



Clatterbridge
Cancer Charity

Impact Report

Celebrating our achievements and impact in 2024/25



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Picture: Laura Gates

A message from our Chair and Chief Executive

Celebrating our impact this year

We are delighted to welcome you to this Impact Report and highlight the fantastic ways fundraising helps local people with cancer.

Our supporters helped us raise a magnificent £4.7M in the year ending 31 March 2025, allowing us to continue our dedicated work for the patients of The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust. We're so thankful to the individuals, families, groups, companies, charitable trusts and everyone who donated during 2024/25.

Thanks to your generosity, the Charity was able to award grants to fund research, invest in new technologies for treatment and contribute to enhancing the hospital environment for patients and their families.

Generous donations have also helped provide social activities and lunch clubs for young patients, musical performances for all, memory books for families, Christmas presents for patients and staff and much more.

So, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported Clatterbridge Cancer Charity in the last 12 months.

Your support makes a lasting impact and we are so grateful to each and every one of you. We hope you enjoy reading about the difference you make.



Brian Barwick OBE
Chair, Clatterbridge Cancer Charity

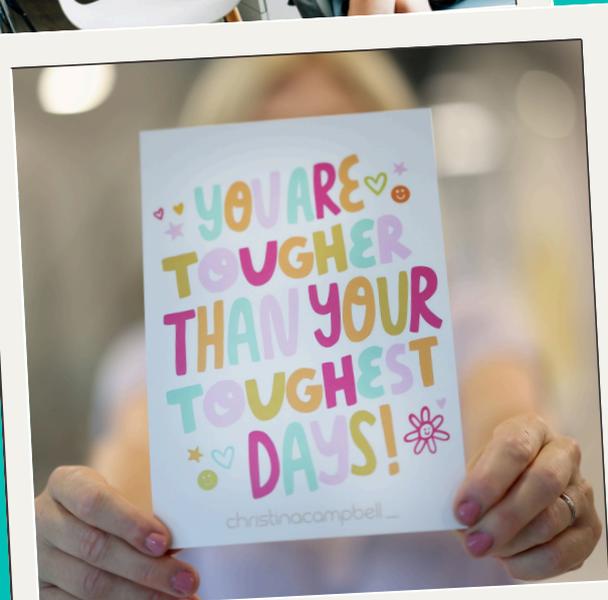


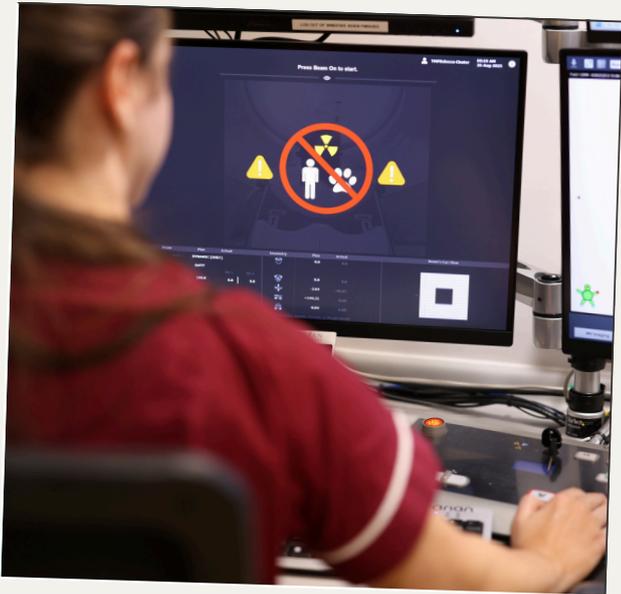
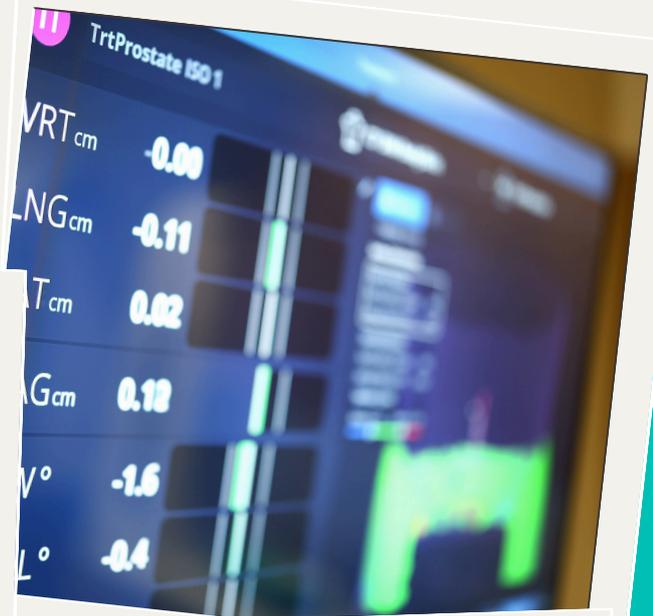
Katrina Bury, Chief Executive,
Clatterbridge Cancer Charity

