

Biblical

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.^[a]
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Click on the image below to listen to this beautiful passage from the Bible (Psalm 23) which is often performed at funerals and can provide comfort for those suffering from terminal illnesses.



Key Questions....

In what ways can we support Willowbrook and the other charities we have looked at?

In what ways can we comfort those in need?



Prayer

Dear God,

We pray for all those who carry out the difficult work of caring and helping those who are living their last days. Give them the strength they need to do this with care and compassion.

Amen



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Local charities: Willowbrook

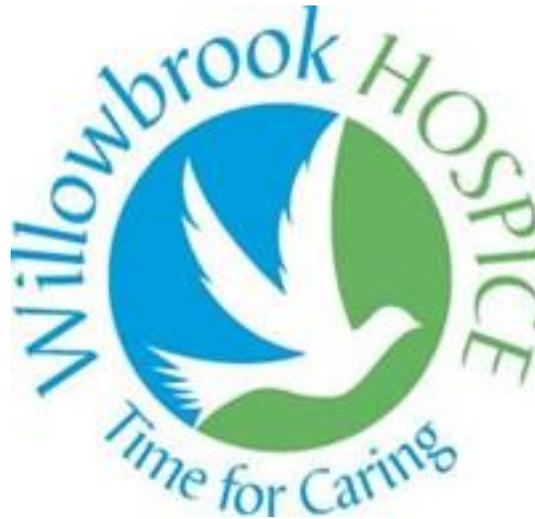
Who?

Willowbrook Hospice was established as a charity in 1993 and the actual hospice opened in 1997. The purpose of the hospice is to provide specialist palliative care to those suffering terminal illnesses. They help people to live well before they die and try to look after their social, spiritual and emotional needs as well as their physical. The hospice also provides care for the family members of the patients. Since 1997, the hospice has cared for over 7500 patients, but just imagine how many lives they have had an impact on if we take families into consideration.

Willowbrook have many shops in and around St Helens which provide funding to run the hospice. As they are a charity, they make no charge for their service and rely purely on donations and funds from the shops.

These funds are vital as it costs £10610 a day to run the hospice!!

We all know someone who has been affected by a terminal illness such as cancer or MND – without places like Willowbrook, these people might have had more suffering at the end of their life.



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*Lord, we place these
people and situations
before you and ask you to
help. In the name of the
Father, and of the Son and
the Holy Spirit, Amen.*



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hospice work. You may find it upsetting...*



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