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Fall-ing for our Community 🍁

As we reflect on the last month of activities, one thing stands out, and that is the incredible community we are so lucky to be a part of. Whether that is the local community who never fail to stand behind us, the volunteers who turn up without fail, or the community of families we support, which is growing stronger and stronger. Every one of these communities has helped us get to where we are today and we look forward to continuing to stand together and making a difference over the coming months and years.

Read on to find out more....

Office Improvements!

We are very excited to have now completed the back extension to our office, which is now a shiny, new storage area.

This storage area has been a long time in the planning and we are delighted for the project to come to fruition at last. To mark the momentous occasion, we invited several guests to join us for a gathering and opening ceremony.



For anyone who has visited our office previously, you'll know how desperately we needed this new area! We were often overwhelmed with wonderful donations from kind members of the public, which are always hugely appreciated, but with limited places to store these items the office became messy and chaotic. Now, thanks to our new storage area and the donation of paint by Brewers Decorator Centres, our whole office is looking tidy and fresh both inside and out 🏡

Thank you to everyone who came along to join us for tea and cake, including David from The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust, John Pritchett, Chair of Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council, and Melanie from Brewers Decorator Centres. We are grateful for the support of each and every one of you.

💛 **Family Events** 💛

Masterpiece Pottery

Art therapy is a long established tool in paediatric treatment. It allows children to express themselves and confront difficult emotions in a non verbal and safe way. Our pottery painting afternoon at Masterpiece Studios mirrors some of those same benefits. It gave our children time with their family in a relaxed and friendly environment with full control over their choice of pottery and freedom to paint it in whichever way they chose.

As it always is, the event was a huge success. Our families created some absolute masterpieces, we truly have some artists in our midst! We can't wait to see them in all their glory once they have been fired and glazed. The children even found time to play together in the gardens, admiring the ducks and cute chicks strolling around.



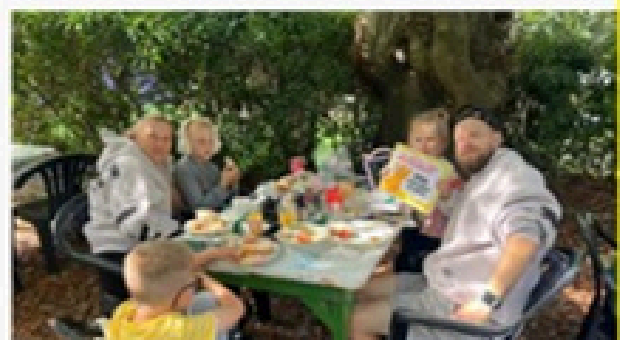
Thank you to the wonderful team at Masterpiece Studios who welcomed our families with open arms as they always do. They kindly provided cakes and refreshments for everyone to enjoy and it rounded off a fantastic afternoon perfectly 🍰

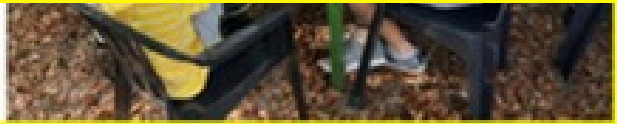
Litlington Tea Gardens

We had the absolute joy of treating some of our wonderful families to a lovely afternoon at the charming Litlington Tea Gardens. We enjoyed a delicious spread of sandwiches and tempting cakes outside in the autumn sunshine 🌞🍰

On arrival, families moved tables around to sit closer together and enjoy a good chat, and children were soon running, laughing and playing in groups. We were thrilled to see the bonds formed between children and adults alike so clearly on display.

Being on a cancer journey can be so overwhelming, but our events mean that the CWCF family keeps getting stronger, ensuring that no-one has to face it alone 💛





We were honoured to welcome our Patron, Juliet Smith JP DL, to this event. She spend lots of time talking to all the families in attendance and finding out more about them and how CWCF has supported them and can best continue to do so. It was wonderful for our families to see first hand how much she cares about the work of CWCF and the children we support.



A huge thank you to the wonderful team at Litlington tea gardens for making our families feel so welcome, and to our amazing sponsor BBC Children in Need who made this experience possible 🌟

Triumph over the Triathlon 🏊🚴🏃

An amazing team from Oakfield Estate Agents took on the challenge of the Brighton Triathlon and absolutely smashed it. Each member of the team took on one leg of the triathlon in a real case of teamwork making the dream work!

They raised a whopping £3,125. Well done to Darren, Josh and Emma for their incredible dedication and support for CWCF. The incredible amount raised will make a big difference to the children and families we support 💛



Sponsored Walk ★

The wonderful 7th Seaford Guides have undertaken a sponsored walk from Seaford Golf Club, walking along to Bo Peep and down to Alfriston for Ice Cream.

Their leader Wendy said: "The evening was perfect for weather and lighting and all the girls took part. For some, the challenge was harder than for others and they all did amazingly."



Thank you to the girls for choosing Children with Cancer Fund as their charity to support and raising a huge £700.

Introducing our Patron ✨

We are delighted to announce that we have a brand new patron joining our team! Introducing Dr Anne Davidson.

She'll be a familiar face to many of the children and families we support in her role as Consultant Paediatrician at the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital. There is nobody better than Anne to guide and advise us on the best way to support our children with all her first-hand knowledge and many years of experience in cancer treatment.

