



Clatterbridge
Cancer Charity

Impact Report

Celebrating our achievements and impact in 2025/26



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A message from our Chair and Chief Executive

Celebrating our impact this year

As we mark three decades of fundraising to help local people with cancer, we are delighted to bring you this impact report and highlight the difference your donations make.

We are so thankful to the individuals, families, groups, companies, charitable trusts and everyone who has donated during this period. The year ending March 2026, saw some significant growth in the fundraising activities and the impact our supporters have. We lit up Liverpool with the Garden of Light, brought thousands onto the streets of the same city and also in Chester for the Glow Green Night Walk, and continued to work with our communities and local businesses to make a real difference.

Our supporters helped us raise a magnificent £4M and allowed us to continue our dedicated work for the patients of The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre that started in 1996. During the year to 31 March 2026, the Charity was able to award grants to fund ground breaking research, invest in new technologies for treatment and contribute to enhancing the hospital environment for patients and their families.

Generous donations also helped provide social activities and lunch clubs for young patients, musical performances for all, memory books for families, Christmas presents for patients and staff and much more.

Your support is crucial to people with cancer in our region, we are so thankful to everybody who helps us help them.



Brian Barwick OBE
Chair, Clatterbridge Cancer Charity



Katrina Bury, Chief Executive,
Clatterbridge Cancer Charity

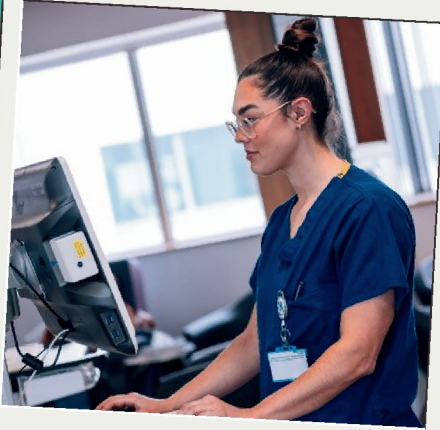
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Our Impact in Action

This collage showcases some **remarkable achievements** over the past year, highlighting how your support made a difference to the lives of local people with cancer.





Providing the best medical equipment for patients

Celebrating our impact on treatment and patient care

A £150,000 investment by the Charity has helped bring new technology to Clatterbridge in the form of Hilotherm ChemoCare.

Chemotherapy treatment can, unfortunately, have some undesirable side effects. Some drugs can cause damage to the nerve endings in the hands and feet. This is known as chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy (CIPN).

Side effects of peripheral neuropathy are often felt in the hands and feet. It can cause severe pain and discomfort, impacting a patient's balance, dexterity, and even their ability to walk. Tingling, numbness and burning are also common symptoms of CIPN. The side effects can be long-lasting and irreversible.

It causes hypersensitivity to stimuli, pain, burning and tingling in the hands and feet, as well as loss of sensitivity, numbness and even issues with coordination and balance.

Hilotherm ChemoCare is a medical device that delivers cooling therapy to patients' hands and feet. Designed to prevent the onset of symptoms and reduce the progression of CIPN and hand-foot syndrome. The cooling mechanism is designed to stimulate vasoconstriction in the patient's hands and feet, slow the body's metabolism and lower the skin temperature.

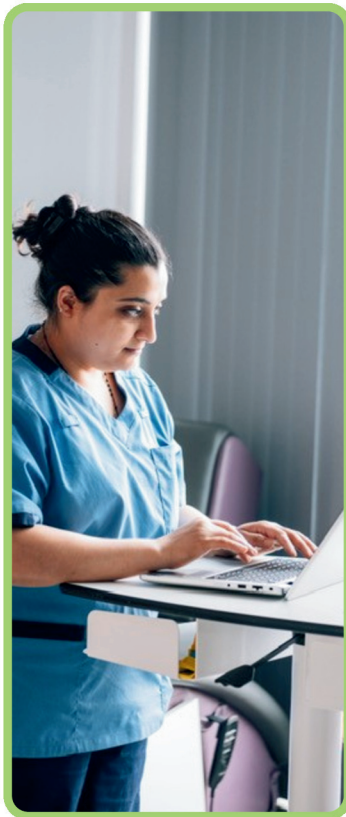
This then minimises the chemotherapy's ability to reach nerve endings in the hands and feet, which reduces the chances of patients developing symptoms.



