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Catching the Conversation

'Catching the Conversation'
is a vital initiative aimed
at recruiting and
mentoring volunteers
to help them support
their local community
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Directors' Message



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Launched in July 2023, the Queenscourt Virtual Ward offered a viable alternative to in-patient care (hospital or hospice) for patients living with life-limiting illness who required complex specialist palliative care during acute symptomatic episodes. This important alternative provision helped patients, who would otherwise be in hospital, receive the care and treatment they needed to remain in their own home.

The Virtual Ward was made possible by a collaboration between Queenscourt Hospice and Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, and during the 12-month funded pilot project, it became a huge success.

The Virtual Ward provided increased capacity within the Specialist Palliative Care Team, and changes to ways of working which enabled **#teamqueenscourt** to respond to patients in crisis in the community, by providing enhanced support for a short period of time. This had a direct impact on reducing the need for in-patient admission to hospital and our own in-patient unit.

During the 12-month pilot, there were 799 admissions to the Virtual Ward for 488 patients, with only 17 patients requiring hospital admission. As well as enabling patients to remain in their own home, enhancing their quality of life, the estimated cost-saving from avoided hospital admissions and reduced length of stay was millions of pounds.

The positive impact of the project was felt not only by our patients, but also by their families, with one bereaved relative commenting that:

"The Virtual Ward meant the level of support was turned-up every time we needed it, enabling my wife to stay at home"

It is therefore with great sadness that we report that the Virtual Ward closed at the end of August, due to an inability to identify any recurrent funding to contribute to running costs for the service.

The Queenscourt Virtual Ward Pilot has successfully shown the benefits of additional multi-professional working and the impact of increased capacity within the Specialist Palliative Care Service, enabling same-day assessment and enhanced support for patients in crisis, and providing an alternative to hospital admission and use of other urgent care services.

Whilst it is disappointing that we cannot sustain the Virtual Ward, the key learning from the pilot is being used to inform how we are currently working, our strategic planning for the future and our ongoing conversations with commissioners.

It also reinforces to us just how dependant we are on external funding in order to continue delivering the level of exceptional compassionate care that our patients and their families deserve.

The generosity of our wider community is deeply appreciated in this regard, and we would like to thank each and every one of you who help us in whatever way you can – whether it is by a donation, or a gift-in-kind of your time.

It makes all the difference to us.



Louise, Debbie & Claire

Louise Charnock, Debra Pierce-Lawson & Clare Finnegan
Executive Directors of Queenscourt

Catching the Conversation – continued from cover

'Catching the Conversation', equipped hospice volunteers with additional listening skills and knowledge, to support patients and families. Hospice staff mentored them and the University of Edge Hill independently evaluated the project.

One standout example of this mentorship is Julie Davidson, Cross Boundary Education Lead, who works closely with John O'Neill, a longstanding volunteer for Queenscourt. John has taken part in many volunteering roles including working with Queenscourt at Home as well as supporting Star Trekk and Santa Sprint.

Under Julie's guidance, John has gained valuable experience in spending time with patients, offering them companionship and emotional support for a few hours each week.

Through the mentorship programme, John has been trained to pick up on subtle cues in conversations with patients, such as

concerns or anxieties they may be facing. This skill is crucial in providing comfort and addressing the needs of individuals during sensitive times.

This initiative not only emphasises the importance of education but also highlights the positive impact volunteers can have on the local community. By recruiting and training volunteers like John, Queenscourt Hospice strengthens its mission to provide compassionate care whilst enhancing community involvement.

Hospices participating in this programme are focused on expanding their reach and deepening their connection with the communities they serve, ensuring that more patients receive the vital support they need.



Updates from #teamqueenscourt

Forget-Me-Not Remembering Service

On June 18th, a Forget-Me-Not remembrance service was held at the West Lancashire Yacht Club in Southport to honour those who had been cared for by #teamqueenscourt and the Palliative Care Service for Southport and West Lancashire over the past six months.

