

Care Beyond the Farewell



For Tappers Funeral Directors and Harbour View, supporting Forest Holme Hospice Charity is about more than fundraising.

It is about supporting families before, during and after loss, and recognising the difference that compassionate care can make at the most difficult times in life.

Tappers is a well established, family run funeral directing business with branches across Dorset and West Hampshire. One of those branches, Harbour View, began as a woodland burial ground and has expanded over the last decade to include its own crematorium and contemporary ceremony halls. Through their work,

the team regularly supports families whose loved ones have previously been cared for by Forest Holme Hospice.

"We find we are constantly helping families taking care of the funeral arrangements for loved ones that have previously been in the care of Forest Holme Hospice," they explain. "We hear nothing but positive comments about the care the deceased and their families received during their time with Forest Holme, and it echoes the same respect and dignity we strive to offer."

Their support for the hospice is also deeply personal. Over the years, Tappers has experienced the loss of much loved colleagues who themselves received care from Forest Holme. "Their loss had a huge impact on the staff at Tappers," the team say.



On a personal level we also wish to give back where we can to a charity that does so much to make the very worst of times as comfortable as possible."

Fundraising activities organised by Tappers and Harbour View are carefully shaped to provide comfort, connection and support. Throughout the year, they host a range of social events including regular coffee mornings, bingo and quiz nights aimed at widows and widowers, memorial remembrance services on key dates such as Mother's Day and Father's Day, and more recently, a men's social evening.

"These events provide a mixture of social, practical and spiritual benefits," they explain, recognising that grief affects people in different ways and that having a safe space to gather can make a real difference.

Bereavement focused events play a particularly important role in their support for Forest Holme Hospice. All Outlook Bereavement events are provided free of charge, with retiring collections taken for the hospice. "Our patrons are more than happy to support Forest Holme," they say. "Many of them have dealt with Forest Holme during this time, so they have received first hand

the compassion and care that we are so keen to support and ensure continues for many years to come."

Alongside organised events, Tappers and Harbour View also contribute through smaller initiatives such as floristry donations and annual recycling efforts. "These are many small contributions that over the year add up to substantial amounts," they explain. "It is little effort on our part, but we understand the massive difference all these small contributions can make."



When asked what they would say to others in the community about supporting Forest Holme Hospice, their message is clear. "Do it. It's a local charity that gives so much to the community, and it's only right that we support them in turn. We never know when we may need them, and it's so rewarding to know that we are making a difference, no matter how small or big."