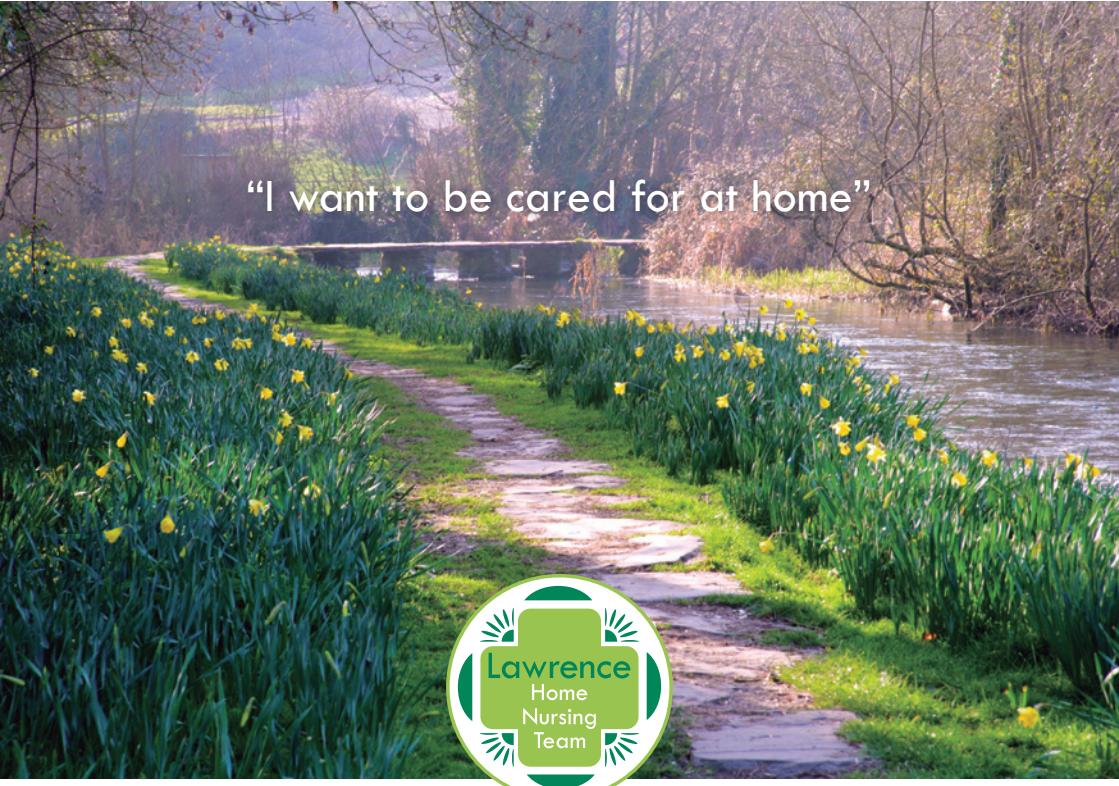




SPRING 2023

NEWSLETTER

from the Lawrence Home Nursing Team



“I want to be cared for at home”



We provide people with free end of life
nursing care in their own homes.

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Lawrence Home Nursing Team Ltd

Registered Charity Number: 1189565

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A message from the Chair of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team, Richard Greaves

It is a great honour to have been asked to take over from Tony Yarrow as Chair of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team, following his retirement. Tony deserves our grateful thanks for his many years of service on the board of trustees and as Chair. His wisdom, guidance and generosity has helped the charity grow and prosper, widening its catchment area whilst maintaining the highest standards of service to those who need our help.



He also had to steer the charity through the Covid crisis, no easy task, from which it emerged with its reputation enhanced. Thanks to his hard work and dedication I take over from him a charity being well run, well managed and continuing to provide our local community with high quality end of life care in our patients' homes whenever it is needed. Thank you Tony. Yours are very big shoes to fill.

Everyone involved with Lawrence Home Nursing Team was delighted at the news that Jenny Nolan was awarded an MBE in the King's New Year's Honours List. No one could be more deserving of such recognition for her service to her local community. She was with the charity from the start and grew the nursing team into what it is today, always ensuring that our patients and their families received the care, compassion and professionalism for which the Lawrence Home Nursing Team is renowned.

Congratulations Jenny, and enjoy your well earned retirement.

Richard Greaves, Chair

General Support & Advice on our website

We have compiled information for anyone who is looking for general support and advice as well as where and how to access social care services in our catchment area.

