

Charity Champions

How to get involved with children's charity's Sparkle



SPARKLE supports hundreds of children with disabilities and their families

GWENT is being urged to 'Sparkle for Sparkle' this December to help raise funds to support children with disabilities and developmental difficulties. Sparkle, the Gwent children's charity which works with Serennu Children's Centre in Newport, Nevill Hall Children's Centre in Abergavenny and Caerphilly Children's Centre, wants people to get sparkly on Friday, December 17. The charity wants as many people to get involved as possible whether paying £1 to wear a sparkly outfit to school or work for the day, or making and selling cupcakes covered in edible glitter, holding a sparkly party however people want to get involved. Sparkle staff will also be holding their own event and are asking people to share their Sparkle for Sparkle fundraiser on social media using the #Sparkle4Sparkle and #ChristmasSparkle hashtags. MORE NEWS: 'Devastation' after theft from special needs school 'Vulnerable' man who had surgery he didn't need wins £10k payout Nicole Garnon, Sparkle trustee, said: "The pandemic has hit our fundraising really hard, but we are determined to maintain



the fantastic services we provide for so many disabled children and young people, and their families across the whole of Gwent. "Please get involved. Every donation, no matter how small, helps the staff continue to provide invaluable support for so many young people and their families." The pandemic has put Sparkle, like many charities, under financial pressure as fundraising activities were put on hold due to the restrictions in place. Sparkle supports almost 200 children and young people a week by providing activities including youth, play and after school clubs. The

charity's family liaison officers also provide hundreds of families with advice and support and enjoy activities including family swims and cinema screenings. You can donate the money raised through your Sparkle for Sparkle event via Sparkle's Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sparkleforsparklethischristmas>. If you have any questions about fundraising for Sparkle, contact them on fundraising@sparkleappeal.org Facebook - @sparkleappealofficial Twitter - @sparkleappealofficial Instagram - @sparkleappealofficial

SPARKLE for Sparkle on December 17

Handknitted hat seller keen to help Hospice at Home appeal



KEPS: Abacus Knits is donating the sale of eight hats to help St David's Hospice Care

A supporter of St David's Hospice Care has come up with a 'head warming' idea to help raise funds for its Hospice at Home appeal. Abacus Knits, which is based in Chepstow, sells hand-knitted Fair Isle-inspired hats through its page on Etsy.

And it has promised that the money for the next eight hats - or 'keps' to give them their proper name - sold before the end of Monday, December 13, will go directly to the appeal.

St David's Hospice Care's Hospice at Home appeal needs to raise £10,000 by the end of Monday to receive full match funding - but only donations of up to £250 from any one sup-

porter will be matched.

Ollie Barnes, whose 81-year-old granny knits the hats, which are based on traditional Scottish fishermen's hats, said: "We would love to be able to help St David's meet the target for this appeal so we came up with the idea of donating the money from the sale of eight of the hats. They are £30 each - the first eight sold between now and Monday will go to St David's."

"You can view the hats on Etsy on the Abacus Knits page. We have lots more which aren't on the page so if you have a favourite colour just message me on the page and I can see what we have."

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Kelvin's tiles help hospice towards it's £10,000 match-funding target



CHARTIST: Kelvin Reddcliffe with one of the tiles. Picture: DBPR

NEWPORT'S original Chartist Mural may be long gone but it is far from forgotten.

The historic mural, at John Frost Square, was unceremoniously demolished eight years ago to make way for the Friars Walk shopping centre.

But now those wanting to recreate a piece of the city centre's unique history can build their own scale model of the Chartist mural at home using ceramic tiles.

Retired Newport cobbler Kelvin Reddcliffe, who has been selling Chartist mural art work for years, has created the ceramic tiles.

Kelvin, aged 66, of Newport, said: "The Chartist mural artwork remains incredibly popular, here and abroad. Sales of the tiles, which are £35 each, are now really taking off. The full set of seven depicts the mural and would make the ideal Christmas present."

"I have a full set of the tiles on a wall in my back garden. Although a lot smaller than the original they still give a vivid depiction of the original and the events of Chartist uprising centred on Newport's Westgate Hotel."

A selection of the framed prints and tiles are on permanent display and for sale at Arnold's Electrical, on Skinner Street, Newport. All the money from sales of Kelvin's various Chartist artworks is donated to Newport-based St David's Hospice Care.

Kelvin has just handed a fur-

ther £700 to the hospice which brings the grand total of money raised through sales over the past few years to £19,172.

Composer and musician Kelvin is a Mason who is master of Casnewydd Lodge and honorary organist for the armed forces, friendship and Isca lodges.

He thanked Arnold's Electrical for maintaining a range of the mural prints and David Mayer and Oliver Budd for their help.

Tania Ansell, of St David's Hospice Care, said: "Kelvin's efforts to support the hospice over the years have been truly remarkable. Framing and selling the Chartist prints is a brilliant fund raiser. The money from the recent sales is being added to our Hospice at Home with £250 of that being match funded."

Hospice at Home - could you raise £250 by Monday?

Dedicated St David's Hospice Care Hospice at Home nurses care for patients in their homes 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year including Christmas Day.

Nurses from the Newport-based hospice care for patients in their home wherever they live throughout communities in Gwent and south and mid Powys. The care is free

to users but costs on average £250 a night to deliver.

The hospice has launched an urgent crowd funding appeal to raise £10,000 specifically to support their hospice at home service. If this target is reached that total will be match funded. But to receive the match funding £10,000 must be raised by next Monday, December 13.

St David's Hospice Care chief executive Emma Saysell said: "With the threat of Covid and its variants still upon us and going into the winter period there is increased pressure on the Hospice at Home Service."

"We're taking part in the National Emergencies Trust Local Action Fund. So donations to our project will be matched by the fund up to the value of £250 each to help us overcome the effects of the pandemic. Please note only one donation per supporter will be matched by the National Emergencies Trust Local Action Fund. We're aiming to raise £10,000 so that this can be match funded."

"This service gives carers peace of mind that the patient is being well cared for. The cost of overnight care stands at £250 a night so we are crowd funding to raise much needed funding in order to continue providing Hospice at Home nursing cover to those people that really need it."

● To donate www.crowdfunder.co.uk/hospiceathome



CHEQUE: Kelvin Reddcliffe (left) with Nigel Merrett of Arnold's Electrical and Tania Ansell, of St David's Hospice Care at the electrical shop in Skinner Street, Newport. Picture: DBPR

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