Hilotherm in use at The Clatterbridge cancer Centre

Pledging £5M to Research

Celebrating The Impact on Cutting Edge Research in Cheshire and Merseyside



Over the past year, our Charity has made significant strides in improving lives through supporting clinical trials into new drugs and we have committed to funding £5 million of research over five years. We awarded our researchers based here in Liverpool £1,855,931 in 2025/26.

The variety of clinical trials on offer is expanding rapidly, including pioneering work in the design and delivery of cancer vaccines.

These innovative treatments represent a significant leap forward in the fight against cancer, and Clatterbridge is proud to be leading the way in this cutting-edge research. Every effort counts, and together we are creating lasting change for people with cancer both locally and further afield.

In 2025/26 the Charity's donors and fundraisers helped fund:

Metastatic breast/brain cancer research

Immunotherapy research in skin cancer patients

A Clinical Fellow to assist consultants in their clinical research

Support to Research and Innovation



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We are so grateful to all those who have supported a three year research project to discover why immunotherapies are effective in some patients with a type of melanoma, but not in others.

This research could be hugely important in making progress for these patients.”

**Dr Omar Fakhri, Oncology Registrar,
The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, left.**

Arts In Health Programme

Celebrating Our Impact on Patient Wellbeing



Thanks to our fundraisers we were able to fund an Arts In Health Programme that was enjoyed by more than 2,000 patients.

Staff delivered regular creative activity for patients including arts and craft, music and a poetry and creative writing programme.

The project with arts organisation FACT Liverpool and the Teenage and Young Adult (TYA) ward continued and a Podcast created by young patients from the TYA was published on the FACT website.



The programme provided:

Monthly music performances in partnership with Liverpool Philharmonic and University of Liverpool

373 patient focused creative sessions

12 patient group sessions of Relax, Breathe and Sing

The re-framing and installation of 22 pieces of artwork

11 one to one and group patient sessions by textile artist Rae Howard to create patterns for a headscarf or bandana

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I wish the musicians could come in every week. I love listening to them playing.”

Patient at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

Teenage and Young Adult Ward

Celebrating Our Impact on Patient Wellbeing

Having cancer is daunting at any age but it can be particularly tough when you are young. The Teenage and Young Adult (TYA) team at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre - Liverpool wants to make sure patients feel well supported and can meet other young people with cancer.

As part of our commitment to supporting young people with cancer we have awarded £28,350 to peer support activities in the TYA. This funding allows young people to get together for Pizza Thursday or enjoy days out.

In collaboration with our supporters at Hill Dickinson law firm, we arranged a visit of Everton Women to the TYA. Players Aurora Galli, Courtney Brosnan and Clare Wheeler witnessed first-hand the vital support we provide to young people facing cancer.

The special visit gave the players an insight into how your donations help make a real difference to young lives during the toughest of times.

Youth Support Coordinator Franchessca Sefton guided the trio through the specialist unit.

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It was really special to spend time at Clatterbridge and meet some of the young people and staff. The positivity and resilience they show is incredibly inspiring.”

Everton goalkeeper Courtney Brosnan



During the tour, Aurora, Courtney and Clare learned how life can change dramatically for young people going through cancer treatment. They saw first-hand the wider support network we fund to help young patients navigate this challenging journey.

The players spent meaningful time with patients, signing footballs, hearing their stories and sharing light-hearted conversations about football.

These simple moments of connection brought smiles and lifted spirits across the ward.

Bringing the Community Together

We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers and community fundraisers



Volunteers make a huge difference to our ability to fundraise in our local communities and connect with those who want to raise money for local cancer patients. Andrew Orme, left, cycled from John O'Groats to Lands End, with his girlfriend Liv following behind on Tractor Ted.

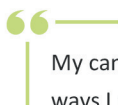
"When I was 12, my dad lost his battle with cancer. I want to raise money to give other families a fighting chance," Andrew said.

A dedicated group of volunteers in Southport have officially united to support our Charity. Led by Jenny Peacock, the team is a mix of former patients and supporters who are determined to turn their personal experiences into something positive for others.

For Jenny, the decision to lead the Southport group was deeply personal. Having been treated for breast cancer at Clatterbridge, she knows exactly how much the kindness and strength of the staff matter during the hardest days of treatment.

Jenny isn't alone. Along with Kerynne, Mo, Gaynor, Peter, and Ken, the Southport team is proving that when we share our stories, we can make a real difference for the one in two people in our region affected by cancer.