This information may be of particular interest if you are frail, disabled, or elderly, with or without a diagnosis of an end-of-life disease, and want to know what resources are available to help you with finance, planning and everyday life.

Please note that all links are currently valid and will be reviewed and updated annually but there may be new services and teams setting up in the interim.

For General Support and Advice please visit our website www.lawrencehomenursing.org

I can only praise the staff who helped both Vanessa and myself through the last few months of Vanessa's illness. The compassion and care were without doubt the best possible. I can only thank all who helped from the bottom of my heart. Thank you.

Colin Roberts, February 2023

We work closely with local GPs

Without the support, expertise and compassion of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team I am confident that many families would not be able to manage the death of their loved one at home.

Dr Jonathan Williams, Bloxham and Hook Norton Surgery

Thanks for the excellent service the Lawrence Home Nursing team provides.

We're not sure how we ever coped without it!

Dr Martyn Chambers, Deddington Health Centre

As a GP it is a privilege to walk alongside my patients as they approach the end of life and to facilitate a peaceful death surrounded by care. Thank you to the Lawrence Home Nursing Team for being there for patients and their GPs since 1999, providing this invaluable service.

Dr Wendy Hall, Chipping Norton Health Centre

Catchment Area



Our catchment area

Our patients are mainly registered at one of the following General Practices:

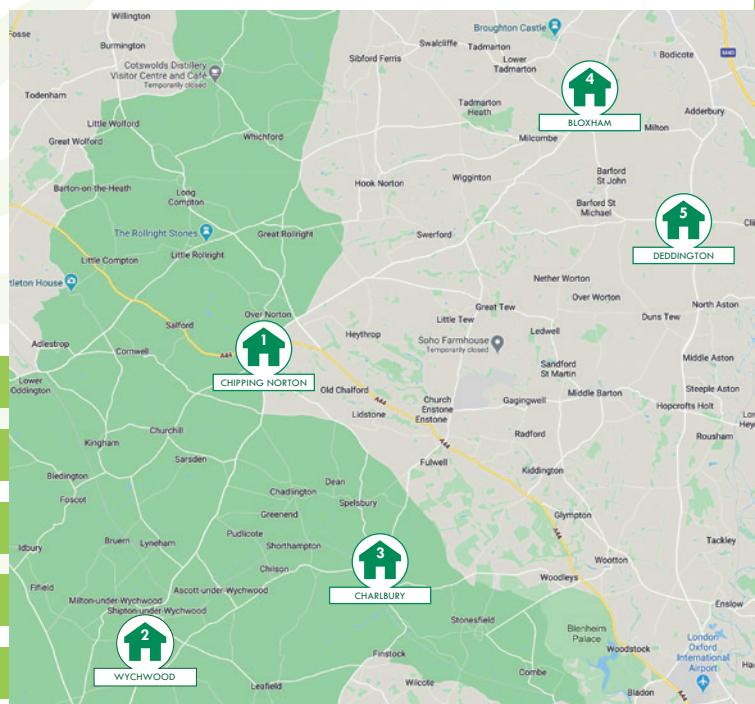
1 Chipping Norton Medical Centre
01608 642742

2 Wychwood Surgery
01993 831061

3 The Charlbury Medical Centre
01608 811680

4 Bloxham/Hook Norton Surgery
01295 722788

5 Deddington Health Centre
01869 338611



The care the Lawrence Home Nursing Team gave my Mum was phenomenal. I felt they went above and beyond to make sure my mum was comfortable, peaceful and pain free in her last couple of days of her life. If it wasn't for Lawrence Home Nursing Team making sure my Mum had everything she needed, she wouldn't have been at peace.

February 2023

An update from our Treasurer, Alan Matthers

It has certainly been a year of change for the team. After 23 years at the helm our Head of Nursing, Jenny Nolan MBE retired in September. Tony Yarrow has also retired in his role as Chairman to focus on other charitable activities. We heartily thank both of them and wish them well in their future endeavours.



The demand for our palliative care service continues to grow whilst the financial pressure on our team is felt equally strongly as is the case for all the people in our catchment area. Inflation and the increase in our cost base is being factored into the forthcoming budget and it will be a challenge to achieve our targeted “break even” position as our supporters inevitably have to tighten their belts.

Our cadence, pace and ambition in fundraising is undaunted. We have many events planned for the next financial year so thank you in advance for your continued support as we look forward to the year ahead which, as always, includes a range of events – large and small. Please look out for these on social media and other adverts.

