

PRESS RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW HOSPICE SHOP

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Volunteers are needed to help out at a new shop in Perranporth, Cornwall Hospice Care's 26th retail outlet, which opens next week (July 9).

This is the first time the charity has opened a shop in the seaside town – it is located at 3 Perrans Road and will open from 10am to 4 pm Monday to Saturday.

Amanda Searle, Deputy Retail Manager, said: "This is an ideal location for residents and visitors and we hope our outlet will add to the mix of shops already in the area. We are looking for anyone who can spare a few hours a week to help with sales and sorting of donated stock.

"We constantly strive to maximise the income from our retail outlets to help fund services provided by the charity. With 26 stores in towns across Cornwall, we can now offer customers a good mix of traditional as well as specialist outlets, all selling high quality items at excellent value," she added.

All profits raised from the retail group go to help provide specialist care to patients with life threatening illnesses and support to their families and loved ones. The charity provides 24 beds at its two hospices- Mount Edgumbe in St. Austell and St. Julia's in Hayle – as well as day treatments and therapies.

It costs more than £5 million annually – the equivalent of £11 a minute – to provide these services and around 85 pence in every £ must be met through donations, fundraising, legacy gifts, and income from the retail outlet and the weekly lottery.

If anyone wished to volunteer at the Perranporth shop please contact Amanda on 01726 66869.

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