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Welcome

Dear Supporters,

Working at St Margaret's, it is a real privilege to hear the stories of the people and families we care for. Stories like Rena's (p.5) really shine a light on the difference your support makes to patients and their loved ones every day.

Whatever your connection to St Margaret's, I hope you'll enjoy reading this edition of The Sunflower. This is a significant year for us, as it marks 45 years of providing free hospice care in Somerset. To commemorate this milestone, we've looked back at what we have achieved with you by our side (p.8). We are also looking to the future, with the launch of our five-year strategy, focusing on reaching patients earlier in their journey (p.12). Your ongoing support is a vital pillar of our plans and **together with you**, we're really committed to making a difference for more people facing a life-limiting illness in Somerset.

This year, I'm also looking forward to hearing from people taking part in our fundraising events, including our vibrant Colour Run, Skydive, Iceland Trek and our first hospice-to-hospice Ultra Hike. You can find out more about these exciting opportunities on p.17. You can also support us in whatever way you're able to – if you have any questions or ideas, you can contact us directly or find us online. **Thank you for making a difference.**

With best wishes,

George

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A huge thank you

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has donated money, time or goods to St Margaret's over the past six months. Our wonderful community continues to go above and beyond – here are just a few examples of the amazing support we've received in recent months.



Tsui Miller, who kindly organises the Knit and Natter Group, raised **£822** through sales of the group's lovely knitted sunflowers in pots, scarves for the teddies on our 'Adopt a Teddy' stand at Glastonbury Frost Fayre, and adorable chocolate orange cosies over Christmas.

Hinkley Point Community Fund gave us a generous grant, which will help to fund a Community Nurse for the next three years.

Sergeant Jon Gallagher has raised an incredible **£9,013** after his wife, who is currently being cared for by the hospice, inspired him to enter a strongman competition in recognition of the strength and determination she has shown.

Sharon Proctor signed up to walk 100 miles with her dog, Izzy, in January, raising a fantastic **£775**. In total, 32 people signed up to walk 100 miles with their four-legged friends in support of St Margaret's throughout January, raising **£4,098**.

Somerset Community Foundation has supported our Sunflower Centres in Taunton and Yeovil through the winter with a generous grant of **£20,000**.

Phil Sutherland created a fabulous Frozen-themed festive display outside his home and raised **£1,285**.

Primark Taunton kindly donated 15 bags of items including pyjamas, slippers, hats, and blankets to our In-Patient Unit.



Mark Masters is an outstanding volunteer who shows so much enthusiasm and is willing to support the hospice in any way he can. Come rain or shine, he volunteers weekly in our gardens and has supported many of our events, manning stalls, bucket collecting, directing traffic, looking after participants and even wearing our iconic bee suit!

Thank you for your support.

We couldn't continue our important work without you!

Read on to find out how your fundraising has enabled us to care for people in our community when it matters most.

What difference does your support make?

We've been caring for patients and their loved ones in our community for 45 years – but we couldn't do it without the kindness and generosity of people like you.



Last year*, with your support, we were able to:



Care for 2,745 end-of-life patients

providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support when it matters most.



Support 544 family members and carers

offering guidance and compassion at the most challenging times.



Answer 31,224 calls to our nurse-led 24-hour Advice Line

and Central Referral Centre, helping patients, carers, families, and healthcare professionals who need specialist palliative care advice.



Provide spiritual care for 188 people

and offer referrals and advice that reached many more.



Care for 222 patients on our In-Patient Unit

providing specialist palliative care, including complex symptom management. 1 in 3 patients need a short period of care to help control their pain and symptoms before they can return home.



Welcome 205 patients to our Sunflower Centres

(day hospices) in Yeovil and Taunton, helping more patients live well for as long as possible.



Make 4,784 home visits

delivering personalised care for people facing a progressive life-limiting illness at home.



Provide bereavement support to 494 people of all ages

helping families cope with grief.

*Figures for financial year ending March 2024

Rena & Ian's story



“It's not just about the end - it's about living well until the very end”

Rena and Ian were married for 47 years and spent their lives together. After many years in Stratford, London, where they raised three children and welcomed several grandchildren, the couple moved to Somerset. Ian, a builder and carpenter, renovated a large farmhouse where he and Rena enjoyed a fulfilling life surrounded by family. However, in March 2023, their lives took a sudden turn when Ian was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Ian initially experienced weakness in his left hand, but his condition rapidly worsened. He went to the GP, and, within 24 hours, he'd lost sensation in the entire left side of his body. Ian's diagnosis was confirmed following an MRI scan at Musgrove Hospital in Taunton. "It was almost like waking up in a nightmare," said Rena. "I kept thinking, 'No, this can't be right'."