Thanks to Verity Fifer and the whole of her fundraising team of volunteers for their sterling efforts and rising to the challenge over the last 12 months. Of course this also includes building awareness in the community of our service in addition to the raising of the finances. This is a double edged sword as the success in raising awareness generates increased demand which in turn has to be serviced and paid for! Please look out for these on our website and social media platforms.

I will be presenting the financial results at the AGM which is planned for September this year. Although my focus is on the financial results I am keen to recognise the commitment and service excellence we have received from our nursing staff, support staff, volunteers, ambassadors and patrons. I would also like to recognise Louise Blackler who has performed the role of accountant and bookkeeper for the charity for many years. I will look forward to welcoming her back after the birth of her second son, Lewis (Lewy) Jason Clifford Blackler on the 17th of February.

Congratulations to Louise and big brother, Lucas.

Alan Matthers, Treasurer

“
Lawrence Home Nursing Team was only with us for a very short time but I was very glad of the reassuring presence of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team Nurse”.
“

February 2023



Nursing News from Registered Nurse Manager, Michele Booth



I had big shoes to fill when I took over from Jenny Nolan who had been the Registered Manager of Lawrence Home Nursing for 23 years. It has helped that I had spent 14 months as a coordinator for this brilliant end of life care service and had previously been a Registered Manager for a local hospice. Jenny left the ship in a very good state of repair and set the course or direction of travel; my aim is to future proof it and steer it through the sometimes slightly turbulent waters of health and social care challenges. Community services are indeed changing as the last newsletter implied, but the care, kindness and compassion offered by our charity and given to individual patients and their families remain the ethos of our delivery.

We are overwhelmed by the support to the Charity given freely and consistently by the local community; it is a clear indication of the esteem in which the Lawrence Home Nursing Team is held and we are eternally grateful. Lawrence Home nursing delivers high quality clinical services at the end of life. A Lawrence Home Nurse is so often the answer of keeping people at home in their last few weeks of life and that is where the majority of people want to be. I can vouch for this achievement as a coordinator for the service and a local nurse manager. The Lawrence Home Nurse may be providing respite for a weary carer to have a walk in the open air, visit a friend or attend an appointment in the knowledge that their loved one is safe in the hands of a professional for that time. The nurse may be providing an overnight respite or symptom control visit which allows the family to recharge their batteries and really rest, knowing a nurse is awake, alert and with the patient. You may ask why we do this work and it is because we have a passion or fire inside to get this time as right as possible as you only get one opportunity.

I will finish by using a quotation about the work and legacy left by Dame Cicely Saunders, who pioneered the modern hospice movement. It encapsulates the reason why our nurses provide this service. To honour Cicely we, too, must not just talk the talk but, like her, we must walk the walk, stay the course and continue the task of changing the world.

Michele Booth, Registered Nurse Manager

2022 STATS

TOTAL PATIENTS
NURSED
104

TOTAL NURSING
HOURS
3,499.5

TOTAL NURSE
VISITS
762

We will be forever thankful for the love and support given to our Mum in her final weeks, and I myself will never forget the compassion of Jane when she came to certify Mum's death and the help she gave me as we prepared Mum for her final journey.

December 2022

Join the Lawrence Home Nursing Team

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team has the following vacancy:

Bank Nurse



Are you looking for the opportunity to develop your skills and offer truly holistic, patient-centred end of life care within a supportive, caring Nursing team?

Lawrence Home Nursing Team has an exciting opportunity for a **Registered Nurse** to fulfil the role of **Bank Nurse** within our dynamic and dedicated team.

About The Charity

Founded in 1999 in memory of the late Dr Martin Lawrence, The Lawrence Home Nursing Team provides excellent holistic care for end of life patients who wish to remain within their home environment. Based in Chipping Norton, the service is provided in the local area by a team of dedicated nurses who work in partnership with the patient, their family, carers and the Community Nursing Service.

About The Role

The Bank Nurse plays a vital role within the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. Guided by the patients' needs and wishes, the Nursing team are able offer truly holistic and tailored care that's right for the individual.

This role offers the opportunity to work flexibly within a highly regarded local charity alongside like-minded professionals; all of whom share a passion for delivering the highest possible standard of care to patients and their families.



For further information about this vacancy please contact Sam Dulley, Operations Manager on 01608 641549 or visit our Vacancies page on our website to download the job spec sheet.