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Our Impact in Action

This collage showcases some **remarkable achievements** over the past year, highlighting how your support made a difference in the lives of local people with cancer.





Providing the best medical equipment for patients

Celebrating our impact on treatment and patient care

A £75,000 investment by the Charity has helped bring new technology to Clatterbridge in the form of Surface Guided Radiotherapy (SGRT).

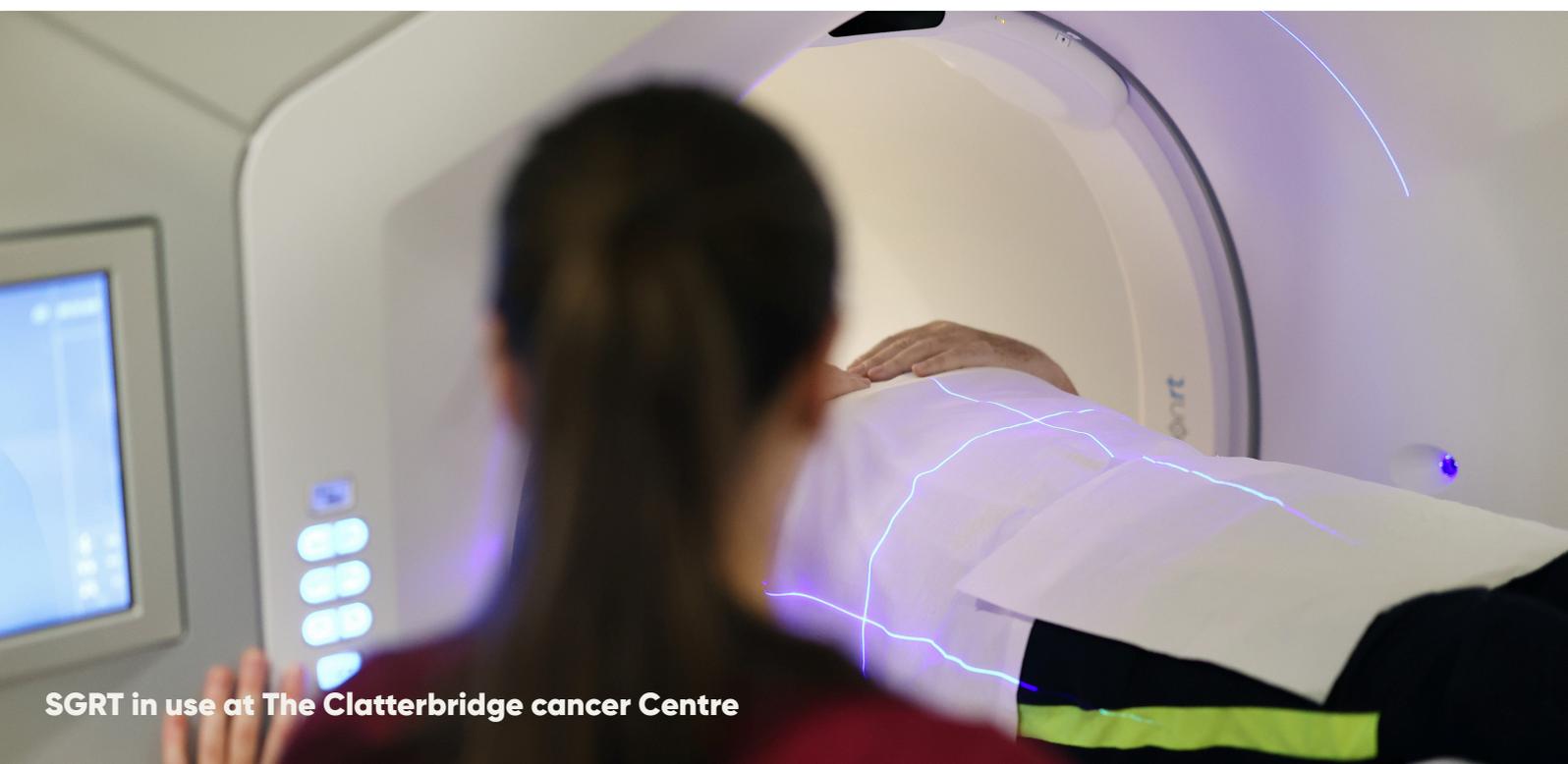
Radiotherapy is a vital part of cancer treatment for many of our patients. It involves the focusing of high energy rays onto the tumour in order to kill the cancer cells.

