

Hospice Events 2026 – Volunteer Opportunities

To register as a volunteer at any of these events, please visit:
<https://stnicholashospice.org.uk/fundraising-events/request-event-volunteers/>

Thank you

Sunflower Memories: Sunday 16 August

This will be our first Sunflower Memories In-Memory event at the Hospice, which will take place on Sunday 16 August from 1pm-4pm. Volunteers are needed to sign in guests and show guests to their sunflowers.

Wyverstone Beer & Music Festival: Saturday 22 August

This popular event is back after taking a break last year. Held in the village of Wyverstone, just outside Stowmarket, this has a great following from local residents. Volunteers are needed to help with a range of roles, and can be split during the day.

East Anglian Beer & Cider Festival: Wednesday 26 to Monday 31 August

We are delighted to be involved with this popular event once again. To register for shifts, please follow <https://forms.gle/KRffuVYU84mr3WCi6>. Currently, the following shifts are available:

Wed 26 Aug - 11am - 3.30pm (set up) 7pm - 11.15pm

Fri 28 Aug - 7pm - 11.15pm

Sat 29 Aug - 7pm - 11.15pm

Sun 30 Aug - 11am - 3.30pm, 7.30pm - 11pm

Mon 31 Aug - 9am - 12.30pm, 12pm - 3.30pm

Please can you also email Charlie (charlie.de-moore@stnh.org.uk) with your shifts so we can make a note, as we don't receive a copy from the event organisers.

Elmsfest: Saturday 5 September, 12pm to 5pm

One of our supporters, Tammy Roughley, along with her daughter Teisha, will be running a teddy bear tombola and a traditional tombola, and extra pairs of hands to help would be gratefully appreciated.

St Nicholas Hospice Care's 10K Run: Sunday 27 September, 9am to 12pm

Our popular running event returns. Last year, this event raised £39,443! The run starts and finishes on Angel Hill, and goes through the Abbey Gardens, out to Moreton Hall on a loop before heading back to the start. Volunteer roles include helping with registration, acting as route marshals, and helping at the finish line with medals and refreshments. The run starts at 10am and usually finishes by 12pm.

Cultivating Beauty, an evening with Tom Hoblyn and Clare Foster: Thursday 8 October, 6pm at the Athenaeum, Bury St Edmunds

Volunteers required to distribute canapés and wash up glasses.

Abbey Gardens Fireworks: Saturday 7 November, from 5pm

The fireworks in Abbey Gardens return! Volunteers are required to help with scanning pre-booked tickets, on the night ticket sales, and as stewards in the park.

Rhapsody in Bury: Saturday 14 November, from 6pm

A new event organised by St Nicholas Hospice Care, featuring West Suffolk Symphonic Wind Band and guest pianist, Jill Morton. Rhapsody in Bury is a tribute to George Gershwin. Volunteer roles include welcoming guests/checking tickets, selling raffle tickets, and manning donation points.

Festive Community Events

Yes, we are starting to think about Christmas! This year we are re-introducing the Christmas Tree Recycling, and we are looking for volunteers to help us collect and scoop up the trees in January 2027.

We're also looking for volunteers to help us at events through the festive season. We have various events coming up in December, from bucket collections to Christmas Fayres, so we are looking for extra pairs of hands – festive clothing is a must!

Brandon Lights switch-on, Saturday 28 November: Help required on the St Nicholas Hospice Care stall.

Bucket collection at Tesco Superstore, Bury St Edmunds, dates TBC: Various slots during the day.

Other ways to help St Nic's

Workplace volunteering

Workplace volunteering is a powerful initiative that benefits not only the employees taking

part and their companies, but also us at St Nicholas Hospice Care. For volunteers, it offers a meaningful way to develop new skills, foster team bonding, and enhance wellbeing through purposeful contributions to the community.

Companies that encourage workplace volunteering can boost employee morale, improve retention, and enhance their public image by demonstrating a commitment to social responsibility. Their contributions, whether through fundraising, event assistance, or specific skill-based projects, enable us to provide compassionate care and support to patients and families when they need it most.

Collection tin volunteers

Last year, in our catchment area, our collection tins helped raise more than £12,000 for St Nic's. These need to be regularly collected and replaced with new tins.

Facebook birthday fundraisers

For those of you on social media, a simple way you can help raise vital funds for the Hospice is by setting up a Facebook fundraising page to celebrate your birthday (Facebook will even prompt you and ask if you'd like to set one up).

