

Community Involvement  
Newsletter

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Your latest update on charitable funds, fundraising,  
community events and voluntary services



**Volunteers grateful for opportunity to gain new  
skills and knowledge**

**Congratulations to our volunteers who  
have secured University places.....**



**Aimi Walker is heading to Lincoln  
University to study social work.**

**“I started looking at volunteering  
when I knew I wanted to go to  
university to study social work. It has  
given me a unique experience of  
working in a hospital setting. The  
volunteers are lovely as are all the  
staff and patients on the Discharge  
Lounge. Volunteering has given me a  
lot of confidence and it was just the  
experience I was looking for“**



## Congratulations to our volunteers

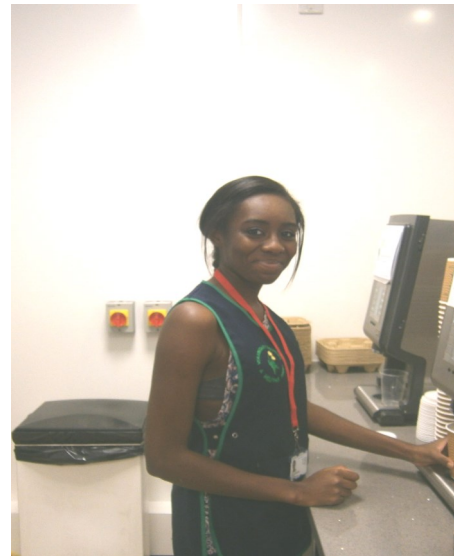
**Lucy James will be studying biomedical sciences also at Lincoln University**

**"I decided to work in the Daffodil café as it would help to develop communication and team working skills which key employers look for in a potential employee. Volunteering enabled my CV and UCAS application to exceed other candidates. In addition, it was very rewarding giving something to society which formed a sense of satisfaction. I enjoyed my time in the Daffodil cafe as it allowed me to have a break from my studies and socialise - I also made new friends who I am still in contact with"**

**Brianna Edwards has secured a position as a Healthcare Assistant for Nottingham University Hospitals**

**Brianna is hoping to secure a place at university next year to be a nurse and will continue with her voluntary work until then.**

**Brianna said: "I have volunteered in the Daffodil Café for just over a year and it has been one of the best experiences ever. It has built my confidence and helped with my dream of becoming a children's nurse."**



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## New volunteer profile



**One of the newest recruits at Newark Hospital is Alison Baker who is volunteering on the Fernwood Community Unit.**

*"I recently retired from full-time work and wanted to contribute to my community. Having attended Newark Hospital for various appointments I thought it had a lovely atmosphere and would be a nice place to work. In my previous job as manager of the Cathedral Shop at Southwell Minster, I recruited and worked with volunteers and therefore know the commitment and enthusiasm that makes a good volunteer. I am enjoying working on Fernwood supporting the Therapy Staff with patient activities and also helping with a project to spruce up the courtyard and garden"*

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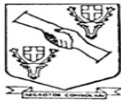
## New look for counselling rooms from volunteer donation



The volunteers at King's Mill Hospital have kindly donated £5,700 from profits raised in the Daffodil Café and the ward trolley service which enabled the refurbishment of the clinic counselling rooms. Further service improvement plans are underway to enhance children's areas in the clinics and purchase additional toys and equipment.

Jill Smallwood, Chair of King's Mill Hospital Volunteers was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Mandy Toplis, Outpatients Matron.

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League of Hospital Friends (Mansfield & Sutton)

## Chatsworth Suite celebrates 20 years!



Chatsworth Suite at Mansfield Community Hospital held an afternoon tea party to celebrate the ward's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Staff past and present attended with patients an afternoon tea on the ward which was supported by the League of Friends (Mansfield & Sutton)

A celebratory cake was cut by Dr Stephan who opened the ward in 1996.

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## Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity



The purchase of a £58,000 ultrasound scanner for the breast unit has enabled the team to provide a one-stop clinic. Funded by charitable funds including a £20,000 donation from the Amazon Breast Support Group. A further donation from the Hospital Charity includes money raised from the annual Breast & Balls winter event which was organised by Angela McCreadie & Wendy Broughton.

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Volunteer Janet Clarke held a garden party at her home on 9 July. The event raised £500 which Janet divided between the Alzheimer's Society and the Woodland Ward at King's Mill Hospital (pictured left)

The library service held an awareness day for staff to see what health information the library provides. Cake and bric-a-brac stalls raised £62.60 for the dementia care appeal.



Jodi-Lee Clarey, Kelvin Stephens (pictured left) and family and friends have kindly donated £800 to the Emergency Department in loving memory of their late son Sid Stephens. Sid died aged 14 weeks during an admission to the unit suffering with meningitis.

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### Pentagon Motors donate £616

Pentagon Motors held a family fun day at their Mansfield dealership. The event included a raffle, tombola and a visit from Sammy the Stag from Mansfield Town Football Club.

Pentagon will be fundraising throughout the year to support the refurbishment of the parent's room within ward 25.

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