

## **Press Release**

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### **New Hospice Shop Helps To Bring Life To The High Street**

St Peter & St James Hospice are delighted to announce the opening of their new charity shop at the bottom of Uckfield High Street, opposite Boots. The opening was attended by the new mayor of Uckfield, Councillor Len Ashby, Peter Boyse, Chairman of Trustees and Colin Burgess, Chief Executive. Mayor Ashby cut the ribbon and pronounced the shop open declaring that there were a few items he would like to purchase!

Thérèse Wilson, Head of Retail for St Peter & St James said “I would like to say an enormous thank you to my Group Retail Manager, Brian Paddock and the wonderful band of volunteers that have helped us to completely revamp the shop. Without them it would not have been possible to open as quickly as we have. Many of these volunteers will also be helping us in the future to run the shop. I’d also like to thank Rix and Kay of Uckfield for the wonderful coffee and cakes that they provided at our official opening – delicious!!”

The shop will be open Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm. Please come and see us – you’ll be assured of a warm welcome!

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**Attached photographs:** 1) Brian Paddock, Thérèse Wilson and shop volunteers ready for action!  
2) Head of Retail Thérèse Wilson and Mayor Ashby at the official opening

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#### **Notes to Editors: About St Peter & St James Hospice & Continuing Care Centre**

Our mission as a registered charity is to provide specialist care, love and support for those living with progressive, life limiting illnesses from East and West Sussex. We will endeavour to meet the needs of each patient, their family and friends. We aim to encourage and enable all patients to live their lives to their full potential despite their illnesses.

We care for patients from Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lewes, Uckfield and the surrounding villages. Last year we provided care for more than 400 patients and their families. All of our Hospice services are free of charge and we receive just 15% of our funding from the Government. This means we have to raise more than £1.3 million every year through fundraising. That’s £3,600 every single day.

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