Jenny Nolan MBE

Jenny Nolan who recently retired as Registered Nurse Manager for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team has been recognised in the New Year's Honours List for services to end of life care.

Jenny was the remarkable, inspiring and self-effacing Registered Nurse Manager for nearly 24 years and led our team in providing high quality nursing care for more than a thousand patients who wanted to die at home.

When interviewed for The Oxford Times in January 2023, Jenny said, "I was very humbled when I received an email, late in November 2022, to say that I had been nominated for an award in the New Year's Honours List.

To be nominated by those that I have worked alongside for so many years and that nomination to have been accepted feels slightly unreal and a huge honour. I have been supported by so many people over the years and I am so grateful to have worked within such a fantastic community".

We wish Jenny, pictured with her husband Tim, a very happy retirement.

Team News

Gail Ambrose - Nurse Coordinator

On behalf of everyone at Lawrence Home Nursing Team, we would like to extend our grateful thanks to **Gail Ambrose** who recently retired as Nurse Coordinator after 24 years of service. Gail joined Lawrence Home Nursing Team in 1999 as a Registered Nurse before becoming Nurse Coordinator 10 years ago.

Gail has written an article about her role which can be found linked from the Home page of our website at www.lawrencehomenursing.org.

In it she says: "I have always had an interest in palliative care. I feel honoured and privileged to be involved with the families at such a difficult time. To me the patient and the family are equally important and if we can give them a 'good death' then we have done a good job".



Stu MacDonald

A family member of someone we recently nursed has written a beautiful poem about us - "Green Angels" shown right.



Sarah Bryson - The Role of a Lawrence Home Nursing Team Nurse

One of our nurses - **Sarah Bryson** has written an excellent article entitled: **The role of a Lawrence Home Nursing Team Nurse.**

There is a link to it on the Home page of our website at www.lawrencehomenursing.org

Green Angels

January 2022

How many more deaths have you seen since the Solstice?
How many more souls depart this life?
Tis but a month since my lass sailed from me
The seas so vast without my bonny dear wife.

The loss of a friend of nigh half a century
Gouged a wound that will never mend
And then the Green Angels that helped me
Have so many other poor lives to defend.

The phone has stopped ringing every minute
The silence for which together we yearned
Provokes my brain into further sorrow
Any route out as yet to be learned.

Green Angels must go where most needed
Bereavement is not really their brief
Yet the loss of a friend, and ten others
Is more than I can fight off this grief.

So the Green days have turned to grey days
Yet bleak January suits my frame of mind
The sun and the warmth and the flowers can wait awhile
For I find the stars gloaming far more kind.

STU MACDONALD.

Fundraising EVENTS



Please get in touch if you would like to increase your brand awareness in our catchment area and sponsor one of our fundraising events. For information on forthcoming events please contact me on **01608 684 477** or email fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org

Our events and fundraisers in 2023



London Marathon
Sunday, April 23rd 2023
Lawrence Home Nursing Team supporters **Gill Joyner** and **Will Allan** are running for us! Please support THEM.



Miriam Margolyes In Conversation With Graeme
Garden at The Theatre, Chipping Norton, Thursday, 20th April - Sold Out Returns only - check with Box Office.



Deddington Market
Saturday, 22nd April
at The Bull Ring,
Deddington.



Clay Pigeon Shoot & Supper, The Oxfordshire Shooting School & The Crown Inn, Church Enstone Saturday, 20th May.



Cwmduare Voices Welsh Choir, Saturday, 3rd June at The Town Hall, Chipping Norton.



Proms, Picnic and Fireworks
Chivel Farm, Heythrop Saturday, 8th July.



The Dent Cup
Kirtlington Polo Club
Sunday, 16th July.



The Jane Phillips Memorial Cricket Day
Chipping Norton & District Cricket Club, Sunday, 27th August.



The John Barrows Memorial Cricket Day
Sandford St Martin Cricket Club, Sunday, 3rd September.



Call My Wine Bluff
Autumn 2023, date and venue to be confirmed.



Designer Handbag Auction & Lunch, Ditchley Park, Wednesday 13th September.



Candles of Remembrance Service, Friday, 15th December at The Methodist Church, Chipping Norton.

A message from Head of Fundraising, Verity Fifer

A huge thank you to all our supporters, donors, volunteers and local businesses who support our fundraising efforts and who organise their own events for us.



