



**St Margaret's
Hospice Care**

Corporate, Group and Team Volunteering Days



St Margaret's Hospice Care has been at the heart of Somerset's community for over 40 years, delivering high quality, responsive and compassionate care to patients facing a life-limiting illness and their families.

We deliver a wide range of services from our two hospice hubs in Taunton and Yeovil and support patients in the community via our five community nursing teams and through our 24-hour Adviceline.

Our mission is to ensure specialist palliative care is available for all who need it across Somerset and we are committed to improving the provision of services across the county.

Volunteering days

We have been running successful corporate, group and volunteer team days for many years and pride ourselves on providing a professional, safe, enjoyable, and impactful volunteering experience for everyone who gives their time to us.

Whether you're looking for a one-off volunteer experience or something a little more bespoke, our professional team will work with you to ensure that your volunteering runs smoothly, and your team get the most from their experience. All our volunteering activities are risk assessed and individuals are covered by our insurance.

What are the benefits of volunteering for St Margaret's?

Volunteering will:

- Help you to build stronger and lasting connections as a group or team
- Boost team morale, productivity, and engagement
- Increase brand awareness for your business
- Make a positive difference in your local community
- Help you to develop a greater understanding and awareness of St Margaret's and its services
- Help St Margaret's to continue to care for patients and their families across Somerset

Our Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteer in our gardens

Our Taunton and Yeovil hospice hubs are surrounded by beautiful gardens that are enjoyed and appreciated by our patients, visitors, staff, and volunteers all year round. The hospice gardens are maintained by our gardeners who always appreciate a helping hand from individuals and groups of volunteers.

If you volunteer in the hospice gardens, you could be tasked with completing small jobs such as weeding, planting, and pruning or bigger tasks like hedge cutting and clearing. We can accommodate groups of up to 12 people and for some larger activities such as clearing we can often accommodate a larger number of volunteers.

Garden volunteering takes place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays in Taunton and on Thursdays and Fridays in our Yeovil Hospice hub. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to offer garden volunteering at weekends.



Volunteer in our Retail Warehouse

Our warehouse is based at Walford Cross just outside of Taunton and helps to support all of our retail operations across the county.

The warehouse stocks a large range of donated goods including furniture, clothes, CD's, books, and records which is sorted and then distributed to our 31 shops across Somerset.

Volunteering at our warehouse takes place during the Summer months between May and September on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday flexibly between 9.30am and 4.30pm and is great for those looking for an indoor activity.

Roles include sorting through and processing through donations and upcycling furniture for sale and we can accommodate small groups, up to a maximum of 6 people, at any one time.

Opportunities to volunteer at our warehouse are stock dependant so we cannot always guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all the requests we receive.



Volunteer in our shops

Volunteering in one of our retail shops, provides a perfect environment for small groups looking to promote team working or for individuals looking to use their employee volunteering hours. It's also a great opportunity to experience first-hand how charity shops work and the difference they make to their communities.

We have 31 shops including 5 furniture shops based across the county which sell high-quality pre-loved clothing, furniture, and gifts.

If you volunteer at one of our shops there are lots of activities to do including sorting through donations, pricing stock, merchandising, preparing stock ready for the shop floor and creating amazing window displays with staff and volunteers.

Our larger shops can accommodate groups of up to 4 people and our smaller shops can take up to 2 volunteers so there's opportunities available for everyone!

Volunteers can help in our shops from Monday to Friday during shop hours. We are unable to accommodate groups volunteering at weekends.



Volunteer at an event

We have an amazing calendar of events throughout the year across Somerset ranging from family-friendly walks and runs to challenge events, fun days, and fundraising campaigns. We are always in need of an extra pair of hands to help give our supporters a brilliant experience and make the day memorable.

If you volunteer at one of our events there are lots of roles available including cheering participants on, marshalling, registration, selling merchandise, serving refreshments, signing routes for walks and runs, selling raffle tickets and helping set up and pack down gazebos and event equipment.

There are also plenty of opportunities for groups of people to support the hospice at bucket collections in supermarkets, shopping centres and other locations across the county to help support our fundraising efforts. For more information about upcoming events visit our website: st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/eventcalendar

We sometimes have additional volunteering opportunities available throughout the year. If you would like us to keep you informed about upcoming special and unique opportunities, please email volunteering@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk.



Organise your own event

If you can't find an event that meets your requirements, you could always organise your own fundraising event in aid of the hospice. Organising and arranging your own events is a great way to give your time to St Margaret's, work together as a team and have fun along the way. You could do anything from organising a cake sale or a raffle, to hosting a coffee morning, ball, or charity fashion show, the choice is yours!

We can also provide pop up donation bins for a limited period of time, providing an easy way for people to donate any unused high-quality donations they may have.

There are lots of ways to volunteer in your own organisation and support St Margaret's at the same time. If you need any ideas or advice on what works well or are looking for inspiration to get you started, we are happy to help.

If you're looking for a less hands on experience and would prefer to support St Margaret's with a financial contribution, gift-in-kind, sponsorship or payroll giving, e-mail us at fundraising@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk. We would love to hear from you.

While we really appreciate the support and try our best to accommodate corporate, group and team volunteering days wherever possible, we cannot always guarantee that we will be able to meet your request.

We hope this gives you all the information you need to start your volunteering journey but if you have any questions please contact the Volunteering Team at volunteering@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk.



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