

Press Release

5th May 2011

2011 sees twice the amount of gardens opening for St Peter & St James

St Peter & St James Hospice is very proud to announce the start of the 2011 Open Garden Programme. Last year saw the first Open Garden programme for the Hospice which raised almost £8,000, a tremendous result for us. Thank you to all those who opened their beautiful gardens for us and to those who enjoyed seeing them!

With **51** gardens opening this year from May to September, in many locations across Sussex, the Hospice is looking forward to raising valuable funds. Some gardens are opening exclusively for the Hospice, whilst others have chosen to split the proceeds with another charity.

This year the Hospice is hosting it's own "Garden Party" on 21st May when we would love to welcome people to see our beautiful woodland walk, landscaped gardens and brand new "**Reflective Garden**", which has been very kindly donated and built by staff and students at Plumpton College. The garden won a medal at the Hampton Court Flower Show in 2010 and we are very proud to have this award-winning garden available for our patients, their families and friends to enjoy.

All of the gardens surrounding the Hospice are beautifully kept by the band of willing and extremely knowledgeable gardening volunteers who have been working very hard to ensure that the gardens will be seen at their very best on **May 21st**!

So please come along and see for yourself the beautiful location of St Peter & St James, and why not have a cup of tea and piece of cake while you're at it?!

Leaflets containing full details of all the gardens and when they will be open are available from local garden centres, libraries and at St Peter & St James.

Please contact Carol Hughes, Community Fundraiser on 01444 471598 for information.

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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 500 patients and their families. All of our Hospice services are free of charge and we receive less than 17% of our funding from the Government. This means we have to raise more than £1.8 million every year through fundraising. That's £5,000 every single day.

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