

PRESS INFORMATION 1st December 2025

Volunteers Needed at New Hospice



Phyllis Tuckwell's volunteer drivers take patients to and from its Living Well sessions.

Local charity <u>Phyllis Tuckwell</u> is recruiting <u>volunteers</u> to help at its new Hospice in Farnham, which will be opening in the spring of 2026. It has a range of vacancies in various different roles, so if you're looking for a truly rewarding way to spend a few hours, could you join its team?

If you love meeting people, perhaps you could be the welcoming face of the new Hospice. The charity needs volunteer receptionists to greet patients and families as they arrive, and to answer phone calls and manage deliveries. Flexible shifts are available, to fit around when you're free, whether that's weekly or fortnightly.

Or perhaps you could volunteer to drive patients to and from Phyllis Tuckwell's Living Well sessions? Held at the Hospice in Farnham and Beacon Centre in Guildford, they offer important advice, guidance and support to patients, but many can't get to them on their own. Phyllis Tuckwell's friendly drivers and escorts pick patients up from home and drive them to these sessions, whilst having a lovely chat with them on the way!

Patients who are living at home can often feel anxious and lonely. By becoming a Home Support volunteer, you could really brighten their day. Each volunteer is matched with a patient whom they visit once a week, to help them go out for a walk, take them shopping, or simply sit and have a chat with them over a cup of tea.

Volunteers are also needed to arrange flowers to brighten the new Hospice corridors, serve patients, relatives and staff in the Hospice's new coffee shop, and help out in Phyllis Tuckwell's local shops.

"Our volunteers make such a difference to the lives of our patients and their loved ones, and get so much joy and fulfilment themselves from their role," said Julia Morpeth, voluntary services manager at Phyllis Tuckwell. "Whatever volunteering role you choose, we will give you initial and ongoing training and support, and you'll know that you're making a real difference to those in our care."

To find out more, please email <u>voluntary.services@pth.org.uk</u>, call 01252 729400 or visit <u>www.pth.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/apply-now</u>

Please note: volunteer drivers must hold a full driving licence and be able to use their own car to transport patients.

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Notes for Editors:

For press enquiries and alternative pictures contact: Jen Barnes at Phyllis Tuckwell on 01252 729433 or email jen.barnes@pth.org.uk

About Phyllis Tuckwell

Phyllis Tuckwell provides palliative and end of life care for adult patients and families living with an advanced or terminal illness (such as cancer, heart, lung or neurological disease) in West Surrey and North-East Hampshire, an area of 550,000 residents.

Every day we support over 250 patients, relatives and carers, through a mix of medical and nursing care, therapies, counselling, social work advice and practical support. We are currently building a new state-of-the-art Hospice on our existing site in Farnham, which will enable us to care for more people who need our support. During the project, we are continuing to offer our specialist services, from alternative locations. Our In-Patient Unit is temporarily located in a care home in Camberley; our community support is being delivered by our Hospice at Home team for patients, families and carers at home; and our Living Well sessions and outpatient appointments will continue to run at the Beacon Centre in Guildford. Our support staff are located at a temporary office facility in Farnham for the duration of the build.

The NHS/Government only cover around 25% of our costs, so we have to raise over £25,000 every single day to be able to offer all our services, free of charge, to our patients and their families and carers. We therefore rely heavily on the support and generosity of our local community.