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Welcome!

to the Spring/Summer
2026 edition of Life
magazine.



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Community Fundraiser
Kirsty Coutts talks about
her work with the Hospice

Welcome to the Spring Summer edition of Life Magazine. As we step into the brighter months, there's a strong sense of energy and progress across the Hospice. Spring is a time of renewal and that spirit is reflected in the many developments happening across our services and in the communities we support. This year is already shaping up to be a significant one, with continued innovation, partnership working and

the incredible backing of our supporters helping us deliver compassionate care to those who need it most.

Our strategic plan, The Strength Behind Our Stories, continues to guide meaningful change. While we've made the difficult decision to close our Care at Home service, this allows us to focus our resources where they can have the greatest impact, ensuring we continue to deliver high-quality care

in a sustainable way for the future. We remain committed to evolving our services to meet growing and changing needs across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

There is also much to celebrate. Manor House Therapies is now up and running, offering a wonderful new space for wellbeing, relaxation and counselling. Do take a moment to read more on page 17 and, if you can, book yourself in! Our Bonnington Furniture



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Supporters at Drummond Miller
raising funds for the Hospice

Centre continues to go from strength to strength and I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated or supported it. In other exciting news, we are in the process of moving our 'Ever After' bridal and occasion wear stock to a dedicated new space in Musselburgh, creating an even better experience for our customers while supporting hospice care.

Following the incredible success of our Circus black tie event, which raised over **£108,000**, we're already looking ahead to our Summer Soirée in June featuring the incredible Jess Robinson and Massaoke. I

encourage you to explore our events calendar and get involved, your support makes a real difference. At the same time, we continue to work behind the scenes to advocate for fair and sustainable funding for hospice care across Scotland. In light of the recent assisted dying bill discussions, our focus remains firmly on ensuring every person has access to high-quality, compassionate care at the end of life.

Looking ahead, 2027 will mark our 50th anniversary. This is a major milestone we're excited to celebrate with you. Plans are already taking shape, and we look

forward to sharing more in the months ahead.

With so much happening, I want to take this opportunity to thank you – our incredible supporters. Your generosity and belief in our work allow us to keep moving forward and to be there for those who need us most.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring and summer,

Jackie Stone
CEO
St Columba's
Hospice Care

P.s. When it comes to delivering world class palliative care, your feedback is invaluable to us. We want to know what's important to you. So, if you have comments or concerns about any aspect of our service please get in touch by emailing info@stcolumbashospice.org.uk.

Be Part of Our Pride Celebration

We're delighted to be taking part in this year's Porty Pride Prom Dog Walk on Saturday 6 June and Edinburgh Pride on Saturday 20 June. We can't wait to celebrate with our community and we'd love for you to join us!

If you're interested in taking part in the march, please get in touch with Dariusz Wedge at dwedge@stcolumbashospice.org.uk, for more information. Participants will also receive special branded T-shirts to wear on the day.



News from the Hospice

Ever After

Following a successful trial of bridal and occasion wear at our Ocean Terminal charity shop, we're excited to announce the opening of a dedicated bridal store, Ever After by St Columba's, at our Newhailes building in Musselburgh. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates in the coming weeks.



EOC Awards

Earlier this year we attended the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, where we were nominated in the Leith Business of the Year category. Although we didn't come away with the top prize on the night, this shortlisting

celebrates not only the Hospice's vital services but also its role as a community anchor - bringing people together, reducing isolation and championing compassionate living across Leith and beyond.



Bags of Compassion!

We recently launched our Bags of Compassion initiative and have been overwhelmed by the response so far. Thank you to all the individuals and groups who have already generously contributed.

This meaningful project invites people to create simple, handmade fabric bags, which are used to return personal belongings to families after a loved one has died.

It offers a more dignified and compassionate alternative to plastic bags at a deeply sensitive time. Each bag is a small but powerful gesture, reflecting the thoughtfulness and care at the heart of hospice support.