The service, led by Debbie Pierce-Lawson, Director of Corporate Services, brought together family and friends of loved ones who had been lost, along with staff and volunteers from Queenscourt. Attendees gathered not only to pay their respects but also to share in a collective moment of remembrance.

One attendee shared, "It was such a beautiful service. I've never experienced anything like it, and I gained so much from being with others who were also grieving. From the singing to the readings, everything was exceptional, and I'm so grateful for the support shown to me and my daughters."

For many, the event provided a sense of community and comfort. The opportunity to grieve together allowed families to feel that their loved ones were still being remembered, and those unable to attend had the names of their loved ones read aloud, and flowers were placed in their memory.

This service underscores the importance of remembrance, helping families navigate their grief by creating a space where they can reflect and feel supported. The shared experience of honouring those whom we have lost reminds families that their loved ones are remembered.



Help Us

Enhance Family Support & Bereavement Services



**The Big Give
Christmas Challenge
3rd-10th December 2024**

Your Donation Doubled

Between 3rd-10th December you donation could be doubled
queenscourt.org.uk/biggive

If you would like a reminder in December please email us on
fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk

Huge thanks to Keith who has kindly agreed to be
our Big Give Pledger again this year! ♥♥♥♥



New items purchased with funds raised from Grants & Trusts

Grants & Trusts are an important source of income for our Hospice, contributing towards the essential costs of delivering our Specialist Palliative Care. They also help us to fund specific projects such as refurbishments and new equipment.

So far this year, we have been able to purchase a brand new washing machine, some new commodes and a good supply of new towels. We are also excited to have received a grant for £5,000 to refurbish our Garden Room within the hospice.

At any one time we could have between 10 to 20 applications pending that we are awaiting a decision on and these can range from specific items of equipment that we need and would like to get funding for, or it can be for funding to support us with our core running costs.

We would like to say THANK YOU to all the grant giving trusts that have supported us so far this year.

If you would like to find out more on how you could support us in this way please email us on fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk

Spotlight on #teamqueenscourt

Leah Harwood – Marketing & Communications Officer

At the start of this year, Queenscourt Hospice welcomed Leah Harwood as our first Marketing and Communications Officer.

Leah's day-to-day responsibilities are diverse, involving everything from brand management and strategic planning, to content creation and stakeholder engagement. Her role also encompasses graphic design, content management, videography and photography.

Before joining Queenscourt, Leah worked with Sefton Council's Tourism Team, where she managed the marketing and PR for Southport Market. She also played a key role in large-scale community events such as The Air Show, Food & Drink Festival,

and Firework Displays.

Reflecting on her time at Queenscourt so far, Leah said: "With a background in Events and Marketing, knowing that I made a difference in my previous role, I thought – how wonderful would it be if I could make a positive impact at somewhere like Queenscourt Hospice?"

"Our charity is loved locally, and Queenscourt has touched so many hearts – including mine. I've had the pleasure of getting to know each department in a different way. It's nice to feel like you're making a small difference in such an incredible organisation."



Angela Bevington – Health Care Assistant

Angela Bevington has been a dedicated Health Care Assistant since May 2008, bringing over a decade of experience to her role. Angela is a valued member of the Queenscourt Connect Team, where she plays an essential role in supporting patients in the outpatient clinic

In addition to her clinic duties, Angela is also part of the Keeping in Touch Team (KITT). This role involves regular telephone contact with patients who have stable disease, offering a comforting and proactive approach to monitoring their condition. By checking in every 4-6 weeks, Angela and the team ensure that any changes in

a patient's health are promptly addressed, with referrals made back to the Community Palliative Care Nurse Specialist when needed.

Angela said: "Queenscourt is a very special place and I feel privileged to work here. It means a lot to me as they have looked after several of my family members, not only caring for them but supporting us as a family. I feel proud coming to work and I love being part of Queenscourt Connect."



Meet Bumble – the newest addition to the Queenscourt Bee Hive Family

Queenscourt Hospice is delighted to welcome the newest member to the Beehive Family – our mini bee Bumble.