Like all cancer treatments, surrounding healthy tissue can be at risk of damage during this process. To limit this, and ensure the highest dose of therapy reaches the cancer, patients are currently given small permanent tattoos to act as a guide for where the treatment needs to be delivered.

These permanent tattoos can cause distress as they're a reminder of their diagnosis and treatment.

SGRT is an advanced technology that will eliminate the need for tattoos in some patients, making treatments faster, more accurate, and more comfortable. It continuously adjusts for patient movement, ensuring the highest dose of therapy reaches the cancer. The technology will also address patient inequalities, particularly for those with darker skin where tattoos are harder to see.

Additionally, some head and neck cancer patients will benefit from using an open mask instead of a full face mask.



SGRT in use at The Clatterbridge cancer Centre

Pledging £5M to Research

Celebrating Our Impact on Cutting Edge Research in Cheshire and Merseyside



Over the past year, our Charity has made significant strides in improving lives through supporting clinical trials into new drugs and we have committed to funding £5 million of research over five years.

We awarded our researchers based here in Liverpool £1,855,931.

The variety of clinical trials on offer is expanding rapidly, including pioneering work in the design and delivery of cancer “vaccines.”

These innovative treatments represent a significant leap forward in the fight against cancer, and Clatterbridge is proud to be leading the way in this cutting-edge research.

Every effort counts, and together we are creating lasting change for people with cancer both locally and further afield.

In 2024/25 the Charity’s donors and fundraisers helped fund:

Metastatic breast/brain cancer research

Immunotherapy research

A Clinical Fellow to assist consultants in their clinical research

Support to Research and Innovation



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The support of fundraisers and donors is crucial in enabling us to stay at the forefront of cancer treatment and research.”

Dr Valentine Umeobiorah, Clinical Fellow,
The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, right.

Arts In Health Programme

Celebrating Our Impact on Patient Wellbeing



Thanks to our fundraisers we were able to fund an Arts In Health Programme that was enjoyed by more than 2,000 patients.

Staff delivered regular creative activity for patients including arts and craft, music and a poetry and creative writing programme. The project with arts organisation FACT Liverpool and the Teenage and Young Adult (TYA) ward continued and a Podcast created by young patients from the TYA was published on the FACT website.



One hundred per cent of service users participating in creative activity reported a positive impact on their Health and Wellbeing.

The programme provided:

51 Music performances across all Clatterbridge sites

Creative Activity Programme activities for 2,721 service users

More than 100 Arts Activity Packs for in-patients

Eight new artworks in the hospitals

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It made me forget for a few moments my cancer, my pain, and my bad thoughts. God bless all team.”

Arts Programme service user



Teenage and Young Adult Ward

Celebrating Our Impact on Patient Wellbeing

Having cancer is daunting at any age but it can be particularly tough when you are young. The Teenage and Young Adult (TYA) team at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre - Liverpool wants to make sure patients feel well supported and can meet other young people with cancer.

As part of our commitment to supporting young people with cancer we have awarded £28,350 to peer support activities in the TYA. This funding allows young people to get together for Pizza Thursday or enjoy days out.