If you enjoy sewing and would like to get involved, find out more or download the patterns on our website to get started using the link below.

www.stcolumbashospice.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/bags-of-compassion-project

A new space for shared moments

We're delighted to share that St Columba's Hospice Care has been gifted a special new entertainment area, thanks to the generosity of Hi-Fi Corner and Together for Cinema.

This project is about far more than technology. It will create a fully accessible setting for relaxation and escapism, somewhere patients and families can spend time together, switch off for a while, and enjoy simple, shared moments.

Made possible entirely through donations, it will be free to use and is expected to be up and running in July - watch this space!



Looking to make a difference in your community?

St Columba's Hospice Care is looking for compassionate volunteers to support patients, families and staff across a range of rewarding roles.

Whether you can offer a few hours a week or more regular support, volunteering is a meaningful way to give back, meet new people and be part of a caring community. If you'd like to discuss volunteering opportunities, we'd love to hear from you, or you can explore current roles on our recruitment page at www.stcolumbashospice.org.uk/who-we-are/our-people/join-our-team/

Community corner

Our Hospice community is always finding new and inspiring ways to make a difference.

Fundraising comes in all shapes and sizes, and it can often be easier than you think. By turning something you already enjoy into a fundraiser, you can support the Hospice in a way that feels natural and meaningful – just like Maureen and Simon.



Maureen's Story

Maureen began fundraising for the Hospice in 2006, following the loss of "a very special person" who received care here.

Reflecting on her experience, she shared that "she had been given such wonderful care and the staff were always so kind and considerate."

Like many of our supporters, Maureen initially set up a monthly donation. She later became a volunteer and went on to complete the Walk to Remember eight years in a row.

When the Covid pandemic disrupted her role as a Tin Collector, Maureen took the opportunity to think creatively about how she could continue supporting the Hospice.

"That's when I decided to start having tins in my own home and instead of friends bringing me flowers, I was happy to provide the food and wine, and they could make a donation."

We're incredibly grateful to Maureen, and to all our dedicated volunteers and supporters who find ways to make fundraising part of their everyday lives.



Simon's Story

Simon Ward's journey into fundraising began with a bet, and grew into something far more meaningful.

"Back in the early 2000s, when I was still learning to DJ, I made a cheeky bet with our dear friend Paul O'Connor that I'd be a resident DJ within a year. When Ministry of Sound and Fabric didn't come calling, we decided to make our own magic and launched a club night called Naked to win the bet!

"What started as a gamble became a run of unforgettable nights, powered by pure house music, creating memories that still bind us together today.

"As life moved on, the nights eventually faded. But 20 years later, the man whose youthful energy sparked those iconic nights lit the fuse again. In the shadow of his tragic illness, he inspired us to bring them back and celebrate everything he started."

A big thank you to Lyndsey and Simon for reigniting this dance night in London in February and raising a phenomenal amount of money for St Columba's Hospice Care in memory of their dear friend Paul.



Get Involved!

If you'd like to get involved with fundraising, help out with our community activities or learn more, contact our community fundraisers Alex and Diane by emailing fund@stcolumbashospice.org.uk or call **0131 551 1381**.

Corporate corner

A Charity of the Year partnership is a fantastic way to support our work, and we are incredibly fortunate to collaborate with a number of inspiring organisations. These partners have gone above and beyond, developing creative and engaging ways to raise funds and make a real difference.

Here are just a few of our current partners who have recently gone the extra mile:

Drummond Miller LLP

The team at Drummond Miller embraced the great outdoors with a multi-office challenge, taking on routes of their choice by cycling, jogging, or walking between offices. Highlights included a gruelling 68-mile cycle from Dalkeith to Bearsden and a 35-mile walk from Bathgate to Glasgow. With an exciting abseil at The Port of Leith Distillery planned for May, they have already raised nearly £8,000.