Bumble will play an important role in Queenscourt's Family Support Services, by being available to support children during a challenging time.

Queenscourt Family Support Services consists of specialist Palliative Care Professionals who work with families to support children facing or dealing with the loss of someone close to them.

By providing children with a Bumble toy, they will have a special keepsake from Queenscourt that they can hopefully see as a friend to talk to if they are feeling lonely or confused.

Alex Kenrick, Clinical Lead Nurse at Queenscourt said: "It is important to appreciate that we all grieve differently, and supporting families and children, by using age-appropriate resources and language is key."

Bumble is also available to buy via Queenscourt Reception and in our high street shops for £8.50 each or two for £15.

Doreen Roberts - Pharmacist

Doreen Roberts, a Pharmacist specialising in Palliative Care, Medicines Information, and Formulary, joined #teamqueenscourt in May 2023.

Her role, shared between Queenscourt Hospice and Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, focuses on medicine management, safe prescribing, and offering support to patients and their families.

One of Doreen's key responsibilities is advising on managing medications when patients face challenges such as swallowing difficulties, requiring alternative administration methods such as sublingual, buccal, transdermal, or suppository formulations.

"The morning ward rounds at Queenscourt Hospice are the highlight of my day," Doreen shares. "Working alongside doctors and nurses, I get to spend time with patients, helping to manage their symptoms and improve their comfort. It's a privilege to be part of such a compassionate team dedicated to making a difference to the lives of patients and their families."

In addition to patient care, Doreen contributes to updating medicine guidelines, teaching, and controlled drug stewardship. She began her career as a nurse before transitioning to pharmacy, gaining experience in various healthcare settings both in the UK and abroad.



A MasterClass in International Relations

Earlier this year, we had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Hermien Goderie-Plomp and Dr Carla Jufferman's from the Netherlands to Queenscourt Hospice.

Dr Goderie-Plomp and Dr Jufferman run a two-year training course in Palliative Medicine for doctors from all across the Netherlands and have been working regularly with Dr Karen Groves, founder of Queenscourt Hospice.

For the last 6 years they have invited Dr Groves, to give a biennial masterclass for the graduating doctors in the Netherlands, discussing cases which they submit prior to the course.

Dr Hermien Goderie-Plomp and Dr Carla Juffermans spent time with many of #teamqueenscourt including Dr Groves, Dr Clare Finnegan and Dr Maarten Scholten.



The visitors gained insight into how integrated Specialist Palliative Care Services are in England. They were shown around all elements of our services including In-Patients, Out-Patients, Hospice at Home, Virtual Ward, the Clinical Hub, Community Specialist Palliative Care Services, Hospital Palliative Care Services, Bereavement Support and Support for Families and Children.

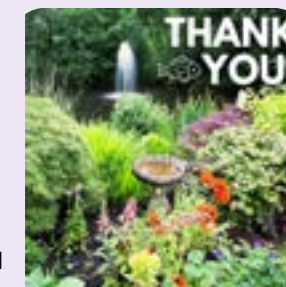
Community Support Revitalises our Pond

Local businesses and individuals from across our community came together this year to support Queenscourt by donating fish to replenish the hospice's garden pond after it was struck by lightning last year!

Lauren Pretty and her husband, both long-time supporters of Queenscourt, were inspired to donate 50 fish in tribute to their late friend Dave, who had been cared for by #teamqueenscourt. Aquahome in Leyland, where Lauren sourced the fish, generously contributed to the effort. This donation is part of the couple's ongoing commitment to supporting Queenscourt, which includes organising fundraisers for our hospice.

Similarly, Fiona and Dawn from The Aquatics Centre in Southport donated fish to honour their former colleague Paul, who was cared for by #teamqueenscourt. Dawn described Paul as a fun-loving character, and she believes he would have been thrilled to know that some of the fish in the pond came from his shop. Beyond the donation, they plan to continue supporting Queenscourt through fundraising efforts in Paul's memory.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated fish and helped to restore our pond.



