

Support for St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice



Pictured (L-R) Kate Estcourt, Director of Care; Tony Stringer, Prov.G.S.R.; David Bruce, S.R. Vale of Weaver Conclave No. 278; Angela Slack, Fundraising Mgr

The O.S.M. Province of Cheshire & North Wales aims to make two annual charity donations to support local causes.

Each year, two Conclaves from within the Province nominate a local charity that would benefit from our assistance.

Funds are raised throughout the year by various Conclave activities and donations, with the main source of income coming from an Autumn Sunday Lunch, a collection at the Annual Meeting and, of course, a match funding contribution from the O.S.M. Benevolent Fund.

This year, the first charity to receive support is St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice in Winsford.

St Luke's was founded in 1983, when a farm house was purchased and converted.

The first patients were admitted in 1988. Since then, the hospice has grown, expanded and developed, with day care patients, a Complementary Therapy Clinic and a Lymphoedema Clinic.

The Hospice now has 10 beds, and the funding will purchase Fall Prevention Mats for each bed, to keep patients safe.

The charity was nominated by Worthy Brother David Bruce, Supreme Ruler of Vale of Weaver Conclave No 278, whose wife has volunteered for the Hospice for many years.

The photograph shows Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer, PGSR, presenting a cheque for £2,000 to Kate Estcourt, Director of Care, with David Bruce and Angela Slack, Fundraising Manager for the Hospice, looking on.

As we were leaving, someone did explain that the mats are made of extra thick rubber, so that when the patient fell out of bed they just bounced back in, but I'm not sure they worked in the clinical team!

Words and picture, Tony Stringer, Prov.G.S.R.