Leon, from Liverpool, right, was 21 when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. His world changed overnight — but he wasn't alone. Leon said: "The nurses on the TYA are real unsung heroes – the absolute best at what they do."

The Charity also arranged tickets for Leon to watch his beloved Everton Football Club play their final match at their historic Goodison Park home.

He said: "I got to experience it with my brothers which was very special."



“It can be really isolating having cancer as a young person, but Clatterbridge Cancer Charity supported the unit with things like Pizza Thursdays and social activities. That made a huge difference.”

Leon Edwards, former patient at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre



Bringing the Community Together

We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers and community fundraisers



Volunteers make a huge difference to our ability to fundraise in our local communities and connect with those who want to fundraise for local cancer patients.

We provided support to patients in our three main centres in Liverpool, Wirral and Aintree as well as a network of chemotherapy clinics.

We couldn't do this without the help of our volunteers who give up their time to help in hospitals, at events, bucket collections and more.

After her husband Simon died from a rare form of cancer, Ann Moore started volunteering for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

Ann began as a 'befriender' to inpatients at Clatterbridge, spending one afternoon a week doing simple crafts with them. Then she became involved with bucket collections, and raffle ticket selling.

Her passion for photography also sees her using her skills behind the camera to help the Charity by taking pictures at events and she now helps spread the word about the Charity's lottery too, signing up new members and helping supporters understand how the proceeds are spent.



Everyone who puts a coin in the collection bucket, buys a packet of cards, or agrees to pose for a photograph, is doing so with love for the cancer patients who didn't survive and with hope for the future. That's why I love volunteering for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

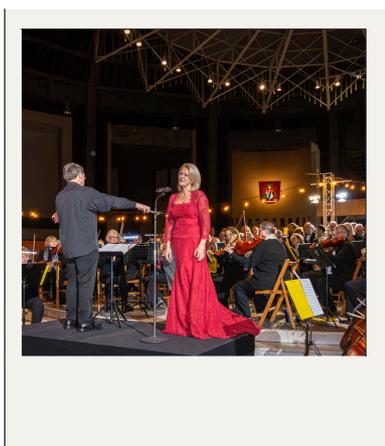
Ann Moore, Clatterbridge Volunteer



Events

Supporters enjoy a sense of wellbeing while carrying out vital fundraising

Whether they're singing along to Christmas carols, abseiling, climbing hills or enjoying the Glow Green night walk, our supporters take part in numerous fundraising events we organise.



Glow Green Night Walk



Our Impact in Figures

Our journey together in 2024/25 to raise £4.7M helped fund these project and so many more.



£1,855,931

towards cutting edge research into new treatments.



£620,000

for our arts in health programme.



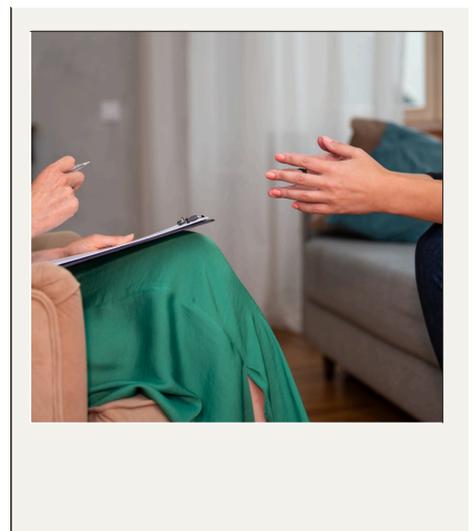
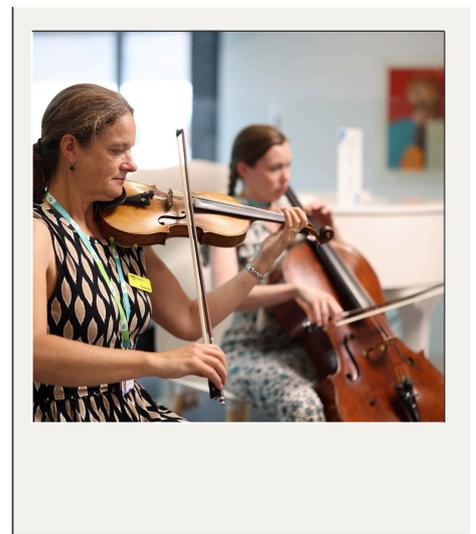
£75,000

for surface guided radiotherapy to reduce the need for permanent tattoos.

