

**Press Release**

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**It's In The Bag For St Peter & St James Hospice**

St Peter & St James Hospice have started selling 'life long bags' in their shops so that customers can now help to save the planet at the same time as supporting the Hospice which is based in North Chailey.

Head of Retail, Thérèse Wilson, said of the new venture: "These bags are really well designed with slightly longer handles, enabling the bags to be carried on the shoulder and also a special loop inside for securing a milk carton or bottle of wine. They are ideal for shopping, carrying books to school or as a holiday beach bag and would also make a great gift." The bags are on sale for £4 each at the Hospice's 3 charity shops in Lewes, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill.

Visitors to the Lewes shop will also discover that there is now a range of new goods on sale alongside the items donated by the public. Bargain hunters can pick up gifts, stationery and jewellery amongst other things. With the majority of items priced under £7 they are all very reasonably priced.

All of St Peter & St James Hospice services are free of charge to patients and their loved ones. They receive just 15% of their funding from the Government and have to raise £3,600 every single day. If you are interested in working or volunteering in any of the St Peter & St James charity shops, particularly in the Lewes shop, or helping to sort donated goods in their central store, please contact Thérèse Wilson on 01444 470205.

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