Within ten days, Ian was undergoing surgery in Bristol. He then began six weeks of chemotherapy. In the early summer of 2024, the couple received some hopeful news – after extensive treatment, Ian's brain tumour had shrunk. But Ian was still unwell, and his condition was diagnosed as life-limiting. "We buried our heads in the sand," said Rena. The family tried to manage on their own, but Ian's needs became increasingly complex. At that time, they were unaware of the support available from their local hospice.



“ You don’t have to wait until you’re at breaking point to ask for help. Hospice care is there to make life better, even when time is limited.

Rena found herself struggling to get the help they needed from the oncology team in Bristol: **“I felt very alone, and I didn’t know who to turn to.”** She reached out to their consultant to ask for support closer to home and was referred to St Margaret’s in August 2024. At first, the family was apprehensive about hospice care. **“We thought it meant the end,”** said Rena. **“It felt like admitting we’d run out of options.”** But that referral marked a significant turning point in their journey.

From the moment the St Margaret’s community team arrived, Rena felt a weight lift off her shoulders. The team worked tirelessly to manage Ian’s pain and make him comfortable at home. **“For the first time in months, Ian wasn’t in constant pain,”** said Rena. **“He could sleep. He could smile. It felt like we had him back, even if just a little.”** Ian’s mood improved, and he became more engaged with the family. **“He was able to talk to the grandchildren again, share stories, and even laugh a little.”**

Eventually, Ian agreed it was time to go into the hospice. Anna, a Community Nurse at St Margaret’s, stepped in immediately and within hours, Ian was admitted to the In-Patient Unit (IPU) in Taunton. At the hospice, Rena experienced a profound shift.

“ For the first time, I could stop being the medication provider, the safety monitor, the caregiver – I could just be his wife again.

With Ian receiving round-the-clock care, Rena could focus on cherishing the time they had left together.

In the 11 days Ian spent on the IPU, it was the little things the hospice team did that meant the world to Rena and Ian. Ian always liked to be clean-shaven, something the Healthcare Assistants ensured happened every day, without ever needing to be asked.

Even in death, the hospice team treated Ian with dignity and warmth. Rena remembers how the staff still spoke to him, referring to him by name, as if he was simply resting. **“It was so personal,”** said Rena. **“It made such a difference to me to see how much they cared, even in those final moments.”**

“ I’ll always be grateful for what the hospice gave us, but I’ll always wish we’d asked for it sooner.



45th Anniversary

45 years of compassionate care in Somerset



St Margaret's Hospice has been on quite a journey over the last 45 years. In the early 1980s, we had a home care team of just three people supporting patients within a three-mile radius of our Taunton base. Today, our Community Nursing Team cares for patients and their families across Somerset, and we have two hospices in Taunton and Yeovil, with 350 members of staff and over 900 dedicated volunteers across the county.

Throughout our journey, we've been dedicated to developing our services to meet the needs of our community, making our services as inclusive as possible and investing in new areas of research to deliver personalised care. We launched our **nurse-led 24-hour Advice Line and Central Referral Centre** in 2010, offering specialist advice on palliative care to patients, families, carers, and healthcare professionals around the clock. We expanded our **Bereavement Support Service** in 2005, helping anyone affected by the death of a loved one who was cared for by St Margaret's. In 2013, we launched our **Tissue Viability Service**, making great strides in the treatment of soft tissue wounds and malignant wounds. Over the past year (2023-24), only one patient developed a pressure wound while under our care on our In-Patient Unit, compared to an average of 30 for hospices in our size category. This reflects the exceptional standard of our care. **In 2024, the Care Quality Commission rated St Margaret's as 'Outstanding' for the second time.**

We are always seeking opportunities to research and utilise innovative technologies to enhance our care. In January, we were named as a finalist in the Independent Healthcare Providers Awards, in the *Excellence in Clinical Innovation* category. This was for our **educational virtual reality film** designed to help healthcare workers support patients experiencing distress and confusion due to terminal agitation.

