

# Press Release

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## **Hair raising funds for Local Hospice**

A sponsored head shave took place at The Old Boat House Café, Old Hunstanton recently to raise funds for The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House. Lisa Simpson, inspired by the recent loss of her Father-in-law, whose last years of life were made so much happier due to the care provided by The Norfolk Hospice, bravely decided to have her head shaved by Bonnie Kirkham from Goldilocks Hair Salon, Hunstanton in front of an audience of around 50 friends, colleagues and hospice supporters.

Zena Penty, Community Fundraiser for the Hospice said, "For a woman having your head shaved is a huge gesture. Lisa is an inspiration to young people. She organized everything herself and I anticipate that she will raise in excess of £800 and I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting her and would like to thank her enormously. This type of event helps immensely in our continuous work to raise awareness of the free services that the Hospice offers to the local community. The current Hospice site simply cannot cope with the increased demands being put upon it and the desperate need for a bedded Hospice in Norfolk and The Fens remains. With only 11% funding from the NHS help from the businesses and organizations within the Community is vital for us to be able to continue to provide our services".

Lisa's Mother-in law Carol Clifton said, "The care we received from the Hospice made life bearable through a very difficult time and I would like to thank the staff and volunteers at The Hospice for the wonderful service they provide."

If you are interested in fundraising, volunteering or supporting The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House in any way please call **01485 542891** or visit **[www.norfolkhospice.org.uk](http://www.norfolkhospice.org.uk)**, for more details.

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### **The Norfolk Hospice - Tapping House**

(Reg. Charity No. 1062800)

Since 1984, the Hospice has been providing palliative care to people with cancer, neurological and other life-limiting conditions, to enable them to live life to the full for whatever time is left.

Our services include: holistic day care, home hospice support, bereavement support for families, regular carer support groups, transport, equipment loan and an information service.

We care for over 280 people a month at the Hospice and at home. Our care is provided without charge throughout Norfolk and the Fens and it costs over £1 million a year to run our Hospice. We depend on the generosity of the community to survive: 89% our costs are paid for by the individuals, organisations and groups who give generously to support our vital care.

In life nothing is certain but, with your help, we can ensure that Norfolk and the Fens has the finest hospice care possible, now and in the future.

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