raise funds over the years. Gary is a DJ at the local radio station, V2 Radio and takes every opportunity to promote the work of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust whenever he can.



# COMMUNITY GIVING

We are all aware that there are many sectors of the community who have struggled during the pandemic.

Our Snowdrop families continue to need the support of the Snowdrop Care at Home Team so when a business, individual, church, school or community group decides to choose to raise funds for The Sussex Snowdrop Trust we do a little cheer in the office each time!



David Dumigan and Chris Farrow from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Donation £3,000 - Mark Benevolent Fund



Nick Clegg - St James' Place Charitable Foundation £2,000



Jasper Ashdown donated £10 of his Christmas money



Barnham Trojans Veterans - charity of the year



Yvonne Ellis-Ellard - Waitrose, Chichester



Alex Doo, Lancing Parish Council - Raffle

## Upcoming Events

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Saturday 2nd April - Peter Saywell Supercar Charity Track Day - Goodwood Motor Circuit

MAY  
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Sunday 8th May - Annual Walk at Arundel Castle Estate Park - Book online

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Saturday 3rd September - Outdoor Cinema - Madehurst Cricket Ground - Book online

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Thursday 6th October - Leconfield Hall, Petworth - Speaker Jeremy Mainwaring-Burton (Queen Mother's Equerry)

Please go to our website for the most up-to-date information.

## In memory of Rupert

Angie and John Portlock, in memory of their little grandson, Rupert, hosted a series of fundraising initiatives in the Witterings, such as a fete at St Peter's church, tennis and pilates, raising an amazing sum of £1,270!

If you would like to organise an event in your community please do call our office on 01243 572433 or email [lucya@snowdroptrust.com](mailto:lucya@snowdroptrust.com)



## Fit Fundraisers!

Incredibly many supporters continue to train for challenges despite the setbacks Covid has brought. Highlights include:

**Snowdrop Dad, Gav Ireland**, who cycled a 12-hour Zwift session covering 368km on Christmas Eve. He has raised £2,768 so far and plans to do further challenges including the epic London Revolution Ultra!

**Congratulations to Kelsey Hayes** who completed the Great South Run and raised £284!

**Chloe Lambourne and Tommy Clarke** challenged themselves to do the New Forest Half Marathon smashing their target and raised £870!

## Marathon Marvels



Mark Court



Jemeela Elson



Paul Wells



Lorraine Watling

Our Marathon runners had a tough year knowing whether or not a live Marathon would take place in 2021, but they kept on training hard and were rewarded with good conditions and cheers from the crowd. Congratulations to Matt Court, Jemeela Elson, Paul Wells and our very own lead nurse, Lorraine Watling!!

We are excited that we have a record number of runners taking part in the London Marathon 2022 on October 2nd. 11 places taken by Edward Marks, Harry Hudson, James Fotherington, Lauren Feigen, Lee Dormer, Louise Stondzik, Nick Piner, Philip Magowan, Scott Dormer, Shona Paffey and Steven Lilley.

Good luck with your training.

## The Pink Pub & Jan

by Di Levantine

**Jan Catermole was an inspiration to so many people. She cared passionately about her family, friends, customers and her community. She particularly cared about children and was an outstanding supporter of us here at The Snowdrop Trust.**

I first met Jan when a group of cyclists who started to meet at the Pink Pub/ Royal Oak where she was the landlady in North Bersted. These cyclists had already raised an incredible amount for Snowdrop a few years before, but this new challenge was to cycle from the Pink Pub to Paris!. She was their anchor. She knew every single one of them personally and they loved her in return. When the lads were planning the route and getting ready for the mammoth journey, she was always there for them, supporting them, encouraging them and keeping their spirits up.

She had great sympathy for the families and the children that we help, so when she tragically died last year, her daughter



Jan with the Pink Pub to Paris cyclists

Jenna contacted me and said she knew that Jan would want money raised in her memory, to be given to Snowdrop. The response from her friends, family and customers has been phenomenal as they have donated £2,246. She really did make a difference to so many people's lives.

## Who we are...

**Diana Levantine**

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**Valerie Seddon**

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**Caroline Bechelet-Carter**

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## LEGACIES

**Making a Will is a reassuring way to look after family and those special to you after you die.**

**Once you've taken care of your loved ones, could you consider leaving a gift in your Will that would help Snowdrop continue its work in helping local families who are faced with the difficult diagnosis that their child is very sick?**

The Sussex Snowdrop Trust is a small, local charity that receives no NHS funding and is therefore reliant on the generosity of individual donors and fundraisers. Leaving a gift in your will, whatever the amount, will help Snowdrop to continue its work.

Just mention The Sussex Snowdrop Trust in your Will using our charity registration no: 1096622 and your legacy continues to help others in a positive way.

### Donate in Memory

Leaving a gift in memory of a friend or loved one is a wonderful way of remembering and celebrating their life. We are so grateful to those who choose to make a donation to Snowdrop in this way.

*Thank you for thinking of us.*

## Make a Donation

You can make a donation by:

- Filling in the donation form below and returning to us by post to the Walberton Office.
- Visiting our website: [www.thesussexsnowdroptrust.com](http://www.thesussexsnowdroptrust.com) and click on the green heart to donate.
- Setting up a Standing Order with your bank:  
Sort code – 30-91-97  
Account number – 02271507
- Leave The Sussex Snowdrop Trust a legacy in your Will – talk to your solicitor about how to do this.

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Snowdrop 20 to donate £20 etc

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