With you by our side, we have provided compassionate care and support to patients and their loved ones for almost half a century, but we know that challenging times lie ahead. Over the next five years, we are predicting an increase in demand for our care (see p.12), and we are determined to ensure we're here for our community long into the future. **Thank you for your continued support** as we enter the next stage of our journey at St Margaret's and work to protect our care for generations to come.



Although St Margaret's has grown, our core principle remains the same – we will always keep our patients at the heart of what we do.

Our journey so far...



1993:

Princess Diana visited St Margaret's Hospice in Taunton and surprised a patient by leaving a message in her birthday card, which read: "Lots of love on your special day, from Diana".

1987:

Our 16-bed In-Patient Unit (IPU) in Taunton was opened by Katharine, the Duchess of Kent. In October, our first charity shop opened in Taunton.

1980:

On 5th March, St Margaret's was officially registered as a charity.

1994:

We opened our Education & Training Centre in Taunton to share knowledge of palliative and end-of-life care between staff and other healthcare professionals across the county.

2003:

Princess Alexandra officially opened our Yeovil hospice hub – the home of our Yeovil day hospice and base for our Community Nursing team.

2009:

We officially opened a new wing and day hospice in Taunton.

2006:

Somerset Cancer Care merged with St Margaret's, allowing us to expand on our work with patients facing a life-limiting illness.



2010:

Patients and carers could now reach us over the phone, day and night, via our 24-hour Advice Line and Central Referral Centre.

1988:

Our Taunton day hospice welcomed its first two patients, supporting people with life-limiting illnesses who are well enough to live at home but need physical, emotional, or social support.

1982:

We welcomed our first nursing officer, June Fenn. In December, our three-person home care team began caring for patients facing a life-limiting illness in the community..

2025:

We're celebrating 45 years of free hospice care in Somerset with fantastic fundraising events and campaigns throughout the year (see p.17)!

2011:

Our day hospices became our Sunflower Centres and started offering symptom control and support for patients experiencing social isolation.

2018:

A team of Mental Health First Aiders was appointed to support staff at St Margaret's.

Lynn Cornish became the lead of our Tissue Viability Service, which supports 25-30 patients on our IPU every quarter, and 60 patients in the community every year.

2013:

Our Spiritual Care Coordinator, Ann Fulton, joined the team. Through our Spiritual Care service, we care for the human spirit in every person as well as offering full support to those who express their spirituality through a faith or specific spiritual pathway.

2014:

We opened two 'suites', known as the Taunton and Yeovil Sunflower Suites, to help patients being discharged adjust to independent living. Our Taunton Sunflower Suite is also a place for families to stay close to their loved ones on our IPU.

2020:

We celebrated our Ruby Anniversary, marking 40 years of compassionate care, but faced significant challenges in the Covid pandemic.

2024:

We confirmed our commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community in Somerset by signing the Armed Forces Covenant.



2021:

We hosted our first Sunflower Stroll, with participants – including some of our patients and their families – walking 4km through the countryside to raise money for our care and remember loved ones.

Time to care, now and always

Our strategy for 2025-2030

As we celebrate 45 years of dedicated service, we also embark on a five-year strategic journey to address the challenges that lie ahead. With your support, we hope this strategy will help to safeguard our hospice care for future generations in Somerset.



Why do we need a five-year strategy?



While hospice care today is widely recognised for its end-of-life care, there is less understanding of the role hospices play in helping people live well for as long as possible. We aim to redefine this narrative and enhance our care by **helping patients earlier in their journey with a life-limiting illness.**

Nationally, hospices face challenges including increased demand, reduced funding, and an ageing population. **These challenges are compounded by issues unique to our county,** such as poor transport and IT infrastructure, remote communities and low social mobility, which create barriers to accessing our care.

Almost half of Somerset's population lives in rural areas, and people over the age of 65 are expected to comprise 30% of the county's population by 2030.



For St Margaret's, the question is not just: how we will meet these challenges? But also: how will we continue to evolve? By adapting our care, engaging our communities, strengthening our impact, and keeping our patients at the heart of what we do, we aim to remain a vital force for good – ensuring that the people of Somerset can rely on us to provide tailored, comprehensive care when it matters most, now and always.



What does this new strategy mean for patients?

Patients are most often referred to us two months before the end of their life. However, we know that patients (and their loved ones) who are referred to us approximately 6-12 months before the end of their life benefit far more from all areas of our hospice care. **By shifting our focus to earlier intervention, we can improve the quality of life for our patients and provide meaningful support earlier in their journey.** Crucially, we hope this approach will also reduce some of the emotional and physical toll on families and carers.