Special thanks to the following companies who are supporting our 2023 events; **Zurich Community Trust, Wheelers Garage, Wise Investment, Wise Funds, Fairfax & Favor, The Oxford Wine Company, United Fresh Consortium, Marsh Farm Country Suppliers, Robert Johnston Associates, Richard Spencer Builders and K J Millard.**

Thank you to the following trusts and grant making organisations for their donations including **Zurich Community Trust, The Albert Hunt Trust, The Lawrence Family Charitable Fund and St James Place Foundation.**

Please get in touch!

We would love to keep in touch with you and if you don't currently receive our newsletters electronically and would like to, please join our mailing list by scrolling down to the subscribe box on our home page at www.lawrencehomennursing.org or email fundraiser@lawrencehomennursing.org

Donating

To donate, visit our website, go to the donate page, click on one of the icons on the page and select 'Lawrence Home Nursing Team' as your chosen charity. Every purchase you make supports Lawrence Home Nursing Team at no additional cost to you. There are various options including:



How your donation will help the Team:



Collection boxes

Thank you to all those businesses who keep a collection box for us. Please note our collection boxes are cash and cashless friendly with a digital QR code label.

If you would like to have one of our boxes please contact: fundraiser@lawrencehomennursing.org and we'll organise one for you.



Community Fundraising

Thank you to our many generous donors and supporters. As donations now reach us through so many different channels, it becomes increasingly difficult to list everyone by name and we are aware that some donors prefer to remain anonymous but a few highlights include;

Jo Smith and friends who took part in the Thames Bridges Trek in September 2022. The walk of 25 km took in the 16 bridges of London.

Thank you for raising a total of £1,421.

Thank you to everyone who fundraised over the **Jubilee weekend** including supporters in **Somerton** and **Cleveley** near Enstone.

Special thanks to **Claire and John Ainley** who continued to welcome visitors to their gardens in South Newington.

Ed Allan ran the London Marathon for Lawrence Home Nursing Team in October 2022 and raised over £1,350. We wish his brother **Will Allan** and **Gill Joyner** every success in this year's London Marathon.



Five Star Events organised a series of Golf Days in 2022 and raised £3,750 plus gift aid. Thank you to **Brian Kay, Richard Pineo, Barry Yates** and everyone who participated.



Hall Training in Deddington is fundraising for Lawrence Home Nursing Team in 2023 and kicked off the year with the Team going sober for dry January raising £702.



How you can help

- Scan the QR code on the front cover
- Make a one-off donation (form below)
- Set up a monthly standing order or direct debit
- Pay a tribute to your loved one at
www.lawrencehomenursing.org/tribute
- Leave a legacy in your will
- Charitable trusts & foundations
- Online shopping
- Organise a fundraising event
- Sponsor a fundraising event
- Sell Christmas or thank you cards

Please contact: Verity Fifer, Head of Fundraising at fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org
or complete the form(s) below and return to the Operations Manager, Lawrence Home Nursing Team,
Chipping Norton Hospital, Russell Way, Chipping Norton OX7 5FA.

Name:

Address:

Post code:

Telephone:

Email:

I would like to make a donation to Lawrence Home Nursing Team of

£

Please find enclosed a cheque made payable to Lawrence Home Nursing Team

I wish this donation to be anonymous



Gift Aid Declaration

Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further, and it doesn't cost you a thing.

I declare that I am a taxpayer and I want the Charity to treat my donation of £

which I made on the _____ / _____ / _____ (date of cheque) and any future
donations I make as Gift Aid donations.

I understand the requirement is that I must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax deemed to have been deducted from this donation.

I would like Lawrence Home Nursing Team to claim the tax back on this donation.

Don't
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your donation!

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Bequeathed will give you knowledgeable guidance and support to ensure you receive a fully advised will from a regulated law firm.

When planning your future, making or changing a will, please consider leaving a legacy, however large or small, to the Lawrence Home Nursing Team.

Just go online to www.bequeathed.org, search for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team and simply follow the steps to get started online. A legal professional will then advise you in a free 30-minute appointment, in person, or over the phone. Once your will is complete the law firm will help you with getting it signed and witnessed and store it for you, also free of charge. There is never any charge for a standard will, which is suitable for most people. If your circumstances are complicated and you require further advice, your legal professional will explain what's needed and give you a quote for the additional work. Please consider supporting the Lawrence Home Nursing Team.

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