

Woodlands Hospice 'Tree of Life' was introduced in 1998, initially to give recognition for people's fundraising efforts and donations, including donations in memory of loved ones, by dedicating 'leaves' to individuals or groups.

As we gained more support from the public and community we introduced a minimum of £1,000 raised or donated in any one year, to have a brass leaf engraved and placed on the tree.

Due to the overwhelming response from patients, families and supporters we have expanded the tree onto a second wall in the hospice reception area. This will help us to meet the ongoing desire by people to have an engraved leaf and accommodate ongoing pledges.

The continuous growth of 'leaves' on our Tree of Life, each with their own special message, reflects its popularity and it has become a source of comfort to so many people who often visit Woodlands to see their leaves.

About Woodlands Hospice

Woodlands Hospice Charitable Trust is an independent charity committed to delivering the best possible practice and development of specialist palliative care for people with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses with complex needs.

It honours people's rights to dignity and respect at whatever stage of their illness, by its aim to improve the quality of life for hospice patients and their families

All care at the hospice is provided free of charge and this extends to carers and family of patients. As a truly 'local' charity we often have to compete with large national charities for donations so we really do depend upon the generosity of those in the local community.





When families come in to the hospice to put up a leaf in memory of a loved one it can be an emotional time, and is sometimes the first time they have returned to the hospice after their loss.

When the family of Margaret Carr came in to put up their leaf (right), we were taking a photo of in front of the tree. Margaret's great grand-daughter Harleigh, who was aged three at the time, turned her back and copied us, taking a photo with her own little camera.

This completely lightened the mood and brought a smile to all our faces during what was a difficult and emotional time. The family have since had a second leaf engraved and often visit Woodlands to see the leaves and have tea and cakes or lunch in our café.

"It's somewhere for family to come and say hello to Margaret."





The family of Jo Horrocks (pictured left) said:

•As a family the leaf is a fitting memorial to our Mum, who never wanted grand remembrance, but who preferred the smaller, more personal things in life. The

Tree of Life in Woodlands, a place that cared for her so well in her final days, is so fitting.

Woodlands and the wonderful staff eased the family through the pain of our loss and continue to do so. The family take great comfort that we can and do return often to read the leaf and remember in such pleasant surroundings. ??

If you would like to express your interest and pledge to have a leaf either through fundraising or donating in memory of a loved one please complete the form below and return to us, or contact Carole Riley, Individual Giving Manager at the hospice, on 0151 529 4143, or email carole.riley@aintree.nhs.uk.

Thank you for your support, which is so important to us.

I/we would like to work towards placing an engraved leaf on the Woodlands Hospice Tree of Life by raising a minimum of $\pm 1,000$ within one year.					
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We would like to send you information about Woodlands Hospice fundraising activities. We take data protection very seriously. We will not pass your details to any third party (except to process on our behalf).					
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I would like to hear about (please tick all that apply):	O NewslettersO Legacies/Wills	○ Hospice Eve○ Campaigns/A) Lottery &) Christma	& Raffles as Cards/Gifts
If the leaf will be in memoriam please give their name and your relationship to them:					
Please return this form to the address below: Woodlands Hospice, AUH Campus, Longmoor Lane, Liverpool L9 7LA					
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