Festive Rocky Road Recipe

Easy to make and you can use Christmas leftovers!

Ingredients:

100g butter cut into cubes
250g biscuits such as shortbread
75g shelled nuts
100g mixed dried fruit
400g milk or plain chocolate or a mix
140g golden syrup
Sprinkles or sweets to decorate

Method:

- 1 Butter and line a 20cm square tin and break biscuits into small pieces
- 2 Halve nuts or chop into small pieces, combine with biscuits and add to bowl
- 3 Melt 300g of chocolate, the butter and golden syrup carefully in a pan set over a low

heat stirring occasionally, then pour over the biscuit and nut mixture, mix together and so the chocolate covers everything.

4 Tip the mixture into the tin, then level the top, it doesn't need to be completely smooth. Melt remaining chocolate in microwave in short blasts or in a heatproof bowl over a small simmering pan of water, drizzle this over the top and sprinkle with the decorations. Chill for at least three hours or overnight before cutting into squares. Will keep in fridge for three to four days.

Special thanks to Sharon Blundell and Emma McNaughton for making the Festive Rocky Road and Emma McNaughton for the lovely decorations!





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£100

8 x £25

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£25,000

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Every March, September and December!

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Lights of Love

Queenscourt
Hospice
where life is for living...

DEDICATE A LIGHT TO SOMEONE SPECIAL

Our Lights of Love online Christmas Tree is open for anyone who would like to dedicate a light to honour a loved one. Visit our online tree and let your loved one's light shine bright. Your light will also illuminate Queenscourt's trees throughout December.

You're welcome to join us at our Lights of Love Remembering Evenings

Wednesday 4th December 2024
The Gild Hall, Formby

Thursday 5th December 2024
Holy Trinity Church, Southport

Monday 9th December 2024
The Civic Hall, Ormskirk

6pm Refreshments
7pm Remembering
Evenings start

N.B. Parking is limited
Please use public car parks
or street parking



To Dedicate a Light:

Visit www.queenscourt.org.uk/lights
Scan the QR code | Call 01704 517420



Giving in Celebration - Scott's 21st Birthday Fundraiser for Queenscourt

Congratulations to Scott Makin of Moonlight Events on his 21st Birthday and a BIG thank you to Scott for supporting us during his celebrations. Scott asked for donations to Queenscourt Hospice instead of gifts for his special birthday and he raised over £2,600 for the Hospice.

Scott adds, 'I didn't want people to buy me gifts for my birthday and I really wanted to support the fantastic work that Queenscourt does. My Auntie spent her last few days in the Hospice and benefitted from the Queenscourt at Home Team and I wanted to do something to say THANK YOU. I hope that by sharing my story it will inspire others to Give in Celebration. It could be your birthday, anniversary, wedding or why not just have a party with friends and family and raise money for **#teamqueenscourt**.'

Scott is an ongoing supporter of Queenscourt and often helps us with our events by setting up stages, lighting and sound as

part of his job. As a small local charity, we rely on the invaluable support from businesses like Scott's, to make our fundraising events happen.

To find out more about Giving In Celebration please visit www.queenscourt.org.uk/celebration



Take a look at our Amazon Wish List

Our Amazon Wish List is a quick and easy way to support our Hospice as it contains a list of items that make a difference to our patients and their loved ones.

Please take a closer look, it has everything from children's books and teddies, to family trees and wedding confetti ... lots of lovely items that help make memories ♥♥♥♥

It's really simple:

- Scan the QR code for direct access to our list
- Select an item you would like to buy
- Complete all the payment details
- The item will be delivered direct to us at Queenscourt Hospice.



Sadly we don't get any contact details with the item to thank supporters individually, so we would like to say a big THANK YOU to anyone who visits our Amazon Wish List and makes a purchase.

Volunteering

Reflection on our Open Garden Event

On 22nd June 2024 we hosted our annual Open Garden event, showcasing the hard work of our fantastic volunteers whilst also raising vital funds to keep Queenscourt in service.

