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Linc Charity Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Linc Charity Newsletter of 2025

As you will see as you read across the pages, the team at Linc have been super busy. In the time since the last edition in September, we have held exciting events and more amazingly we have worked alongside our fundraising supporters in holding their own. We have also welcomed two new team members. Andrea has joined us in as a Supervisor across both Bath Road and Winchcombe Street shops and Ellie has joined as our Fundraising Manager across the charity.

I am delighted that we have such passionate and experienced people who make up our staff team, who all work so tirelessly to make a difference to local blood cancer patients.

Since the beginning of 2025 we have seen an unprecedented level of applications to our Linc Fund, which offers bespoke grants to cover everyday costs for patients whose diagnosis has left them in a financially challenging situation. Every one of these requests for financial support remind us how important Linc is to local people, so if you have donated or volunteered for us, thank you, please know you have made such impact. - Lou Neal, Linc CEO



Ellie & Andrea

COTSWOLD SNOWBALL - Saturday 7th December

Our dazzling ball raised a fabulous £19,000!

With a guestlist of over 130 people our Snowball was an astounding success, supported by our glamorous hosts the Llewelyn-Bowen family and some incredible sponsors. Bringing the Christmas season to life our guests were greeted by a sprinkling of snow kindly donated by Snow Business, the venue at Ingleside House in Cirencester decked the hall with beautiful centre pieces and the guests were dressed up to the nines. With Linc Maximalist Gin cocktails on arrival, the evening unfolded with an exquisite two-course meal, followed by a dessert bar, along with live auction ran by the wonderful auctioneer, Nicholas Granger, from British Bespoke Auctions. There was also top tier entertainment, including a five-piece band Monico, along with a silent auction and raffle.

Despite the unpredictable stormy weather, the night was picture perfect, being captured by photographer Drew Deas. A big thank you goes to Ingleside House and all of our wonderful sponsors for making this event such a marvellous evening. Last but not least, the biggest thank you goes to our patrons Laurence, Jackie and Hermoine Llewellyn Bowen.

Given the success of the event we have already secured the Cotswold Snowball for 2025, on Saturday 29th November! It's never too early to organise your Christmas plans...

Tickets will be available soon on our website
www.linccharity.org



Auctioneer Nicholas Granger and Linc Team.
Lou A, Lou N & Ellie



Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen



Tom and his partner Francesca

TOM COOTE - Celebrating 5 years in remission

"I was diagnosed with Philadelphia - Positive Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in April 2020. I spent 7 weeks of treatment in the Rendcomb wards at Cheltenham general, before being transferred to Bristol for my stem cell transplant. It was an incredibly challenging period, and I am still living with side effects now.

The treatment has been hugely successful, and I am approaching five years in remission this summer. I'm back playing sport (a much less intense level than before) and I am planning on marking the occasion with a charity cricket match at my club Hatherley and Redding's on the 10th of August. The game will be my club Hatherley vs The England Transplant cricket team which promotes the importance of organ donation and signing up to the Anthony Nolan stem cell transplant list.

Hopefully we can raise lots of money for Linc who have helped me throughout the challenges of my diagnosis and treatment. I am a huge supporter of what they do and play in the golf day every year which is always a highlight of the summer."

- Tom Coote

He looks forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the cricket event. More information about the day will be posted soon on Linc's event page at www.linccharity.org

CHELTENHAM TRIATHLON – Sunday 15th September

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This annual event at Sandford Parks Lido is always guaranteed to be a day to remember. This one was no exception and we are extremely grateful to be the official charity partner with the Lido. The weather was kind to us and we saw the highest number of participants this time, which was exceptional. We had nine participants that made up "Team Linc" and between them they raised an incredible amount of just over £4,000.

Our wonderful volunteers did a first-class job of marshalling, being lane counters, manning the Linc stand and being part of the welcome team at the finish line. The Linc cake stall was much appreciated by the hungry athletes after completing the event and also all of the supporters.

A big thank you goes to everyone involved in helping us to raise the fabulous total of £6,200!



Linc participants Eleanor Hapeshi



Linc volunteer Margaret

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Free Will Service

We are lucky to be partnered with **Bees & Co** who kindly offer Linc supporters and patients a free Will writing service. Writing a Will can feel a bit daunting, but what if we told you, it doesn't have to be so scary? Here are four myths about Wills!



John Bees

I don't need a Will because my partner will receive all my estate..

Unmarried partners won't inherit anything, so it's important to have a Will in place to set out your wishes. This can cover everything from money in the bank, to the property you share.

Aren't I too young to make a Will..

You are never too young to write a Will. As soon as you own anything you technically should write a Will stating who should inherit that item.

My children will inherit everything even if I don't have a Will..

In reality, if there isn't a Will, the children will only inherit if there is no surviving married or civil partner, even if that partner is estranged or separated from the person who has passed away.

By using this service there's an expectation to leave Linc money in my Will?

No, there is absolutely no pressure at all to do that. However, over the years we have been so humbled by supporter's who do remember Linc in their Will. We hope they know that their kindness will leave a long-lasting legacy in their name by supporting our work for years to come.

To make an appointment to talk about your Will please contact John on 01386 244257 or visit beesandco.com

HCR SPOOKTACULAR – Thursday 31st October



HCR Law was thrilled to host a spooktacular Halloween quiz at The Bottle of Sauce in Cheltenham, 1st October, with all proceeds dedicated to supporting the incredible work of Linc. The evening was a fantastic blend of creative costumes, challenging trivia, and plenty of festive fun, complete with treats and maybe a few tricks!