She said: "I welcome the opportunity to become a patron as I appreciate that the Children with Cancer fund is able to help a child having cancer treatment to have fun and enjoy normal family time in a safe and supported way. I hope that the experience I have of the medical aspects of care will be useful in building the charity's future and look forward to contributing what I can."



One of our existing Patrons, Juliet Smith JP DL, hosted a lunch to welcome Anne to the CWCF family alongside our other patrons, Dame Jacqueline Wilson and Ian Fletcher-Price, and our amazing co-founders Chris and Ursula. We couldn't be more pleased and honoured to have such a wonderful group of people pledged to support us where they can.



Welcome, Anne, to the CWCF team! We can't wait to work together to make life brighter for children facing a devastating childhood cancer diagnosis.

Hailsham Hero Awards 🎉

We are thrilled to have been shortlisted in the Charity of the Year category for the Hailsham Hero Awards 2026!

Voting is currently underway for the winner. If you haven't already, we would be incredibly grateful if you could cast your vote for CWCF via the link below ❤️



2026 FINALIST!

HAILSHAM HERO AWARDS



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Vote For Us!

Tesco Tokens at the ready!

We are delighted to have been chosen for the Tesco Fruit and Veg Grants Programme and you can vote for our project in numerous stores across Eastbourne from Monday 3rd August until the end of November.

Here is a full list of the participating stores:

- 📍 Eastbourne 1 Superstore, BN23 7RT
- 📍 Eastbourne Extra, BN23 6QD
- 📍 Pevensey Express, BN24 5DZ
- 📍 Polegate Express, BN26 5DD
- 📍 Eastbourne Terminus Express, BN21 3NJ
- 📍 Seaside Express, BN22 7RH
- 📍 Eastbourne Grove Express, BN21 4UJ
- 📍 Eastbourne Meads Express, BN20 7RH
- 📍 Freshwater Express, BN22 0PS
- 📍 Eastern Seaside Road Express, BN21 3PA
- 📍 Eastbourne Hampden Park Superstore, BN22 9NG

If you'll be using any of these stores in the coming months, please remember to pick up your token and vote for us!

What's Coming Up 🙄

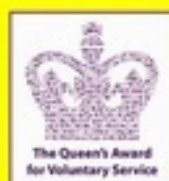
Antique Fair 🏺

We are bringing back a fundraising classic! Our exciting Antique Fair is making a return after a 7 year hiatus.

Make sure you save the date to join us at Willingdon Community School on Saturday 24th October.

Peruse 20 stalls selling a variety of antiques from ceramics and glass to jewellery and books, and grab yourself that something special. We will also have an expert from Eastbourne Auctions on hand to offer a valuation service for just £2.50 per item, so please feel free to bring along any items from home and find out if you have a hidden treasure.

We will be serving hot food, drinks and other refreshments throughout the day.
Proceeds will go towards supporting children with cancer and their families.



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ANTIQUE FAIR

24TH OCTOBER 2026

9AM - 2PM

**WILLINGDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL,
BN20 9QX**

£1 ENTRY

20 EXCITING STALLS WITH A
VARIETY OF ITEMS FOR PURCHASE

EXPERT VALUATIONS
SERVICE (£2.50 PER ITEM)

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL
GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING CHILDREN
WITH CANCER AND THEIR FAMILIES**

For more information, please contact:
community@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk
or 01323 488561

Art is Art

The Friday Art Group will be hosting their annual Art and Craft Sale and Exhibition by local artists and makers on Sunday 18th October at the Reid Hall, Boreham Street.

They will be exhibiting beautiful pictures in a wide range of subjects, styles and media, alongside craft tables and greeting cards for purchase.

Entry is free, but donations to Children with Cancer Fund will be most welcome. Refreshments will be served throughout the event, with proceeds from any purchases also being donated to CWCF.



ART EXHIBITION

Sunday 18th October 2026
10am to 4pm
at the Reid Hall, Boreham Street, BN27 4SD
(on the A271 2 miles East of Herstmonceux village – Bus route Stagecoach 53)

Free entry – **Large** car park – Wheelchair accessible
Craft stalls – Delicious home-made refreshments

The Friday Art Group Presents:
Art is Art 26!

 The Friday Art Group | A stunning array of affordable original art and crafts by local artists and makers

More information ☎ 07850 893997
As in previous years, any profit from this exhibition will be donated to the local Polegate-based charity

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Beachy Head Marathon

The Beachy Head Marathon is taking place this year on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October 🏃.

Thank you to all those who have signed up to run for CWCF this year, but we are still looking for 1 or 2 more runners to join the CWCF Team. If you would like to run for us, across ANY distance, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting fundraising@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk or 01323 488561.

Good luck to everyone who is taking on the challenge this year. We'll be there cheering you on from the sidelines 📣



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Run For Us

SATURDAY
24 OCTOBER 2026
SUNDAY
25 OCTOBER 2026

BEACHY HEAD MARATHON

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Marathon
Ultra marathon
Half marathon
10k

We'll be running a stall at Helen Gardens offering hair plaiting in exchange for a donation, so please do drop by to get yourself race ready.

Every donation, however small, will add up to make a big difference to the children and families we support.



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HAIR PLAITING

*at Beachy Head
Marathon*



Date:
Saturday 24th and
Sunday 25th October



Time:
6AM - 9AM



Location:
Helen Gardens, Eastbourne

Drop by our stall and get
race ready in exchange
for a donation.



Visit Our Website
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Contact Us
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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* ♥



[Visit Our Website For More Information](#)



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