How will we achieve this?

We are determined to evolve and enhance our care for our community, but we know we can't do this alone. We will strengthen our partnerships with the NHS, local authorities, and voluntary sector organisations; amplify our message locally and nationally and use our resources effectively to support patients earlier in their journey, safeguarding our care for future generations.

Raising our voice

We need to **boost the conversation around dying, death, and the evolving role of hospices.** This starts with breaking down misconceptions – challenging the belief that hospice care is only for people at the end of their life, redefining what hospice care truly offers, and informing communities and health and social care professionals about our services and breadth of care. We work closely with Hospice UK – the national charity for hospice and end-of-life care – and this year, we're joining forces on a campaign with hospices across the UK to raise awareness of our care and the incredible impact of gifts left in Wills. Today, 1 in 3 of our patients is cared for thanks to gifts left in Wills to St Margaret's.



Building relationships

We will increase our engagement with the NHS, local authorities and voluntary sector partners. Together, we will explore ways of sharing knowledge and resources, through collaborations, multi-use sites, and joint awareness campaigns. We will also remain a key stakeholder in the Somerset Palliative Care Strategy, **engaging with other healthcare providers** and working together to deliver the best possible care for patients, with the right people stepping in at the right time. We will also **explore innovative fundraising strategies** to ensure financial sustainability and **advocate for increased government funding for hospice care**.

Educational outreach will remain a priority, broadening access to training for individuals and organisations involved in end-of-life care. By collaborating with community partners, we will share expertise and strengthen community-based hospice care, supporting patients at home wherever possible.

Enhancing our care

Too often, patients are referred to us near the end of their life, missing the opportunity for earlier support that could alleviate pain, reduce distress, and offer clarity about choices for their future care. **We will encourage people to see hospice care as a resource available at any stage of their condition**, even when they are feeling well. We will focus on equipping patients and their families with the tools, knowledge, and support they need to take control of their journey, make informed decisions, and help reduce unnecessary hospital admissions.

Using resources effectively

Delivering the best hospice care requires us to use resources effectively, with decisions based on thoughtful research – this means having the right people in the right roles, supported by the appropriate infrastructure, technology, and data insights.

Our next steps...

In the first year of our strategy, our focus will centre on research, setting the foundation for our goals, and communicating our plans, which we hope to share with you in 2026. We will remain flexible in our approach, depending on the needs of our community, and – as we always have – we will keep our patients at the heart of what we do.

We will continue to update you on our progress. If you have any questions about our strategy or would like to be involved in helping us achieve our ambitions, please email strategy@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk



Every Moment Counts **appeal**



Can you help us do something incredible and join our community of supporters to raise £100,000 in 36 hours?

Every moment counts for people facing a life-limiting illness, but patients are most commonly referred to us just two months before the end of their life, missing the opportunity for earlier support that could alleviate pain, reduce distress, and offer clarity about choices.

Launching on 19 June, our Every Moment Counts appeal will raise vital funds to kickstart our five-year strategy, so we can reach more people across Somerset earlier in their journey, helping them to live well for as long as possible and spend precious moments with the people they love.

With your support, we can help more people in our community to benefit from all areas of our hospice care. **Can we count on you?**

Thanks to generous friends of St Margaret's Hospice, donations made within the 36 hours* will be doubled, meaning they will have twice the impact!

If you would like to get involved, please contact our Head of Fundraising, Hannah Roberts, by emailing Hannah.Roberts@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk

*All donations up to £50,000 made within the 36 hours will be matched by friends of St Margaret's Hospice.



Supporter Spotlight: Paul

In 2024, Paul took on the incredible challenge of running the London Marathon to raise money for St Margaret's. But his efforts didn't stop there; Paul is now a regular volunteer at our events!

What inspired you to run the London Marathon last year?

I wanted to show my appreciation for the compassion and care that the team at St Margaret's in Yeovil gave to my dad in 2015. St Margaret's was such a comfort. The hospice was like a refuge for him, offering him care and support in his last days.

Can you tell us about your marathon experience?

I am not a runner, as the pictures and time will attest, but it was one of those bucket list things I wanted to do. At the age of 52, I needed the motivation to train four days a week over four months. Knowing I was doing it for such a great charity inspired me to get off the sofa in those cold winter months!

