



Newsletter

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

This is baby Thea with Chloe, the Clinical Lead nurse of the Care at Home Team. The Team has been supporting this family as their precious baby faces treatment for cancer. The charity continues to fundraise for this vital team who make an incredible difference to local families who are facing the most difficult time in their lives.

A Message from a Mum: Finding Light in the Darkest of Times

Thea was just two months old when she was diagnosed with brain cancer. Her mum, Victoria, a doctor herself, expected the worst—but Snowdrop’s support changed everything.

“Thanks to this incredible charity and its community nursing team, our daughter hasn’t just survived, she has thrived.

From the very beginning, the Snowdrop nurses have been by our side, bringing expert care, compassion, and comfort into our home. They’ve allowed us to avoid countless hospital stays, giving our baby girl the chance to be a baby first and a patient second. That gift is immeasurable.

Being in the medical field, I thought I knew the limits of what care could look like. But what this charity has shown me goes far beyond medicine. It’s humanity at its best. It’s people who don’t know us, yet they dedicate their lives to helping us. It’s the quiet heroes; nurses, charity staff, fundraisers who remind us that beauty exists, even amid uncertainty and cancer.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Thank you to every nurse who treats our baby as if she were their own. Thank you to the team who work tirelessly behind the scenes. And thank you to every single fundraiser; your efforts bring real, life-changing help to families like ours.”



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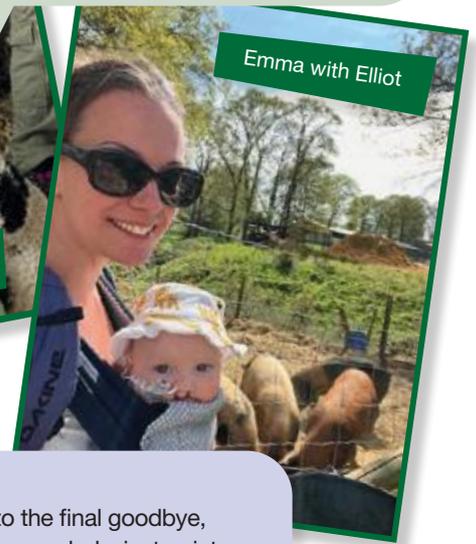
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A Day That Felt Like a Hug - Reflections from a Snowdrop Parent Lambing at Lurgashall

“ This was our first Snowdrop event, and what struck me right away wasn't just the welcoming smiles, but the warmth and understanding from people who truly get what we're going through. Just a knowing nod as we unloaded medical supplies—kit that makes leaving the house feel like preparing for a Himalayan expedition. ”

“ When you live in a pressure cooker of medical anxiety, moments like these offer breathing space. A chance for kids to just be kids—and even for adults to feel like kids again. Add in the incredible nursing and therapy support, and we honestly can't believe how lucky we are to be part of the Snowdrop family. ”

“ Sometimes it's easier not to open the door at all. But this event felt like the whole village wrapping us in a warm, metaphorical hug—making things easier not just for us, but for all our children, including the often-unseen siblings. They were made to feel just as special as they are. ”



“ From the first hello to the final goodbye, no explanations were needed—just quiet understanding and support. ”

Charlotte and her 3 boys came under the care of Snowdrop over 9 years ago, when Leon, her eldest son was diagnosed with a rare degenerative condition, Nieuemann Pick, which eventually Rocco and Levi were also diagnosed with.

Snowdrop has been with the family on their journey, which has been an enormous struggle for all of them. They have all spent many days in hospitals all over the country, which they have coped with so bravely. They have joined us at the Butlins Party and also enjoyed days out, when they were well enough. They have attended Fordwater school, where our Snowdrop nurse has been invaluable to the boys and to many other children who are on the Snowdrop Pathway.

Leon was a great character and known throughout the school by his sense of fun and wonderful personality.

Charlotte says “We are so proud of Leon. He fought a massive battle. He will forever be our hero. He had a wicked sense of humour and we will be forever grateful to Snowdrop and Fordwater for everything they've done for Leon. Heaven has definitely gained an angel.”



The Flying Duchess!

Our Patron, The Duchess of Norfolk and her friends, Katherine Bergen and Linda Woodhouse took to the skies for a 10,000 ft tandem skydive. It was the perfect weather for the 'Skydrop for Snowdrop' and they raised a staggering **£31,280!**



'Alice in Wonderland' Garden by local Dakin Garden Design raised **£1861.49** at Gardener's World Spring Fair at Beaulieu and won the prestigious Platinum Award. It was voted Best in Show by the Public.

Nationwide – Thank you for awarding us a generous grant of **£8,000** which contributed to the cost of petrol vouchers to support families to attend hospital appointments.