Thorntons Law

Bringing plenty of competitive spirit, Thorntons Law hosted a lively Charity Quiz Night at Le Monde Hotel. They have also been a regular participant in our annual Dragon Boat Challenge. Together, these efforts have contributed to an impressive running total of £5,500.

NVT Group Ltd

Creativity took centre stage at NVT Group with the release of their digital Christmas EP, Tech the Halls. Alongside music sales, their popular "Dress Down Friday" initiative and regular participation in the Dragon Boat Challenge have helped them raise over £12,500 to date.

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NVT
GROUP
Technology Advisory



Organisations have a huge impact on the lives of families across Edinburgh and the Lothians, helping them have access to high-quality palliative care when it's needed most. Becoming a corporate partner doesn't just mean investing in your community, we'll also work with you to create a social focus with a range of events and volunteering opportunities to

help you increase staff morale, attract customers and investors and build your company's reputation with the public.

If you're interested in finding out more about getting your company involved with St Columba's Hospice Care, contact our Corporate Manager, Amanda Southey for more information.
asouthey@stcolumbashospice.org.uk

Thank you!

To find out more about becoming a Charity of the Year partner, please contact our Partnerships Fundraiser, Amanda Southey, at asouthey@stcolumbashospice.org.uk.

Trusts Update

Support from our funders is helping St Columba's Hospice Care reach more people across Edinburgh and the Lothians than ever before.

Over the past year, this collective generosity, from local communities to partners across Scotland and the UK, has enabled us to strengthen services, respond to growing demand and continue delivering compassionate, holistic care.

One area seeing significant impact is our Patient and Family Support Service, where ongoing demand highlights the importance of emotional, psychological and bereavement support.

Within this, our Child and Family Support Service helps children, young people and families navigate grief, ensuring no one faces loss alone. As one supporter shared, "Funding helps families feel less alone during some of life's most difficult moments."

Funding is also expanding care at home. Through our Hospice at Home service, including the Virtual Ward, more people with complex needs can receive specialist care in familiar surroundings, close to those who matter most.

Innovation continues across the hospice, from the development of Manor House Therapies to investment in sustainable care, supported by the Energy Saving Trust through our electric vehicle fleet and Patient Transport Vehicle.

We are incredibly grateful to all who make this work possible, including Scottish Children's Lottery, Delamere Dairy Foundation, Hospital Saturday Fund, The Grace Trust, The Wolfson Foundation, Lothian Buses, and long-standing supporters Walter Scott & Partners Giving Group.

Together, this support ensures more people receive the care they need, when it matters most.



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Help hospice care live on for all, for now, forever.



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A Moving Partnership

St Columba's Hospice Care is delighted to announce a new charity partnership with Edinburgh-based family business Broughton Removals.

As part of the collaboration, one of Broughton Removals' newest vans, affectionately named Donny, will proudly display St Columba's Hospice Care branding as it travels throughout Edinburgh and beyond, helping to raise awareness of the Hospice and the support it provides to local families.

The van has been named in memory of Donny Macleod, father of long-serving Broughton Removals employee Stewart Macleod, who received care and support from St Columba's Hospice Care. The partnership reflects both a personal connection to the Hospice and a shared commitment to supporting the local community.

Established in 1970, Broughton Removals operates a fleet of more than 20 vehicles across Edinburgh and the UK. The company has a proud history of supporting charitable causes, including its well-known pink van, Nelly, which was launched in support of breast cancer awareness.

Alongside featuring Hospice branding on the vehicle, the partnership will include fundraising activities involving Broughton Removals staff throughout the year.

Jo Munro, Director at Broughton Removals, said:

"As a family business, supporting our local community has always been important to us. St Columba's Hospice Care is a charity that means a great deal to many families across Edinburgh, including members of our own team. Naming the van Donny in memory of Stewart's dad felt like a fitting tribute, and we're delighted to use the van to help raise awareness of the incredible care and support the Hospice provides. We look forward to working together and supporting the Hospice through future fundraising activities."