The day was well attended by many supporters, volunteers and staff who enjoyed the wonderful weather and the opportunity to explore our fabulous gardens. There were an array of stalls including refreshments, tombola, plants and garden paraphernalia, strawberries & cream, cakes and a Queenscourt Retail stall.

We were lucky enough to have visits from our Therapy Dogs and owners Tess (with Danny) and Charlie (with Raye) who proved to be very popular. We also enjoyed a special guest appearance by our cheerful mascot

Queenie, who was overseeing the sale of our new Bumble mini-bee toys!

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who helped to make the day so successful, from planning the event and donating items, to setting up and working on the various stalls. A special mention goes to our team of Gardening Volunteers who put so much work into getting ready for this event, and also to J.A Jones & Sons for once again helping us to prepare the gardens in readiness for it.

It was wonderful to see so many of our supporters here at the Hospice whilst helping to raise much needed funds for our charity. We are pleased to announce that to date we have raised a grand total of £3,586.34.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



Queenscourt Birkdale Support Group

This group was established before the Hospice was even opened, together with several other Support Groups. The aim was to engender interest in the Hospice and build up the idea of fundraising for Queenscourt, our local charity, and we have continued to do so.

Most groups have discontinued, for various reasons, and, of course, the personnel of our own group has changed over the years. Two of us remain who were involved from the beginning. We exist to raise money for Queenscourt and, over the last few years, instead of just giving the money to go in the general fund, we have asked the staff to suggest any specific items they needed to help them to give their patients the best possible care whether in the Hospice itself or in their own homes. This has worked well as we have found that our supporters and the committee have been pleased to learn how the money has been distributed. The money raised by our small group of seven, comes from the many and varied events we have held throughout the years and from friends' donations.

Recently, we had a very professional Fashion Show by Shaw's of Hillside followed by the excellent Phil Shotton Big Band concert



which has become a regular yearly event. Both events were very popular with full houses. More events are in the pipeline. We have already given a substantial amount to Queenscourt this year and are ready to give the Hospice another £7,500. Fundraising is a great way of helping to maintain our wonderful Hospice, also, it keeps the Hospice at the forefront of people's minds whilst giving happiness to our supporters who enjoy the events.

Thank you to everyone who helps us to support Queenscourt.

Margaret Mann (Chairman, Birkdale Support Group)

Join #teamqueenscourt

As a charity we are lucky to have a number of volunteers who support our staff and patients in key volunteering roles..

We are currently looking for someone to help on our Reception Desk at Queenscourt from 1pm-5pm on a Saturday.

We also have some shifts available in our kitchen, garden and in our shops.

If you are interested in joining #teamqueenscourt as a volunteer in one of these areas please visit: www.queenscourt.org.uk/volunteer



Exclusive Rewards

We are now proudly in partnership with **Exclusive Rewards!** "Queenscourt Rewards" is a new and exciting scheme that will give Queenscourt's supporters, staff and volunteers early access for free!

The rewards and cashback programme brings you thousands of discounts every time you shop online, also earning cashback, accessing exclusive e-vouchers and gift cards, and getting money off every day and special purchases!

That's not all, 30% of your money will also go to our amazing hospice.

Queenscourt Rewards has over 3,500 of the biggest, well-known online retailers in the UK, offering both local and national deals and cashback when you shop.

Even better - we are offering you this program **FREE**, plus a **FREE** upgrade to the Diamond Club! Saving you an annual £19.99 fee and benefitting from even **MORE** great deals!

To join this exclusive rewards scheme for FREE, please go to: queenscourtrewards.co.uk and use CODE W917DE2HM

Once signed up, head to the Diamond Club, select Northwest as the region and your relevant town to see the offers

With the **FREE** Diamond Club, you will also be able to download discounted e-vouchers which can be used in hundreds of high



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- ✓ The Pavilion Café Bar Bistro 20% Discount
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- ✓ Tik Taco 15% Discount

Once you have signed up don't forget to download the **CASHBACK REMINDER** browser extension which means you will never miss out on free money again!

