



Press release

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Charity boost thanks to generous golfers

Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund (HCNCF) has issued a heartfelt thanks to generous golfers at Halesworth Golf Club, whose support has helped raise nearly £17,000 for the charity in the last three years.

The club's captains for the past two years have chosen to support HCNCF, with Ian Stannard and ladies captain Sally McCoy raising more than £1,800 during 2016. Andrew Jennings, the 2017 captain, and 2017 seniors captain Ken Parry-Brown added to that total with a donation of just over £3,000.

In addition, the club has hosted three golf days since 2015, which have together raised more than £12,500. The popular event, which sees teams of four battle it out for a range of top prizes, will return on 31 August – with HCNCF keen to hear from anyone who would like to enter.

The money raised will go towards the running costs of the Pear Tree Centre, which will be built on land next to Cutlers Hill Surgery in Halesworth. It will bring a range of holistic services closer to home for patients with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses, their families and carers, including benefits advice, children and family support, complementary therapies, counselling and bereavement support.

It will be open to people from across south Norfolk and north east Suffolk who live within a 15-mile radius of Halesworth.

Ted Edwards, HCNCF trustee and co-chair of the Pear Tree Centre project, said: "On behalf of everyone involved with HCNCF, I'd like to thank Halesworth Golf Club for their unwavering support over the past three years. They have raised a fantastic total for our charity, which will make a real difference to people from across north east Suffolk and south Norfolk once the building is open.

"Our thanks in particular go to club manager Ben Townsend, 2016 captains Ian and Sally, the 2017 captains Andrew and Ken and all of the staff and members who have so generously thrown their support behind our charity."

Mr Townsend, club manager, said: "We are really pleased that we have been able to support this important charity over the years, and would like to thank all of our members for helping us raise such a brilliant total which will make a real difference to local people."

Planning permission for the Pear Tree Centre was granted last month, and the next stage of the project will see a tender process begin so that a contractor can be appointed. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.halesworthhealth.org/information-and-support-centre

To enter a team in the golf day on 31 August, click on the "events" tab from the website followed by the golf day poster.

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Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund is a local charity (charity number 1155419) which was set up more than 25 years ago to support people with life-limiting illnesses who wish to die in the comfort and security of their own homes.

It works alongside the NHS and social services to provide extra equipment and 24 hour care in the last days of life along with emotional, physical and practical support at the time when people need it the most.

For more information, please visit www.halesworthhealth.org/nursing-care-fund, 'like' us on Facebook at "information and support centre fundraising campaign" or follow us on Twitter @Suffolk_ISC

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