HCR were overwhelmed by the community's enthusiasm and generosity, and thanks to everyone who participated, we're delighted to announce that they raised a fantastic £2,200!

Written by Lauren from HCR.



HCR Quizzers

PJ CROOK – Miniature Sale

We are extremely grateful to our wonderful patron Dr P.J Crook, who held her annual Mulled Wine, Mince Pieces & Miniatures sale in December. It raised **£4,833** for Linc. Thank you to PJ and her husband Richard for their continued support of our charity and their amazing generosity.



Dr PJ Crook, Lou N & Ellie

Miniatures



Rencombe Staff with Hermione Marriott & Lou N

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS – on the Rencombe Ward

On the 23rd December the Linc Team and Hermione Marriott, daughter of our Patron's Jackie and Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen had the pleasure of visiting the Rendcomb Ward to drop off present bags for patients who were staying in hospital over Christmas. These presents were bought by the kind donation from the family of Chris Drury.

The care that the family had experienced on the ward, when another family member was a patient, was something they wanted to recognise in Chris' memory. Additionally, the donation meant we were able to pay for Christmas decorations for the ward too which will be used for many years to come.

We are so grateful for the Drury family, their generosity brought Christmas joy to patients and their families at a difficult time.

LINK TOWN CENTRE SHOP

Our Winchcombe Street shop, which is just off the High Street in Cheltenham has been sharing the love since the start of the year and we have started holding small (free!) events on our first floor to try and reach more of our community.

Our first event at the end of January was a clothes swap. Over 120 items were swapped, cakes were eaten and the success of the events has continued. We then had a children's book swap on March 1st which was just in time for World Book Day.

To find out about our next events or sign up to our newsletter – www.linccharity.org or follow us on Instagram.



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We listened to customer feedback and moved our children's clothes, toys and games downstairs. Upstairs you will now find our bookshop and all our bric-a-brac and homeware.

Vinted

Do also follow us on **Vinted (LincPreloved)** to see some of our more high-end designer items available online and pop us a message if you'd like to try on or purchase in one of our shops.



VOLUNTEERS –

We are looking for Retail volunteers to serve our customers at the till in our town centre shop – pop in for a chat to find out what this involves!

BATH ROAD SHOP

01242 262112

WINCHCOMBE STREET SHOP

01242 462260

OPENING HOURS

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Mon-Sat)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sundays and Bank Holidays)

Or email the team on LincCharityShop@gmail.com



Simon, Lou, Ivor, Theresa, Santa and Ellie

TESCO BUCKET COLLECTION

The week before Christmas, Linc staff and volunteers had a fun and festive day collecting donations at Tesco, Quedgeley - **raising a magical total of £630!**

Supported by the Community Champion, Theresa Fisher, and a surprise visit from Santa, the team were in high spirits. We were also joined by our charity partners Brace Creative Agency who all got stuck in. As well as this, The Knit and Natter Group also donated some beautifully handmade knitted pieces, for supporters to purchase, where all donations were gifted to Linc. We love being involved within the community, so we hope to continue this each year, meaning we are always looking for extra pairs of hands!

RECYCLING

As well as our shops, we make every effort to recycle!

Tim is our recycling champion and he coordinates the collection of postage stamps, ink cartridges and coins. Stamps can be franked, unfranked, British or foreign, which get trimmed and collected by a philatelist for repurpose. We send off any donated empty ink cartridges and get paid for each one that can be refilled and sold.

We take all coins, foreign, British currency that are out of circulation and pre-decimalised coins. They are then sent off to be sorted and we receive a percentage of the value. Any old collectable coins go to auction.

Last year we raised over £1,600 as a result of Tim's hard work!

Please drop off any of these items listed above at:

-  **Linc Shops -**
Bath Road or Winchcombe Street
-  **Linc Offices -**
Gloucester or Cheltenham Hospitals
-  **Hucclecote, Gloucester -**
Trevor Rd and Coppice Mews (in the boxes outside)



Tim Evans

We love you reading our newsletter but did you know that sending paper copies out costs us over £1 per person? We are keen to ensure that our precious resources are used for our patients.

Please scan the QR code to register your email or contact us and we can update your record.



What is Linc up to in 2025?

Get involved in our up-and-coming events through the year!

-  **JMP Charity Clay Shoot in aid of Linc**
Wednesday 28th May at Ian Coley
-  **Linc Polo Day**
Friday 6th June at Beaufort Polo Club
-  **Linc Golf Day**
Friday 11th July at Cotswold Hills Golf Club



Cricket Festival in aid of Linc

Sunday 10th August at Hatherley & Reddings Cricket Club (HRCC)



Cheltenham Triathlon

Sunday 14th September at Sandford Parks Lido



The Cotswold Snowball

Friday 29th November at Ingleside House in Cirencester

For more detailed information about our upcoming events, including dates and locations, please scan the QR code.



Reply Slip

I would like to make a donation	☐
I would like to become a Regular Giver	☐
I have a fundraising idea I would like to share with you	☐
I would like more information about volunteering	☐
I wish to unsubscribe from the mailing list	☐

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Name
Address
Postcode
Email

Please return to:

Linc Charity, Linc Outpatients Dept, Cheltenham General Hospital, Sandford Road, Cheltenham. GL53 7AN
Call the office on 0300 422 4422 or send an email to gkn-tr.linccharity@nhs.net