The Broughton Removals team alongside Donny, the newly branded van helping to raise awareness of St Columba's Hospice Care across Edinburgh and beyond.

Jon Heggie, Director of Income Generation at St Columba's Hospice Care, said:

"We're incredibly grateful to Broughton Removals for choosing to support St Columba's Hospice Care through this innovative partnership. Donny will be a visible reminder of the compassion and care that hospice services provide to families across our community. Partnerships like this help raise awareness of our work while bringing local businesses and communities together in support of hospice care. We're excited to see Donny out and about on Edinburgh's streets and to work with the Broughton team on future fundraising initiatives."



BROUGHTON REMOVALS

MOVING YOU THE 'BROUGHTON WAY' SINCE 1970



Miles that

Last year Rona and Louise took on the Vietnam to Cambodia cycle challenge, and raised **£18,585** for the Hospice. We caught up with them to hear all about it...



When we signed up to cycle from Vietnam to Cambodia for the Hospice, we expected a tough physical challenge, but we didn't expect how much fun it would be, or how immersed we'd feel in the local cultures.

Our journey began at Heathrow, where we met our group leader, Anna, and the rest of the team consisting of 29 people from across the UK. Some travelled solo, others in pairs and many were fundraising for charities like us. From the start, the atmosphere was warm, inclusive and full of laughter.

In Ho Chi Minh, we collected our Trek Marlin mountain bikes, pre-labelled and adjusted to fit us perfectly. They were incredible to ride – smooth, responsive and ready for anything. When we crossed into Cambodia, another brand-new set was waiting. The organisation throughout was seamless.

The support team made the experience truly special. With experienced lead cyclists guiding us, there was always someone nearby to help, whether setting the pace or fixing a puncture in minutes. We always felt safe and supported. Cycling through Vietnam was stunning, with smooth roads and beautiful scenery (though the heat added a challenge!).

In Cambodia, the terrain became rougher and more technical, but still manageable and nobody fell off!

We also loved experiencing local life, visiting coconut fields, mango plantations and rice paddies, with knowledgeable guides bringing each place to life.

Evenings offered time to relax in comfortable hotels, with great food and everything well organised.

The support van kept us fuelled throughout, so we barely needed any spending money.

Fundraising felt daunting at first, but breaking the **£4,000** target into smaller milestones made it achievable.

We'd wholeheartedly recommend this experience to anyone.



Vietnam to Cambodia Cycling Challenge

Matter



Interested in a fundraising adventure of a lifetime? Visit us online to find out how: www.stcolumbashospice.org.uk/events

Furniture with a Story

5 ways to give pre-loved furniture a new lease of life

There's something special about finding a piece of furniture with a story to tell. Whether it's a well-loved armchair, a vintage lamp or the perfect coffee table, pre-loved interiors can bring real character to a home, while supporting a more sustainable way of living.

At St Columba's Hospice Care Furniture Centre in Bonnington, every donated item helps fund care for people across Edinburgh and the Lothians. Here are a few simple ways to make the most of shopping second-hand...



1

Look for quality

Solid wood furniture and well-made pieces are often built to last and can be refreshed easily with paint, fabric or new handles.

2

Think creatively

A sideboard can become bathroom storage. A small table can make the perfect hallway feature. Sometimes the best finds need a little imagination.

3

Mix old and new

Vintage pieces can add warmth and personality alongside more modern interiors.



4

Visit regularly

New donations arrive all the time, so there's always something different to discover.

5

Donate what you no longer need

Your unwanted furniture could become someone else's favourite find – while helping fund hospice care in your community.



Support your hospice...

When you shop with us, you're directly supporting families in your local area. We have many shops with a range of clothing, accessories, books, homeware and new goods available. For details and opening hours, visit



stcolumbashospice.org.uk/shop/furniture-centre



Lisa Kerr, Manager of Manor House Therapies, shares her experience of bringing this innovative social enterprise to life and what it has achieved since opening its doors last November.

