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Growing Hope this May

April truly was a bumper month for fundraising. The whole CWCF team, including staff and volunteers, has been working non-stop with energy and passion to make every single event a success and make sure we raise as many funds as possible for our children and families, as well as granting wishes, hosting family events, and helping any family who needs it. The action really never stops here in the CWCF office!

Read on to find out more about just some of the things we've been up to....

Bluebell Walk

Over the course of two beautiful days, we took over the trails for the annual Arlington Bluebell Walk, and what a two days they turned out to be!

We raised an incredible £6,232.98! Thank you to everyone who came along to support us and make it a record breaking year for us.



For a short time each year, the woodland at Arlington transforms into a carpet of blue and we were lucky that the bluebells bloomed early enough for us to enjoy the spectacle this year. It was wonderful to see visitors taking their time to absorb the beauty and peaceful setting of the woodland trails, while the farmyard animals were certainly a popular draw, for the children in particular.

The cafe was buzzing from the beginning of the day until the very end, as visitors enjoyed a wide array of delicious cakes, bakes and light lunches, with every single purchase contributing to improving the lives of children diagnosed with cancer and their families.



Our charity is powered by the dedication of amazing people, and nowhere was that more evident than in the incredible team of volunteers who came together to ensure the smooth running of this event.

Thank you all. You gave up your time to help us continue our vital work and be there for countless families in the years to come. We simply couldn't have done it without your energy, kindness, and hard work!



And of course, a huge thank you to John McCutchan for giving us, and so many worthy charities in the local area, the opportunity to raise much needed funds, and have fun while we're doing it.

We hope to be back next year to do it all over again!

La Locanda Del Duca Dinner

We are absolutely thrilled to share that our second annual fundraising dinner at the beautiful [La Locanda Del Duca](#) was another outstanding success.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of the 110 guests in attendance, we are proud and grateful that the night raised a staggering £12,000 to support children and families across East Sussex, Brighton and Hove, who are affected by childhood cancer.



The atmosphere on the night was electric, and the generosity shown by our supporters was inspiring. Under the expert guidance of our brilliant auctioneer, James Hanaway, the live auction was a huge success, contributing over £6,000 to the total on its own.

It was great to see everyone really getting into the spirit of the Heads and Tails Game and taking part in the raffle. We are grateful to everyone who donated prizes for the auction and raffle. Without the kind support of all those businesses and individuals, the evening would not have been the success it turned out to be.

Beyond the money raised, the evening was filled with laughter, good company, and delicious food. Guests were treated to a stunning 3-course meal prepared by the talented team at the wonderful La Locanda Del Duca.



Special thanks to our sponsors of the evening:

[Mango Insurance](#)

[Uptons Sales and Lettings](#)

[Ginger & Sanders Residential Block and Estate Management](#)

A particular thank you goes to Peter Sanders, of Ginger & Sanders Sales & Lettings, for his invaluable support in organising this event and ensuring it went without a hitch. We are incredibly grateful to him for his long standing dedication to our cause.

Networking at FOUNDRY

We had a fantastic evening at FOUNDRY Eastbourne enjoying networking, fun bingo and delicious pizza 🍕

It was a pleasure to see so many individuals from so many businesses and backgrounds come together to show support for Children with Cancer Fund - and of course to meet our brilliant patron, Dame Jacqueline Wilson.

Dame Jacqueline gave a wonderful speech about her motivation for becoming our patron, the work we do here at Children with Cancer Fund, and carried out an exclusive book signing - the queue for which never seemed to diminish 🌟



The evening created a relaxed atmosphere for networking and making connections, with friendly chat and laughter the soundtrack of the event. Attendees had the opportunity to meet like-minded individuals, learn more about the work of CWCF, and explore how to help support families facing childhood cancer.

Thank you to all our supporters who turned up to make a difference and to those who committed to join our team of Dream Makers by donating £26 per month - you really are making life brighter for children facing the toughest journeys ❤️

Family Events

Abbots Wood Picnic

Last weekend, we had the immense joy of hosting a group of our incredible families for a spring picnic in Abbots Wood, followed by an exciting Easter egg hunt.

The goal was simple: let children be children and forget about the heavy weight of hospital appointments and treatment schedules. So we set out a glorious picnic buffet spread for our families to enjoy, alongside a plethora of outdoor toys and games ready to be enjoyed.