Happy Shopping....!



Retail Updates

Celebrating Southport Flower Show

To celebrate Southport's 100th Annual Flower Show, our Queenscourt Retail Shop Managers and Volunteers put their creativity to the test, with stunning flower-themed window displays!

A huge shout-out to the amazing sustainable fashion enthusiast Robyn Mia for selecting our Bispham Road store as the winner for their incredible flower dress display



Queenie's Fab Finds



Nearly New November

November will see the return of Queenscourt's Nearly New November campaign which aims to promote the value of shopping locally in one of Queenscourt's charity shops, whilst also highlighting the important environmental aspects of recycling and 'upcycling' clothes.

Pre-loved fashion encourages people to recycle their old clothes, which not only provides valuable income for our charity shops, but also helps to keep the unwanted items out of landfill. All of our retail shops (including our online eBay store) stock a wealth of pre-loved items, and throughout our Nearly New November campaign we will be showcasing on our social media channels, just a few of the great items we have for sale across Queenscourt Retail. In addition

to showcasing pre-loved items for sale, our Nearly New November campaign will promote the benefits of donating your unwanted items, rather than throwing them away to end up in landfill. This initiative also helps to ensure Queenscourt Retail has a constant flow of interesting items for sale by encouraging people to donate their unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac.



We Need Your Unwanted & Pre-Loved Items!

To ensure a constant flow of interesting items for sale in our shops and on our eBay site, we always welcome donations.

Of particular interest are clothing, bric-a-brac, unique, vintage or designer items as well as electronics and retro/childhood games and toys.

If you have something you would like to donate please contact our Retail Team at qcetail@queenscourt.org.uk

THANK YOU



QUEENSCOURT 2024 CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW ON SALE!

We have a fabulous selection of local scenes, furry favourites, religious scenes and more.
Go to: www.queenscourt.org.uk/onlineshop or visit one of our 5 high street shops.

If your business would like to sponsor any of our 2025 Christmas Cards please contact our friendly Retail Team by emailing qcetail@queenscourt.org.uk or by phoning 01704 544645 (option 6).

Fundraising Update

Christmas Tree Collection

Start the new year with a meaningful and festive tradition—our Annual Christmas Tree Collection & Recycling Campaign is back, and it's going to be better than ever!

Last year, during the 2023/24 season, our amazing volunteers collected over 1,700 trees from West Lancashire, Southport, and Formby, transforming them into eco-friendly mulch. As we celebrate the 9th anniversary of this popular fundraising initiative, we're aiming even higher!

From Friday 10th January to Sunday 12th January 2025, our dedicated volunteers will be out in full force, collecting trees from homes and businesses across the region. By participating, you'll not only recycle your tree but also support the vital work of [#teamqueenscourt](#).

Don't miss out - sign up today! Visit www.queenscourt.org.uk/trees, call **01704 517420** to chat with our friendly Fundraising Team, or email us at fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk. Together, let's make this year our most successful one yet!



Queenscourt Summer Ball raises over £18,000

What an unforgettable night was had by all those who attended this year's Queenscourt Summer Ball on Saturday 31st August. This popular annual event took place in the elegant surroundings of The Grand, on Lord Street in Southport..

The evening started with a glass of fizz sponsored by LWC whilst the lovely Kelly Bond performed some tunes.

Following the meal Paul Crone hosted the raffle and auction, where some fabulous auction items went under the hammer! One very special piece of artwork was

created by Samantha Greenhill, which she donated in honour of her sister who was under Queenscourt's care.

Guests then danced the night away whilst James Loughlin entertained them into the early hours!

Huge thank you to our sponsors on the night Mullwood Wine Co, Chris Norris and of course all who donated raffle and auction prizes, not forgetting the fabulous volunteers.

For information about sponsoring next year's Summer Ball please contact fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk



Events Calendar



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Fundraising Thanks

Anfield Abseil Raises £6,000 for Queenscourt

In May, the Anfield Abseil saw 15 brave participants descend from Liverpool FC's iconic stadium, raising £6,000 for [#teamqueenscourt](#).