The atmosphere on the day was amazing – the streets were lined with people cheering us on. Seeing the St Margaret's team along the route certainly helped! I don't think I'll run another marathon, but I am so glad I did it and my medal is still on display in the front room.

What inspired you to volunteer at our events?

Following my dad's passing, my mum decided to volunteer at the St Margaret's shop in Somerton. She volunteered there for about nine years and found great friendships – it also gave her something to look forward to each week. My mum passed away, early in 2024, and it only seemed right that I continued her legacy and started volunteering for the hospice. She would have been proud of that and pleased that the connection to the hospice is still alive.



Paul is taking on another big challenge for St Margaret's this spring – cycling 100 miles on the South Downs Way over 3 days. We wish you the best of luck!

What do you like most about volunteering?

It's great to feel that you are contributing. I work full-time, but I've helped at several events including the Colour Run, Santa Abseil, and Sunflower Stroll. I've always been made to feel appreciated and it's good to know that my efforts are helping to ensure events run smoothly and raise vital funds. I've also met some great people.

Do you have any advice for people thinking of volunteering with us?

Just do it - it's a great cause and you can do as much or as little as you'd like. Events take place throughout the year, so there are bound to be a few you can do. If you have more time, my mum would have certainly recommended helping in one of the shops.

Interested in volunteering?



Whether you have a few hours to spare or regular time to give, there are lots of ways to get involved. Please contact the Volunteering Team on **01823 333822 / 01935 709480**, email volunteering@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk, or visit our website: st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/volunteer-with-us



Events calendar



Colour Run

Saturday 17 May 2025

Run or stroll 4km amid flurries of foam and a rainbow of colour!



Skydive

Saturday 12 July 2025

Not for the faint-hearted! A tandem skydive from 15,000 feet to raise funds for St Margaret's.



Ultra Hike

Sunday 21 September 2025

Join us for our epic 30-mile hospice-to-hospice ultra hike between Yeovil and Taunton.



Wear It Yellow

6-12 October 2025

Bring some sunshine to your workplace, school, or community group and raise funds for St Margaret's: st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/event/wear-it-yellow

Find out more:

st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/whats-on/our-events

Join our first-ever hospice-to-hospice Ultra Hike!

Sunday
21
September

Our 30-mile Ultra Hike from Yeovil to Taunton will be almost entirely off-road, weaving through the spectacular Somerset countryside. With approximately 12 hours of daylight available, this will be one of our most challenging events yet.

Register now to take part and raise vital funds for St Margaret's Hospice: st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/event/ultra-hike

Volunteer with us! We'd be so grateful for your help on the day. Please email volunteering@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk

The Ultra Hike is proudly sponsored by



5 minutes with...

Chris Taylor, Senior Chef

Can you tell us about yourself and your role at St Margaret's?

Hello! My name is Chris, and I am one of the Senior Chefs for the hospice. I have worked in many different areas of catering, including fine dining, events, private catering, consultancy, and product development, and I've worked with various healthcare providers. I've been with St Margaret's for around two years, but I had the pleasure of working for the hospice 17 years ago as a Kitchen Assistant. I returned to St Margaret's as I felt it was time to settle into a role that truly means a lot to me, helping others, and wasn't all about numbers and over-the-top plates of food.

What does your team do?

A big part of what we do is catering for the hospice's In-Patient Unit (IPU). What we cook here is made fresh every day using local ingredients, even home-grown produce from our garden! Catering here is unique. Every day for lunch and dinner we visit the patients so we can take extra care to ensure each meal is cooked to their preference, considering their likes and dislikes along with any dietary requirements. No request is too big, too small or too awkward for us to cater for.

What is something about your role that people might not expect?

As well as catering for the IPU, we cook for our Sunflower Centres (day hospices) and provide staff meals. We also offer outside catering at our fundraising events and private catering to order, such as bespoke canapes and buffet foods for events. We are looking to expand in this area to help raise vital funds for St Margaret's, so keep your eyes peeled for our outside catering hire!

What do you like most about being a chef at St Margaret's?

We truly have a wonderfully talented, creative and supportive team, and running a kitchen like this is a dream come true. By providing personalised meals for patients, we can help ease one of their worries, and it makes it all worthwhile. It really is a privilege to work here to cater for and provide amazing food to all our patients, their families and friends, and staff.



“Running a kitchen like this is a dream come true.”



