

Volunteers needed for St Margaret's Hospice's spectacular Fireworks Night at Taunton Racecourse



St Margaret's Hospice is calling for enthusiastic volunteers to help make its brand-new **Fireworks Night** at **Taunton Racecourse** on **Saturday 8 November 2025** a sparkling success.

In partnership with **Sonic Fireworks**, the award-winning family-run pyrotechnics company, this exciting new event promises a dazzling, music-synchronised display and a fantastic evening for all the family. The event will also mark a shining celebration of the hospice's 45th anniversary – and to make it all happen, the hospice needs helping hands from across the community.

"We're expecting around 3,000 visitors to join us for this unforgettable night," said Merle Harrison-Croft, Events Manager at St Margaret's Hospice. "From welcoming guests to selling merchandise or collecting donations, every volunteer will play a crucial part in raising funds to support patients and families facing life-limiting illness across Somerset."

Volunteer roles include car park marshals, welcome and safety marshals, merchandise sellers, ticket sellers, and bucket collectors. In return, every volunteer will receive a **free ticket to the fireworks**, along with a **food and drink voucher** and **free parking** as a thank-you for their generous time and support.

Each year, St Margaret's supports around 5,000 patients and families across Somerset, providing specialist care, comfort, and compassion free of charge at the most difficult of times. By volunteering, you'll be helping the hospice continue this mission for local people who need it most.

To sign up, visit [Volunteer at Fireworks Night - St Margaret's Hospice Care](#) or email volunteering@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk

Let's make this anniversary celebration one to remember!

NOTES FOR EDITORS

St Margaret's Hospice Care has been at the heart of Somerset's community for 45 years, delivering high quality, responsive and compassionate care to patients facing a life-limiting illness and their families. In that time, we have become a household name, firmly rooted in local communities delivering care and support for people living in Porlock in the East to Wincanton on the West, and every town, village and neighbourhood in between.

What do we do?

St Margaret's is a community funded charity, caring across Somerset. We support people of all ages with life-limiting illness; not just cancer. Our care embraces an individualised holistic care plan including physical, emotional and spiritual care which is available to our patients, their families and carers.

Last year St Margaret's supported 4,833 people across Somerset. The majority of who were cared for in their own homes by one of our five community nursing teams. Our 24-hour Adviceline managed over 31,000 calls and our specialist In-Patient Unit in Taunton continues to provide 24-hour complex symptom control.

2025 marks the 45th anniversary of St Margaret's Hospice Care. What started with a nurse led initiative funded by a fundraising event raising £400, is now a £15m turnover operation, employing 350 staff and supported by over 900 volunteers!

How to get involved

45 years is traditionally symbolised by the sapphire gemstone, so many of our activities this year will have a sapphire theme! There will be plenty of ways for our community to get involved and celebrate alongside us.

Funds from events, alongside sponsors, donations and gifts in Wills are vital to the success of St Margaret's. There are plenty of ways to support the hospice, from donations and shopping in one of our 31 charity shops through to taking part in one of our adrenaline-raising sky dives and abseils. 1 in 3 of our patients receive care thanks to gifts kindly left to us in Wills. However you help, we're grateful you're taking the time to care.

How do your donations support families?*

- Your £30 could pay for 30 minutes of support through our 24/7 Adviceline
- Your £65 could pay for a patient to attend our day hospice in our unique Sunflower Centre for a day
- Your £75 could pay for a visit from a community nurse to help care for someone in the comfort of their own home
- Your £200 could mean someone with a life-limiting illness receives vital practical and emotional assistance with finance, housing or other social issues
- Your £500 could pay for five sessions of specialist physiotherapy
- Your £1,000 could pay for 24 hours of specialist care on our In-Patient Unit

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*Please note that these messages and price points have been developed from our Audited accounts 2023/24.