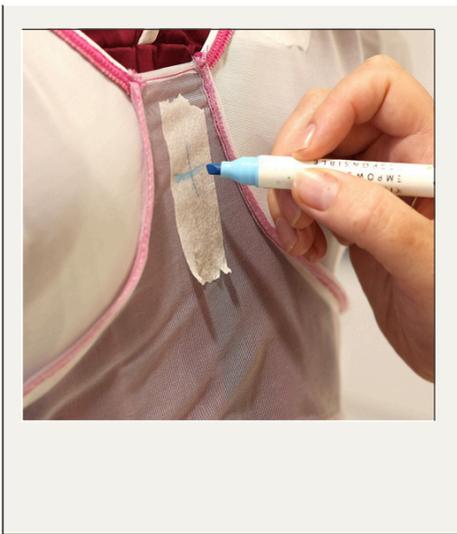


£18,573

to fund a patient counsellor.



The dedicated work of our fundraisers and donors has helped countless local people with cancer in a wide variety of ways.



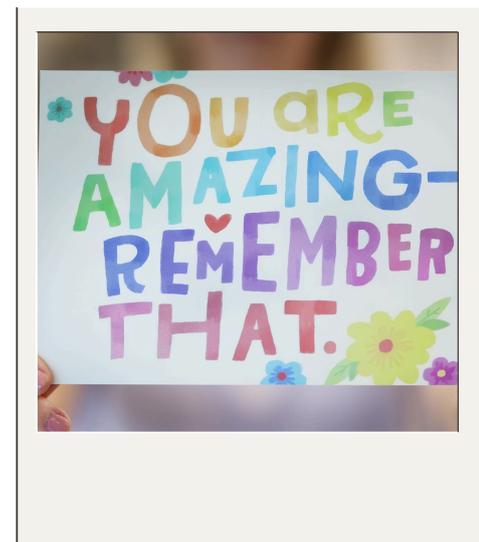
£6,432

for specialist radiotherapy bras to aid effectiveness for some breast cancer patients.



£3,200

to help patients celebrate Christmas.



£993

for patient postcards to help boost wellbeing.



£600

for memory books for our patients and their families.

Patient transformation

Adrian's Story

In June 2022, Adrian had treatment for head and neck cancer, with a tumour on his tonsil.

A later scan showed that the cancer had spread to one of his lungs and was growing rapidly. It was inoperable and doctors told him it was terminal. However, in November 2022, Adrian started to receive injections of the cancer vaccine, which works by stimulating his own immune system to fight the disease.

The vaccine is given alongside pembrolizumab, a more standard form of immunotherapy. Charitable donations helped to fund the development of the cancer vaccine – a groundbreaking new treatment, which could change the way we treat cancer forever.

Adrian said: “I was proud to walk one of my daughters down the aisle and I’ve attended two of my daughters’ graduations.

“A year ago, I didn’t think I’d be around long enough to do any of this.”

After taking part in this game changing clinical research trial at Clatterbridge – a UK first – the cancer in his lung has almost been eradicated.



The future is really positive for me now.”

Adrian, former patient at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre



Chloe's Story

Chloe was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer in January 2022, which unbeknown to her had already spread to her lymph nodes and bones. Prior to being diagnosed, she worked as an intensive care nurse and kept fit horse riding and doing yoga.

She began my treatment near to where she lives and the chemotherapy shrank the tumours in her bones. She booked a trip to Rome with her husband Michael but while there, she began getting terrible headaches. A scan confirmed the cancer had spread and she had brain metastasis.

She requested to be treated at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and under the care of Professor Carlo Palmieri.

Chloe took part in a clinical trial for women like Chloe.

The research is partly funded by Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

Chloe's experience with the trial was positive, with significant tumor shrinkage and no significant side effects. She recently enjoyed a holiday with Michael and friends.



The team have given me my life back and given me hope for the future."

Chloe, patient at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre



A thank you to our Trustees

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