Part of the **Do More in '24** campaign, the event attracted a mix of seasoned thrill-seekers and first-timers, all met with cheers from enthusiastic supporters. Funds raised will aid [#teamqueenscourt](#) in providing exceptional compassionate care for our patients and their loved ones.

The next Anfield Abseil is set for Sunday, May 4, 2025. To find out more please email fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk



Skydivers Raise £11,000 for Queenscourt Hospice

In June, 15 daring participants took to the skies at the Black Knights Parachute Centre, completing a thrilling 11,000-foot tandem skydive to raise £11,000 for Queenscourt Hospice.

With breathtaking views and an adrenaline-packed freefall, each skydiver, paired with an experienced instructor, embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

The funds raised will support our essential services for patients and families. The next skydive is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 2025. To secure your spot in this thrilling adventure, please email our friendly fundraising team on fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk.



Gareth Johnson Takes on the Disney Dopey Challenge

This January, Gareth Johnson from Just Wings and his daughter Scarlett are set to embark on an extraordinary challenge that will test his endurance, determination, and spirit: the Dopey Challenge at Walt Disney World.

Over four consecutive days, Gareth will run a 5K, 10K, half marathon, and full marathon, covering a staggering 48.6 miles in total. This incredible feat, known as the Dopey Challenge, is a true testament to his passion for pushing his limits.

Gareth isn't just doing this for himself—he's running with a purpose. His goal is to raise awareness and funds for our Hospice.

To boost his fundraising efforts, Gareth also hosted a charity golf day at Formby Hall Golf Club.

You can be a part of this inspiring journey by supporting Gareth's efforts. To contribute, please visit his fundraising page:

www.gofundme.com/f/gareths-dopey-challenge.



Fundraising Thanks

Record-Breaking Success at Star Trekk 10K Walk!

This year's Star Trekk 10K Walk has raised £96,000, making it one of our most successful events to date. Over 1,100 enthusiastic walkers braved the drizzle, contributing to the event's vibrant atmosphere and incredible sense of community.



Participants joined for various personal reasons—many walked in memory of loved ones or in gratitude for the support they had received from #teamqueenscourt. Others took part simply for a fun evening out whilst raising vital funds for their local hospice. Regardless of their motivation, everyone involved played a vital role in making the event a tremendous success.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the participants, as well as the event's sponsors - Gymophobics, iSIGHT Clinic Southport, and EFT Systems Ltd - and, of course, our wonderful volunteers who made the night run smoothly.

If you're interested in sponsoring Star Trekk 2025, please reach out to our friendly fundraising team on fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk

A Concert for Queenscourt Raises £14,500

The first-ever 'A Concert for Queenscourt' held on July 19th and 20th at Ormskirk Civic Hall was a triumph. The Queenscourt Musical Theatre Company, G Force Gospel Choir, Mundo Afrika, and the young stars of The So Talented Academy delivered an unforgettable performance, earning a standing ovation.

Months of preparation resulted in an exceptional show. Special thanks go to Director Ian Lawson, Choreographer Katie Palfrey, and Musical Director Steve Cook, whose leadership brought the performance to life with stunning routines and music.

The production's technical excellence was enhanced by Moonlight Events Ltd, whose work with sound, lighting, and pyrotechnics elevated the event. We also thank our volunteers, sponsors, and Ian Lawson Photography for capturing memorable moments.

A special recognition goes to Hayley Murray, the driving force behind this event. The concert raised over £14,500 for Queenscourt Hospice.

Save the date—'A Concert for Queenscourt' returns from September 11th to 13th, 2025! Audition details will be announced in January.



Lloyd & Co's Marathon Walk for Queenscourt

Fourteen colleagues from Lloyd & Co Financial Planning completed an incredible marathon walk last month to raise much-needed funds for Queenscourt.