The group have already organised a quiz night and a supermarket bucket collection. They also helped arrange Charity activity at Southport Flower Show.



My cancer journey changed my life in ways I never expected. Through the fear, treatment, and recovery, I experienced incredible support. Now, I feel a deep desire to give back."

Jenny Peacock, Clatterbridge Volunteer



Events

Supporters enjoy a sense of wellbeing
while carrying out vital fundraising

Whether they're enjoying our annual Charity ball, running a marathon, abseiling, climbing hills or enjoying the Glow Green night walks, our supporters take part in numerous fundraising events we organise. In 2025/26 our events raised £837,000.



Glow Green Night Walk Liverpool



Our Impact in Figures

Our journey together in 2025/26 to raise £4M helped fund these project and so many more.



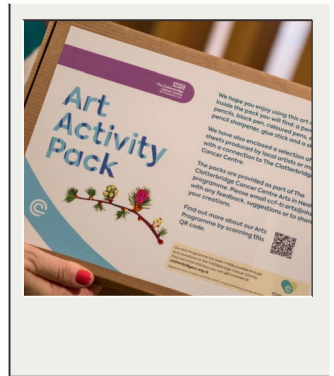
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towards cutting edge research into new treatments.



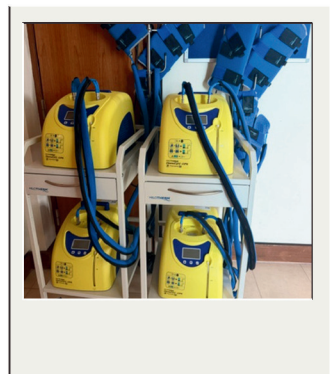
£620,000

for our arts in health programme.



£150,000

for Hilotherm technology that helps prevent neuropathy in chemotherapy patients.



£53,200

for specialist 'cuddle beds' to help in-patients maintain closeness to loved ones.

The dedicated work of our fundraisers and donors has helped countless local people with cancer in a wide variety of ways.



£6,432



for cold cap comforters to make chemotherapy scalp cooling treatment more comfortable.



£3,200

to help patients celebrate Christmas.

£3,000



for a hug in a bag to provide patients with morale boosting gifts.

£1,000



for sleep kits to help patients have a peaceful rest.



Making an Impact

The Garden of Light

In November and December Clatterbridge Cancer Charity took over the Bombed Out Church in Liverpool with a Garden of Light. World renowned artist and Charity Patron Emma Rodgers designed 2,000 metal flowers that were lit up and filled the grounds of the landmark building.

Over two weeks thousands of people visited the garden to remember loved ones, pay tribute to staff or say thank you to Clatterbridge for caring for themselves or friends and family. Actor and Charity Patron Johnny Vegas officially opened the garden with a moving reading and shared words about the care his late dad received from Clatterbridge.

Visitors to the garden hand wrote dedications that were attached to the flowers. Every evening as dusk fell the flowers lit the winter night.

After leaving the Bombed Out Church, the installation was moved to the Winter Garden at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre - Liverpool.

Patient Paul Dooley was present at the opening ceremony with his family and said it was a moving event, a celebration of all the great work carried out at Clatterbridge.

Paul finished a successful clinical trial this year to treat head and neck cancer.

The Charity has committed £5 million over five years to fund treatment like Paul's.



“Clatterbridge is a special place and the display was very special and a great way to say thank you.”

Paul, patient at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre



Rob's Story

Rob Schenck, from Rainhill in Merseyside represents exactly why fundraising for research is so vital.

Diagnosed with aggressive testicular cancer at just 25, Rob's future looked uncertain. But thanks to the groundbreaking research Rob was offered a place on a clinical trial at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

Under the expert care of Professor Christian Ottensmeier, Rob, now 28, received an experimental cancer vaccine treatment that has transformed his life. He's returned to his studies for a new career and taken up exercise again.

Rob said: "The clinical trial has offered me hope where often there isn't any hope. This treatment is a game changer, and it is so important that this research is happening at Clatterbridge to help people like me."

Rob tied the knot with Brogan, when his prognosis was poor. Now the couple are facing the future with renewed positivity.

They recently marked two years since Rob was told he was suitable for the clinical trial.

They celebrated with a day out at Alton Towers theme park.

Rob said: "It is a good place to feel alive!"



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Rob, patient at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre



A thank you to our Trustees

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