

# Become a Friend of your local hospice



[rowcrofthospice.org.uk](http://rowcrofthospice.org.uk)



friends of  
**rowcroft**  
hospice

Registered Charity No: 282723



## What it means to be a Friend

By joining the Friends you will be helping Rowcroft in its work, caring for patients and supporting their loved ones at a very difficult time. We ask our Friends to make an annual gift of £12, although paying more than this – maybe by a monthly subscription, is very much welcomed and appreciated. Once you join, you will be affiliated to your local Friends branch and receive regular updates through newsletters.

## Who are the Friends of Rowcroft?

When the hospice first opened its doors back in 1982, there was only enough money in the pot for it to stay open for three months.

It was in no small way due to the Friends of Rowcroft that the hospice not only stayed open but has been able to develop its services to those we see today.

Since 1982, they have raised over £3 million, helping Rowcroft to provide specialist care to many thousands of local people living with progressive life-limiting illnesses.

Every year, the Friends organise a variety of fundraising events; from coffee mornings to concerts, raffles to fetes, and they sell Christmas cards and merchandise across the 300 sq miles of Rowcroft's catchment area.

You will meet some lovely people and it would be great if you can spare an hour or two here and there to help out at Friends' events. As a Friend we ask you to spread the word about our work and how we are funded with your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours.



## Why we need more Friends

We can only continue to provide our services free of charge thanks to the generosity of the local community. Rowcroft is a registered charity and must raise around £17,000 each and every day from voluntary donations. We very much welcome new members and would like to encourage you to join our active membership. It doesn't matter how much or how little time you can spare – we would be grateful for your support.

If you are looking for a way to support your local hospice on an ongoing basis, the Friends of Rowcroft could be for you.

Simply complete the membership form on the back of this leaflet and don't forget to let us know how you would like us to contact you.



## About Rowcroft Hospice

It takes time, compassion, patience, medical expertise and money to help patients and families make the most of every day, but every year we help over 2,000 people living with life-limiting illnesses in South Devon to do just that.

By providing comfort, support and specialist services in our patients' homes, in the community and at our Inpatient Unit in Torquay, we enable families to share precious and joyful moments when they are needed most – whether it's a beautiful wedding, remarkable reunion, simple thank you or gentle cuddle.

As an independent charity, more than 70% of our funding comes from the incredible generosity of local people, without whom we would not be able to fund our work.

We're determined to make sure every penny raised from your donations continues to help patients and their loved ones make the most of every moment they have together.

*Let's make every day  
the best day possible.*

# Membership form

Friends Branch:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Dr / Ms / Other (please delete as appropriate)

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

## Membership Choice PLEASE TICK THE MEMBERSHIP OPTION YOU PREFER

I wish to enrol as a member at a monthly rate of

£

(Please note the min. subscription is £3 per month)

Starting on:

1

15

mm / yy

I wish to enrol as a member at £12 per year

Starting from:

dd / mm / yy

## Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by direct debit

To the manager: (Bank/ building society)  
(Name and full address of bank or building society)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Name(s) of account holder(s):

Branch sort code:

-    -

Bank/ building society account number:

Service User Number: 291078



Reference:

(for office use)

Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay Rowcroft Hospice Direct Debit from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee.

I understand that this instruction may remain with Rowcroft Hospice and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/ building society.

Signature(s):

Date:

Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit for some types of account.

## Alternatively please make cheques payable to 'Rowcroft Hospice'

*giftaid it*

I wish to Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to Rowcroft Hospice. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all donations (25p for each £1 given) in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please tick here:

Signed:

Date:

We would like to occasionally send you news and information about the hospice and ways you can support our work. Please let us know how you would like to hear from us:

1. Post Yes / No

2. Telephone Yes / No Tel No.....

3. Email Yes / No Email.....

4. SMS/Text Yes / No Mob No. ....

For further details of how we look after your information see [www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/privacy](http://www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/privacy)

Please complete and return to: The Friends of Rowcroft, Rowcroft Hospice, Avenue Road Torquay TQ2 5LS