From Vision to Reality

From the moment I began my career as a therapist over 20 years ago, I believed complementary therapies had a vital role to play in supporting people through some of life's most challenging experiences. Today, as Manager of Manor House Therapies at St Columba's Hospice Care, I've had the privilege of seeing that belief grow into something far more impactful than I could have imagined.

Manor House Therapies was created to expand how we support people, offering high-quality holistic therapies and counselling services to the wider community, creating moments of calm, connection and wellbeing for all. Since opening, we've grown to a team of five and are already supporting a diverse range of people through services designed to ease physical discomfort, reduce anxiety and improve overall quality of life, including those living with cancer, chronic conditions and bereavement.

The space itself was made possible thanks to a successful grant of £32,700 from the Wolfson Foundation, helping us transform the building into a welcoming, purpose-designed environment. We've also been proud to integrate ethical brand partnerships with ishga and Made for Life Organics into our treatments, ensuring everything we offer reflects our values of quality, sustainability and compassionate care.

What makes this work even more powerful is the model behind it. As a social enterprise, alongside our sister hair and nail service, Studio15, we're generating vital income that is reinvested into free care for patients and families. At a time when hospices face increasing financial pressures, this approach is not just innovative, it is essential.



The response so far has been incredibly encouraging. We're proud to hold a 5-star Google rating, with one visitor sharing:

"The whole place is so thought-through, from as soon as you walk in the door to when you leave, the staff go above and beyond to ensure you feel your best."

From my perspective, social enterprises like ours represent a sustainable future for hospice care. They allow us to broaden our reach, create employment and training opportunities and reduce reliance on donations alone, all while staying true to our core values of compassion and dignity.

I'm incredibly proud of what has been achieved so far, but even more hopeful about what lies ahead. Manor House Therapies is more than a service, it's part of a wider shift in how we think about funding, wellbeing and the future of hospice care.

By choosing Manor House Therapies or Studio15, you're supporting your own wellbeing while helping fund free hospice care. You can book your treatment at manorhousetherapies.org.uk or studio15.org.uk

STUDIO15



MANOR HOUSE
THERAPIES

A little curiosity goes a long way here at St Columba's Hospice Care! Our Compassionate Wellbeing Service provides a range of social activities to support connection and companionship for people towards the end of life. 'Curiosity Talks' is an inspiring series of talks and interactive sessions where you can grab a cuppa and hear from guest facilitators about a range of extraordinary topics.

Curiosity Talks

These interactive sessions offer a warm welcome and access to guest facilitators who share their passion and expertise about a range of extraordinary topics. So far, we've learned how basket weaving supports wellbeing, what it's like to captain a 747 and what the Romans really thought about Scotland!

With opportunities to just listen and be part of the group or get a little more hands-on, this innovative series grows with the input of

all those who attend, with patients often suggesting topics and even going on to host their own Curiosity Talk!

The talks so far have revealed how impactful it can be to provide a nurturing space in palliative care to remember who you are, connect with other curious minds and the things that you find interesting, especially towards the end of your life.



LEFT:
The National Museum of Scotland visited to talk about Roman treasure and even let us try some on!



BELOW:
Captain Gina Buhl took some time out of her busy schedule to talk to us about life as a female pilot.



"Lovely company and far better than having to take my pills"

"I don't think I'll ever physically be at the top of a mountain again, so thank you for taking me there today"

If you're interested in giving your own Curiosity Talk, we'd love to chat! Contact us at wellbeing@stcolumbashospice.org.uk

Meet the team...

BELOW:
Kirsty Coutts,
East Lothian
Community
Fundraiser

Visitors to our North Berwick Café and Bookshop may already have met East Lothian Community Fundraiser, Kirsty Coutts.

Since opening in spring 2025, the Café and Bookshop has become a real hub for the local community, and Kirsty has been at the heart of it.

Kirsty joined the hospice in June 2025 and brings several years of experience in fundraising and events. From craft nights to small gigs, she's helping to build an exciting programme of events across East Lothian, so keep an eye out for what's coming next!