After our picnic, we set the kids loose into the woodland trails to hunt for hidden paper eggs, which could be exchanged for the real deal back at the CWCF van. The forest was filled with shouts of laughter as friends and siblings raced through the trees together. Seeing all these children - some in the middle of treatment, others in recovery - running and feeling carefree was a real joy.

For parents, these outings are a rare chance to connect with others who "just get it". While their children played and enjoyed their chocolatey prizes, parents shared stories, advice, and laughter. These connections form an invisible safety net which our families can rely on during the toughest of days.

We'd like to say big thank you to every individual and business who generously donated Easter Eggs for our families, including Bannatynes, Balfour Beatty, Co-op Polegate, Boots Eastbourne, Halifax Eastbourne, and Drainline Eastbourne. They really did bring the biggest smiles 😊

Random Act of Kindness

We were lucky enough to recently be donated a bike by some very generous supporters of ours. Although second hand, the bike was in brilliant condition, having only been used once or twice so we were thrilled to be able to offer this to one of our families.

M was thrilled to have been chosen. We since discovered that M had wanted either a bike or Nintendo Switch for this birthday - ending up being given the Switch, so it really felt like this was meant to be.



M was very happy to receive the bike as he had been really hoping for one! We were glad to hear that M and his Dad were planning to test it out on the field the very same day they picked it up. M was really excited to give it a whirl and we're sure it will be well loved and used.

Thank You!

Thank you so much to the Quality Care Group who recently presented Chris with a cheque for an amazing £10,000.



The whole team have worked tirelessly over the last year, carrying out lots of fundraising events and challenges, and raising such an incredible amount for CWCF. Their efforts are very much appreciated by the whole CWCF Team and the money raised will make a hugely positive impact on the work we are able to do to support children living with cancer in the local community.

Welcoming a New Dream Maker ❤️

We are honoured to announce that beloved children's author and valued CWCF patron, Dame Jacqueline Wilson, has deepened her commitment to supporting children with cancer by becoming one of our 2026 Dream Makers, by pledging to donate £26 per month.




Dame Jacqueline has long used her platform to champion the well-being of young people and has already supported Children with Cancer Fund for a number of years as patron. We are so grateful to her for her ongoing involvement which helps provide essential support and wishes for children and families navigating the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

Run to Run 2026

Our annual Run to Run along the Cuckoo Trail in Polegate is nearly upon us!

This year the Run to Run is taking place on Saturday 30th May and we will be congregating on the Polegate School playing field from 10am, where water and refreshments will be available. The runs will be taking place along the Cuckoo Trail as usual, with the first taking place at 10:30am.

There are 3 distances to choose from: a mini mile, perfect for families and little ones, 5K and 10K.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you are a keen walker or runner or just fancy a nice stroll with the dog, we'd love to see you there 



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RUN TO RUN
SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2026

SIGN UP HERE
TODAY



CUCKOO TRAIL, SCHOOL LANE ENTRANCE, POLEGATE
MINI MILE, 5K AND 10K

ENTRY STARTS AT £5

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

- WALKERS, JOGGERS, FAMILIES, PUSHCHAIRS

MEDALS FOR ALL COMPLETERS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR DROP US AN EMAIL TO

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Get Tickets Here

We Need Your Help!

With lots of lovely fundraising events and activities planned this month and onwards into the summer, we are looking for donations to use on our stalls and tombolas.

We are currently collecting donations of:

- **Teddy bears**
- **Toys**
- **Games**
- **Scented goods**

Please drop any donations into the office, Monday - Friday 09:30am - 4:30pm.

All contributions will be greatly appreciated ❤️

Could You Be One Of CWCF's Dream Makers?

Childhood cancer remains one of the most devastating diseases affecting children worldwide. The emotional and financial toll it takes on families is unimaginable.

We would love to sign up **26 Dream Makers in 2026** to enable us to do even more to support families on their immensely difficult journey with cancer and allow them to focus on joy instead of illness.

To become a Dream Maker, we are asking you to commit to a monthly donation of just **£26** to Children with Cancer Fund. By donating this amount, you will become an integral part of our mission to support families battling childhood cancer, from diagnosis, throughout treatment, and beyond.

❤️ ***Make their dreams reality*** ❤️



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