Ryan and Tanya Haydon hosted a talk at South Stoke Barn, near Arundel, on the subject of 'Productive Land' alongside an exhibition of 22 local artists curated by the Zimmer Stewart Gallery. The event raised **£1575.**



Green Wright Charlton Annis Solicitors have been actively raising funds through a series of charity events, raffles and employee donations. Ele Lawrence, GWCA Marketing Manager comments, "It means so much to our company, as it allows us to give back locally in this way, it not only strengthens our community ties but also reflects our commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of families who need it most."



Regis School

The Pier to Pier walk by pupils at the Regis school raised over **£4,000** – walking an impressive 25km from Worthing to Bognor Pier.



Another fabulous day at Saywell International Track Day at Goodwood Motorcircuit – **£12,135!** Thank you Peter Saywell.

More Than Just a Walk!

Join us on **Sunday 10th May 2026** for our much-loved annual walk at the beautiful Arundel Castle Estate Park, near Hiorne Tower – made possible with the kind permission of the Duke of Norfolk.



This is more than just a stroll through the South Downs. It's a day that celebrates community, connection, and the heart of our charity. Our volunteers contribute so much to this special day including baking, stewarding and car parking. We were delighted to welcome Their Graces, The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk to our tea tent!

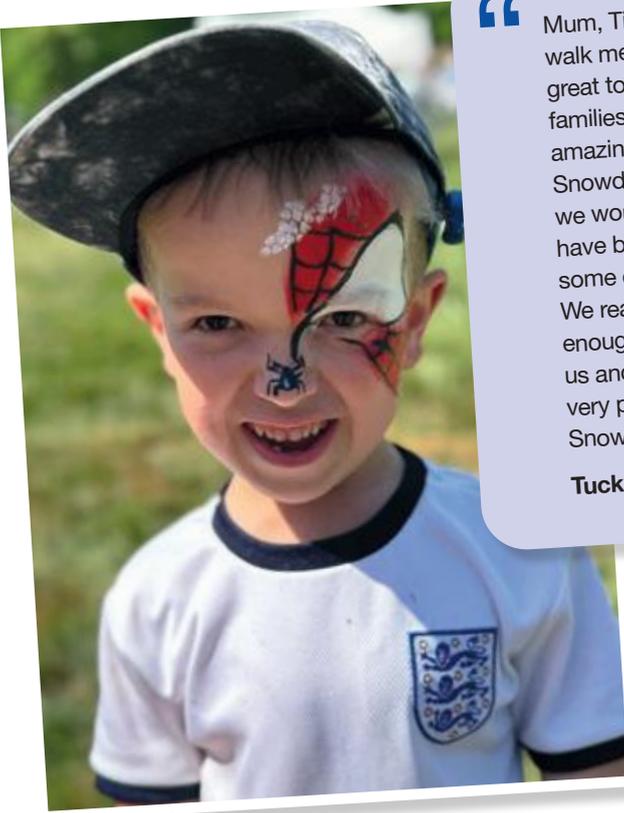
Walkers of all ages take part – from babies in prams to four-legged friends. Whether you come solo, with friends, or as a family, you'll receive a warm welcome. The circular route is around 5km, offering stunning views, local wildlife, and of course, a few sheep along the way or try a shorter walk on the tarmac path to take in the countryside!

After the walk, enjoy homemade cakes and refreshments at our tea tent, treat yourself at the ice cream van, and take part in the games and raffle to help us raise vital funds.

Every child who takes part receives a medal, and every dog earns a rosette!

Some of the families supported by our Care at Home Team also join us on the day – making it a wonderful opportunity to connect and share.

Come for the walk, stay for the memories. We can't wait to see you there on Sunday 10th May 2026.



“ Mum, Tia says, “The Snowdrop walk means a lot to us and it is great to see all the snowdrop families and supporters of this amazing charity. Without the Snowdrop Care at Home Team we would have been lost, they have been there for us through some of the toughest times. We really can’t thank them enough for all that they do for us and every family. We are very proud to be part of the Snowdrop Trust family.

Tucker Family



“ Mum, Chloe says, “We enjoy coming to the Snowdrop walk so we can give some support back after all that they have given and done for us. We love meeting up with everybody who has been there for us throughout Demi’s journey, and I cannot thank the Snowdrop Team enough for everything they’ve done for my family and all the help and support they’ve given us through one of the toughest times in our life.

Cook Family



“ Mum, Heather mentions, “This is the first year we have been able to attend the walk due to treatment schedules and I am so glad we were able to! There was such a lovely atmosphere, very relaxed and welcoming. There were lots of activities that the boys got stuck into and they won some fantastic prizes in the tombola! We chose the shorter route for their little legs and they walked well beyond the required distance. They were so happy to be presented with a medal and were treated to an ice cream from the ice cream van.

For almost 3 years Samuel has been looked after by the Care at home team who take away the need for so many hospital visits by completing care at home and at school so Samuel can carry on as “normal” which is so important for children. We have been and continue to be well supported by Snowdrop and we are very grateful for all they do.