Lloyd & Co. Financial Planning is an independent financial practise offering independent financial advice, situated on Hoghton Street in Southport.

The team completed the walk on Saturday 22nd of June, taking six hours to complete passing through the Southport coastline, the Marine Lake, Birkdale Village, Ainsdale Pinewoods and Formby Village.

The team chose to raise money for Queenscourt after naming us as their charity of the year and set a fundraising target of £1,000. This has been surpassed to an incredible £2,300 so far!

David Lloyd, Director of Lloyd & Co Financial Planning said: "Queenscourt has been our Charity of The Year previously and we continue to support them.



"There are so many people in our community whose lives are touched by Queenscourt. #teamqueenscourt provide exceptional care for patients both in the hospice and at home, when they need it the most."

In 2023, David completed our inaugural Jail & Bail fundraising event. He added: "Jail & Bail was a lot of fun and a flashback to my youth. I try to get involved with Queenscourt's fundraising events whenever I can - we're always thinking of new ways to support good causes."

Twelve Local Business Leaders Complete Jail & Bail Fundraiser

Twelve individuals from across West Lancashire, Southport and Formby raised an incredible £15,000 by taking part in this years' Jail & Bail fundraiser.

Each 'inmate' was set the task of raising a minimum of £999 in 'bail money' through completing a series of fun challenges on Friday, 7th June 2024.

This year's inmates included: Queenscourt Hospice Medical Director Dr Clare Finnegan, Pre-School Owner Fran Taylor; Southport Hospital UNISON Officer Angela Wilson, Hesketh Arms Pub Landlord Dave Langshaw, Mikhail Hotel And Leisure Group Commercial Director Geoff Wareham, owner of LM Beauty in Wayfarer's Shopping Arcade, Laura Murray, Rubix UK Key Account Manager and Everton FC Disability Coach Jon Hardy, Anthony James Estate Agent Director Mark Cunningham, Speech Therapist and All Souls and Southport Dramatic Club Panto Star Chris Gerring, United Legal Assistance Motor Claims Handler and Southport Coaster Bartender Jocelyn Pye, Thatch & Thistle Pub Landlord Suzanne Norris and Greatest Hits Radio Producer Alexander Toal.

Corporate Support

Queenscourt would also like to say a huge thank you to Sefton Police for their cooperation, allowing us to use their Custody Suite, and their dedicated Officers whose enthusiasm added to the authenticity of the event. Our thanks also go to Access Point for the use of their facility and to Stand up for Southport for co-organising the event.



International Women's Day Celebrations 2025

Our International Women's Day celebration 2025 is set to take place on March 8th, celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women worldwide. This global event also serves as a powerful call to action for advancing gender equality.

Queenscourt IWD 2025 celebration will be held at The Grand on Lord Street, a beautiful venue known for its elegance and charm. Attendees will enjoy a two-course meal whilst hearing from

relevant keynote speakers who will inspire and empower. The celebration will be rounded off with music and dancing, providing a joyful conclusion to the event. To find out more please visit www.queenscourt.org.uk/internationalwomensday



Atlanta Group Cricket Match

The Atlanta Group's sixth annual Cricket Match raised over £3000 for Queenscourt.

For the last six years, the Atlanta Group has organised a Charity Cricket Match to raise money for their chosen charity.

The Atlanta Group is home to a range of companies including Swinton Insurance based in Manchester, Paymentsshield based in Southport and Marmalade in Peterborough.

Paymentsshield are dedicated supporters of our hospice and this year named Queenscourt as its charity of the year, dedicating their annual Charity Cricket Match to raise money for #teamqueenscourt.

David Bell, Business Analyst at the Atlanta Group and co-organiser of the match, said: "What a fabulous evening we had, the cricket was brilliant and we were all proud to be playing in support of such a wonderful cause.

"This is a record amount raised in the six years we've been running the event and we hope it helps all at Queenscourt to continue their amazing work."

The Charity Cricket Match raised an incredible £2,170, and was kindly match-funded by Atlanta partners Ardonagh with a further £1000.



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