

PRESS RELEASE

Walkers Raise £2000 For Hospice Charity

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Around £2000 was raised by walkers who clocked up 30 miles along the Saints Way in memory of a friend who was cared for by Cornwall Hospice Care.

Jane Middleton, of Tywardreath, near Par was a patient at Mount Edgumbe Hospice in St. Austell where she passed away last June. Walking had been a favourite pastime for Jane and her husband Chris.

He was joined by a band of friends and relatives, along with their babies and dogs, to walk 10 miles each day during the May bank holiday weekend.

Last Thursday (July 10) Chris and three of the organisers visited staff at Mount Edgumbe Hospice to donate the funds raised and to thank them for the special care Jane received.

“Jane always loved walking. Helman Tor was her favourite place so we included a stop there during the walk,” said Mr Middleton.

In all 21 people joined in at different stages with some completing the full 30 miles from Padstow to Fowey over three days.

Cornwall Hospice Care provides Specialist Palliative Care for people living with life threatening illnesses and gives support to their loved ones. The charity takes a truly holistic approach to the care of their patients with the emotional and spiritual health seen as important as the physical.

Annually, the charity cares for 500 in-patients at its two hospices Mount Edgumbe and St. Julia's Hospice in Hayle and has more than 2000 admissions for day treatments and therapies. It also provides specialist medical input in the county's hospitals.

This care is provided free of charge, but costs over £5 million annually – equivalent to £11 a minute. Only 13% of this is funded by the government, which means that the organisation relies heavily on the generous support of the general public, through donations, fundraising events and challenges such as this.

Mr Middleton has decided to continue his fundraising efforts by participating in the Charity's Great Wall of China Trek in October – this is one of a series of Overseas Challenges run by the organisation to help meet its annual running costs.

If anyone would like to support Mr Middleton and the other trekkers or would like to know more about overseas challenges, please contact Karen Holman on 01726 66869 or e-mail kholman@cornwallhospice.co.uk.

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