Bezants Family



“ Mum, Amy explains, “The walk is one of my favourite days, the sun is shining and everyone is there for one reason... to support the Snowdrop Trust, it’s a family day out and suitable for everyone to join in, even the four legged ones. Volunteering on the day is amazing and would recommend it to anyone, you get to meet some incredible children and their families. The Snowdrop Trust is the most amazing charity and I’m not sure where we would be without them, the love and support they give us is incredible, we have been a Snowdrop family for 3 years and so grateful for everything they have done for us and all the other local families.

Louth Family



Reaching Hearts and Minds - Di Levantine - Co Founder & Chairman



No matter how many talks we give, articles we write, or posts we share on Facebook and Instagram, we still face a challenge: truly reaching the hearts and minds of the public. Too often, we hear, *“Oh, you’re a children’s cancer charity,”* or worse, *“I’ve never heard of Snowdrop.”*

The truth is, unless someone has needed Snowdrop—or knows someone who has—most people don’t really understand what we do. And that’s a tough reality.

Snowdrop is so much more. We support families through the unimaginable: when a child is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness—cancer, brain tumours, heart and lung conditions, and other complex, life-limiting diagnoses.

We fund specialist paediatric nurses who provide expert medical care and guide families through their child’s treatment with compassion and dedication. Our counsellors offer emotional support to children and parents alike, and our family support workers give caregivers the space to breathe.

Recently, we’ve extended our care even further by funding a second paediatric nurse at Fordwater School, which supports children with profound educational and medical needs. Of the 200 students there, 25 are on the Snowdrop Pathway. Many are non-verbal, wheelchair-bound, and require round-the-clock care. Already, our nurse is making a powerful difference.

One Father of a youngster, shared this;

“ My son will never marry, drive, or experience many things we take for granted—but he is happy, and that’s everything.

A stranger’s smile lights up his day. When a child like my son is born, the world is given a sacred opportunity: to show compassion, not through perfection, but through how we care for those who need us most.

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This youngster, like so many, need total care and the families tell us how blessed they are to know that their children are safe, and being cared for by the empathetic and compassionate staff, which includes the very experienced specialist, school nurses.

Each year, we must raise over £500,000 to continue this vital work. It’s a daunting target—but thanks to our generous community, we’ve been able to walk alongside families for over 32 years.

Because of your support, children and parents facing the darkest moments of their lives don’t have to face them alone. Whether it’s a nurse, a counsellor, or someone to simply be there, we’re able to walk beside them on what we call the Snowdrop Pathway.

Thank you for standing with us.

Please help us reach more hearts and minds—share this newsletter and spread the word.



Pink Pub to the Arctic Circle Challenge!

An extraordinary group of footballers from the Pink Pub in Bognor Regis set out on a mission unlike any other: to play five football games, in five countries, over five days – with their final match staged at the breathtaking Henningsvær Stadium in Norway, 127 miles inside the Arctic Circle.

This incredible challenge was dedicated to the memory of their dear friend, James Palmer-Bullock, fulfilling his dream of playing a match in one of the most iconic pitches in the world.

Throughout their journey, the team documented their adventure on social media, attracting nationwide attention and receiving good luck messages from football legends Harry Redknapp and Jamie Vardy. They also shared their story on V2 Radio, BBC News, BBC South Today, and TalkSport, spreading the word about their mission and the causes closest to their hearts.

As well as honouring James, the players dedicated their challenge to supporting two charities, including Children on the Edge, and so far have raised an astonishing £26,000.

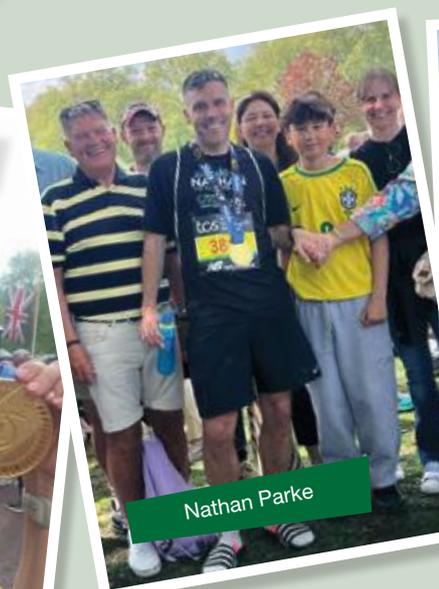
We are so grateful to this inspiring group and their families for including us in James's legacy, helping support vulnerable communities while celebrating the power of friendship, football, and determination.

The final whistle in the Arctic marked not just the end of a journey, but an emotional moment of triumph, remembrance, and unity. We are deeply touched to have been part of this remarkable story.



Going the extra mile!

We had 4 incredible runners for the TCS London Marathon 2025 who raised a sum of £13,931!



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Save the date:

21st & 22nd November
Winter Market at Grittenham
Barn near Petworth.

4th December
Christmas Coffee Morning at
Walberton Hub

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