Hearts or Hibs?

Hearts

Pizza or pasta?

Pizza

Paperback or Kindle?

Paperback

Favourite book?

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Tell us a little about yourself

I'm Kirsty, the East Lothian Community Fundraiser. I've been with the Hospice for nine months and have worked in fundraising and events for around five years. I actually started out as a volunteer during university.

What do you like to do outside of work?

I play netball and also coach and umpire. I currently play for Edinburgh and Linlithgow.

What brought you to work here?

My nana was cared for by the hospice in 2019. She meant a lot to me, and the care she received was incredible. It felt like we got her back for a little while. When this role came up, it felt like the perfect fit: something I love doing for a cause that means a lot to me.

What have you enjoyed most so far?

The variety, as no two days are the same. I've done everything from candle painting to rowing boats, from hosting quizzes to standing in the rain.

Are you enjoying the North Berwick Café and Bookshop?

I love it. It's probably my favourite place to work. The team and volunteers are amazing, the food is incredible, and I've really enjoyed planning events there.

Any upcoming events?

We've got a Flower Workshop on 14 June at Westgate, with more events coming soon. Email kcoutts@stcolumbashospicecare.org.uk to get involved!



Galentines Evening

Earlier in February we hosted our first fundraising event in St Columba's Westgate! We were delighted to host members of the local community for a 'Galentines Evening' where we painted candles, had some delicious food and a few drinks. The night raised an amazing **£823**. Thank you to everyone who came along and to all the local businesses who donated prizes!



The Midnight Jam

Thank you to Gail Logan and her band mates from The Midnight Jam for hosting a live music night at St Columba's Westgate in memory of her mum, Sandra McMullan. The night raised an incredible **£1,240** and was filled with great music and laughter! Thank you to everyone who supported the evening and to The Midnight Jam for putting on such a fun evening.



BAGS OF COMPASSION PROJECT

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Visit our website to download your pattern and start sewing today!

MORE INFORMATION:



Scan here



This March, our eBay store celebrated its first birthday, and what a year it's been!

Marie Perth, who runs the store from our Elizafield warehouse with her team of volunteers, reflected on the journey so far.

"It has been a real learning experience, with some lows but a lot of highs!

"I began this journey with no experience of buying or selling on eBay, but with the help of my amazing team,

we've seen great success – income has increased each month, and we've received fantastic customer feedback.

"I would especially like to thank my volunteers, each with their own unique skills. Their hard work and enthusiasm has been an essential part of what we've achieved."



Our eBay store Turns One!



Along the way, we've discovered some real gems:

- A rare Sex Pistols t-shirt pulled from a rag bag, sold for £85
- Two Hermes scarves in original boxes, sold for around £200 each
- A stunning handmade silk wedding dress from the early 1950s, which went to a film set abroad

We're particularly proud of our **100%** positive feedback from over 500 reviews. Here's what some happy customers have said:

"Perfect seller! The item is in wonderful condition, packaged well, and delivered super quickly. Thank you :)"

"Lovely item, as described. Good to support this wonderful hospice too."

Get Involved!

We're always on the lookout for items to sell online—particularly silver, gold, vintage clothing, and textiles. If you have something special to donate, contact Marie at mperth@stcolumbashospice.org.uk

Celebrating 50 Years of Care



We're very excited to be celebrating our 50th anniversary next year. Since 1977, we have been proud to support people and families across Edinburgh and the Lothians with specialist compassionate care.

We have a range of special activities and events planned to mark this milestone. For now, we're delighted to share a sneak peek of our 50th anniversary logo as we begin this important celebration!

A Lasting Legacy

**£1 million gift in
memory of Sir Tom
and Lady Anne Farmer**



St Columba's Hospice Care is honoured to announce a generous donation of £1 million over five years from the Sir Tom Farmer Foundation, given in memory of Sir Tom Farmer and Lady Anne Farmer.