St. Margaret's

Spring clean to support our shops



The concept of an annual spring clean has been around for generations and is used in different cultures and religions for a range of purposes, both practical and spiritual. Across our retail business, spring is the time for our 31 charity shops to reflect on the last 12 months of trading – and what a year it's been! Footfall has remained high, the tills have kept ringing, and we saw record weekly sales and some of our highest individual shop sales ever.

We have an incredible team of shop managers, staff and several hundred volunteers who keep our shops open and trading, but what really keeps the business thriving are your donations of pre-loved goods. **So, this season, if you are planning your own annual spring clean, please do remember that St Margaret's can turn your unwanted items into sales, which in turn translates into care for our community.**

What can I donate?

If you have clothes that you've fallen out of love with, are upgrading your crockery, or perhaps have toys and books that the children have grown out of, please consider donating them to St Margaret's. You can drop items off at your local shop (please call the shop in advance for large/bulky items). For items such as jewellery, special collections or vintage items that you think are worth a little more, we also have a St Margaret's eBay shop for selling these more unique items online to raise vital funds for the hospice.

Each item we sell finds a new home and an owner who can give them a second lease of life – all while helping to raise vital funds so that we can continue providing compassionate hospice care for families across Somerset.

We also have several furniture shops across the county, and you can even book a free collection! Furniture sales have been booming in Somerset, proving that setting up or refurbishing a home really doesn't have to cost the earth. **We are also proud of our new partnership with Abri – this affordable housing association is helping people set up their homes for the first time with furniture and home starter packs from St Margaret's.**

Run by our community, for our community

Our charity shops are so much more than a commercial income stream. They don't just provide an affordable alternative on the high street, they are places where local people can come together to find comfort and companionship and, in many cases, life-long friendships. They are a magnet for family

members who have found solace volunteering so that they can retain a connection with the hospice, following the loss of a loved one. And they offer opportunities for people to learn new skills, to help them get back into the workforce.

Without fail, the shops and those who work in them demonstrate the huge impact they have on our local communities – not to mention the environmental impact. **In 2024, our 31 shops helped prevent 1,500 tonnes of items going to landfill, which also saved 20,000 tonnes of CO₂ from the manufacture of replacement items.**

So, when you're next near one of our shops, pop in and say hello, have a browse and you never know what treasure you might come home with!

Each item we sell finds a new home and an owner who can give them a second lease of life – all while helping to raise vital funds for the hospice.



So much more than a lottery

Our Weekly Prize Draw is so much more than a lottery - it's a very special community that makes a big difference to our care.

It only costs £1 to play, but our Prize Draw players' collective impact on our care is extraordinary. Together, our Weekly Prize Draw players helped to raise £437,902 in 2024, which could pay for eight Community Nurses for a whole year. We help over 4,800 people across Somerset every year and around 95% of our patients are cared for in the community. Our Community Nursing teams guide patients and their families through this difficult journey, listen to the patient's wishes and understand their needs, manage their symptoms, and help them to live well for as long as possible.

The money raised by our Prize Draw players makes such a difference to us and the people we care for across Somerset. Plus, every week, you could be in with a chance of winning one of 27 guaranteed cash prizes, including our top prize of £1,000!

So, don't miss out – join our Weekly Prize Draw community today and be part of something wonderful. Your membership will help to protect our care, so we can be there for people facing a life-limiting illness long into the future.

1st prize - £1,000

2nd prize - £500

Rollover prize - £250*
*up to £10,000

Plus, 25 prizes of £10

To sign up to the Weekly Prize Draw, visit:
st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/ways-to-give/play-our-weekly-prize-draw

If you have any questions, please email us at:
lottery.office@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk



All profits go to St Margaret's Hospice Care.

Every ticket purchased has a 1 in 435 chance of winning one of our weekly prizes. The exact chance of winning varies each week depending on the number of tickets sold.

69p from every £1 ticket goes directly towards caring for our patients. 15p pays for the cost of running the draw, and 16p covers the prizes.

(Information based on the average number of players in draws and accounts between January 2024 and December 2024).

St Margaret's Somerset Hospice is licensed and regulated in Great Britain by the Gambling Commission under account number 4624. Responsible Person: Joanna Hall. Players must be over 18. **GambleAware**

Visit our Glorious Gardens this spring and summer

Over 45 beautiful Somerset and Dorset gardens will open to the public from April to September in support of St Margaret's Hospice.

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