

# Volunteer Newsletter March 2026

*Bringing you the latest news and celebrating all the wonderful things you do!*

## Welcome

Welcome to our March edition of the Volunteers' Newsletter! I can't believe we are almost in spring already.

Thank you very much for all of you who have completed your mandatory training through e-learning or by attending one of our face-to-face sessions. We held two fantastic first sessions at Leigh and Wrightington in February. The volunteers found the training helpful, enabling them to keep up-to-date with the knowledge they need to fulfil their volunteering role safely and effectively. If you still need to book onto one of our training, please contact us at [volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk) or on 07899 039 955.

Our lovely Safeguarding Team launched another successful Children in Care Campaign, so that no child goes without a gift at Christmas. Some of our volunteers, NWAS and Andy's Man Club helped to wrap and deliver gifts to the children. A huge thank-you for all your support.

We're also delighted to announce that we have become an NHS Approved Activity Provider in partnership with Duke of Edinburgh, enhancing our offering of volunteering opportunities for young people completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Three Wishes is back this March with another fun fundraising event. If you are a keen runner or want to do something fun, there is something for everyone at any pace at Wigan Run Festival. Please read below to find out how you can join and help raise vital funds for our patients.

As always, a massive thank-you to each and every one of you for all your support, which is always very much appreciated.



## Welcome New Volunteers!

- ✚ Olaitan Alao, Admin Volunteer
- ✚ Zohreh Amiri, Help Desk Volunteer
- ✚ Hadia Ayub, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Owolabi Badejo, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Holly Hambleton, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Nelson Igwubor, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Aleesha Masood, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Jonathan Mulvey, Pets as Therapy Volunteer
- ✚ Heidi Newton, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Janet Nichols, Pets as Therapy Volunteer
- ✚ Alyson Nuttall, Help Desk Volunteer
- ✚ Favour Olumuyiwa, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Millicent Omokwe, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Theresa Poskitt, Ward Volunteer
- ✚ Joanne Ramsay, Help Desk Volunteer
- ✚ Rachel Richardson, Pets as Therapy Volunteer
- ✚ Gemma Saunt, Ward Volunteer

## A newsletter for volunteers

Our Volunteers' Newsletter is all about you and includes what information, news, or stories you would like to hear about. If you have a story you would like to tell or an achievement you would like to celebrate, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Nadia, Mel, or our Patient Experience Team to be featured in one of our editions. Our contact details can be found below.

### Voluntary Services' Contact details

Nadia's working hours:

Monday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Tuesday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Wednesday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Tel.: 07899 039 955

Email: [volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk)

During these hours, our Patient Activities' Volunteer Coordinator, Melanie Cornish will be able to support you.

Thursday 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Tel.: 01942 77 3061

Email: [volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk)





## Run Wigan Festival!

Three Wishes will be taking part in Run Wigan Festival! Whether you enjoy running or are up for a new challenge, staff are invited to join Team Three Wishes at the Run Wigan Festival and help make a difference.

**Three WISHES**  
DOING MORE FOR OUR PATIENTS  
WIGAN & LEIGH TEACHING HOSPITALS  
Registered Charity Number 108858

**NHS**  
Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals  
NHS Foundation Trust

### FANCY RUNNING FOR CHARITY?

**JOIN TEAM THREE WISHES AT RUN WIGAN FESTIVAL**

Help us raise vital funds for your local hospital!

**Choose your challenge:**

- Half Marathon
- 5K
- Family Mile

**When:** Sunday 15 March  
**Where:** Mesnes Park, Wigan, WN1 1TU

Find out how you can support Three Wishes:  
[threewishescharity@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:threewishescharity@wwl.nhs.uk)

Participants can run individually or as part of a team, making this a great opportunity for colleagues and departments to get involved together.

A matron who ran the Wigan 10k for Three Wishes last year said: "Taking part in the Wigan 10k gave a real sense of camaraderie. Running with like-minded people in a positive and supportive environment, all in support of such an important cause, was an honour."

By joining Team Three Wishes, you're helping fund projects that directly enhance patient care. From small but impactful items like handheld fans, to interactive equipment like the Happiness Programme, and larger refurbishments such as the ICU family room.

For more information, please contact Emily Mundon on 0300 707 8715 or [threewishescharity@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:threewishescharity@wwl.nhs.uk).

## Voluntary Services becomes NHS Approved Activity Provider in partnership with Duke of Edinburgh



WWL Voluntary Services has been successful in its application to become an NHS Approved Activity Provider in partnership with Duke of Edinburgh. Becoming an NHS Approved Activity Provider means that young people can undertake a volunteer placement at one of WWL's hospitals as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

This is an exciting partnership, which will strengthen our links with local schools, colleges, and youth organisations. It will also enhance the volunteer pathway as a route into further studies and careers in the NHS.

It is also a great opportunity for young people to gain experience, learn new skills, and foster personal growth, while making a positive impact on our patient experience.

Our first group of students from a local school are currently completing the recruitment process with a view to starting their placements in April/May. We can't wait for them to start!

To find out more about the programme and how to get involved, please contact Nadia Bouosseu at [volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteer@wwl.nhs.uk) or on 07899 039 955.

## Volunteering Opportunities

**Help Desk Volunteers**  
**WWL Radio Volunteers**  
**Ward Volunteers**  
**Wrightington League of Friends**