The gift will support care wherever it is needed most, with its first year helping fund the Hospice's Virtual Ward service, enabling more people to receive vital care at home. Long-standing supporters,

Sir Tom and Lady Anne were deeply involved in the annual Light Up a Life appeal, contributing over **£400,000** over the years. The family said the donation celebrates their lifelong compassion, and hope the donation will support families across Edinburgh and the Lothians for years to come. As the Hospice approaches its 50th anniversary, this meaningful tribute ensures their legacy continues to make a lasting difference.

The family commented,

"This gift is a way of recognising our parent's long support for the Hospice and their recognition of the important role that St Columba's has for so many families in our community. Towards the end of their own lives, they and our family were grateful for all the expert and compassionate care that the St Columba's Hospice team were able to offer. We hope this gift will similarly help families across Edinburgh and the Lothians for many years to come."



Event calendar

2026

Summer Soiree

- 📅 Friday 5th June
- 📍 Prestonfield

In the beautiful surrounding of Prestonfield, join us for a entertaining afternoon with impressionist and singer Jess Robinson and Massaoke at the summer soiree, with welcome drink, three course meal and petit fours and coffee, all welcome!

Arts Health Research Intensive

- 📅 Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June
- 📍 St Columba's Hospice

The Arts Health Research Intensive will be a weeklong course explore topics in arts in health, creating space to develop skills, deepen knowledge and establish contacts in the field.

Time to Remember

- 📅 19 June 2026
- 📍 St Columba's Hospice Care

Join us for this free event which will feature music, readings and reflections, an item to make and/or take home, as well as the chance to pause and think about about loved ones.

Flower Workshop

- 📅 Sunday 14th June
- 📍 41 Westgate, North Berwick EH39 4AG

Join us in the North Berwick bookshop and café for a flower arranging workshop lead by Isla an expert from Wild Flower, helping you design and build your very own bouquet.



Palliative Arts No.17 Talks

- 📅 Friday 31st July
- 📍 Online

Join others in exploring 'Culture and Health' from European Union on policy level with Head of Culture and Health Kornelia Kiss (Culture Action Group) Discussing what happens now? Answering questions on the global level and what the implications are for palliative care.

Scottish Half Marathon and 10K

- 📅 16 August 2026
- 📍 East Lothian

Take on the Scottish Half Marathon or 10K and run for St Columba's Hospice Care! Enjoy a fast, flat course with stunning scenery and a grandstand finish at Musselburgh Racecourse, all while raising vital funds to support local hospice care.

Dragon Boat Race

- 📅 Saturday 5th September
- 📍 Port Edgar Marina, South Queensferry

Come along and join in with some high energy paddling, competing in our annual Dragon Boat race on Firth of Forth. Crews of up to 17 people compete in 250m race, grab your friends and family! All are welcome, whether you are up for the competition or just wanting some fun in the sun!



Edinburgh Kiltwalk

- 📅 13 September
- 📍 Holyrood Park

Join us at the Edinburgh Kiltwalk 2026 and make every step count for local hospice care. With a choice of distances, a fantastic atmosphere, live entertainment and routes suitable for all ages (including four-legged friends!) it's the perfect day out for families, friends and colleagues alike.

Art Exhibition

- 📅 Friday 23rd October – Sunday 25th October
- 📍 St Columba's Hospice

Join us in Challenger Lodge and No.17 for our annual Art Exhibition. Enjoy browsing variety of different artwork that have been provided by artists from the local and surrounding area.

Palliative Arts No.17 Talks

- 📅 Friday 30th October
- 📍 Online

Join Margaret Mitchell who will be exploring ethics, empathy and the human condition. She will discuss some of her recent works from her 30 years art practice as a documentary photographer, including An Ordinary Eden and As the Day Closes.

For more info...

For more information on any of our events, or to register, contact Claire at cbolt@stcolumbashospice.org.uk or visit www.stcolumbashospice.org.uk/events

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