

being there



life limiting illness support

for Tameside and Glossop Spring 2018

# Newsletter

Latest news from the Tameside and Glossop Branch

Being There is a local charity delivering support to people with long term health conditions enabling them to take more control over their health and wellbeing and reduce social isolation. Being There works with trained volunteers to provide a range of home based and outreach support services to those diagnosed with cancer and other life limiting illnesses such as strokes, heart and respiratory conditions.

## What's been happening...

**Aug 2017:** Being There meets with Action Together to discuss new Volunteer portal on Action Together's website

**Sept 2017:** Being There delivers Volunteer training to new Tameside volunteers

**Oct 2017:** Being There hosts AGM at The Ukrainian Association, Guide Bridge

**Dec 2017:** Being There Tameside Volunteers' Christmas meal took place at The Harvester, Ashton followed by cake and coffee at The Ash Tree Farm!

**Jan 2018:** Being There meets with Action Together new social prescribing team to discuss Community Development, Volunteer recruitment and Self Care funding

Being There presents service to Breathe Easy Group (Hyde) together with client Gwyneth Bradbury

**Jan 2018 (continued):** Tameside volunteer Maddy Pugh and client Gwyneth Bradbury take part in a short film to promote the befriending element of the service in Tameside-see what Gwyn and Maddy had to say about the service at

<http://beingthere.org.uk/about-us/videos/>

**Feb 2018:** Being There attends Tameside Partnership Engagement event to complete workshops relating to the Self Care agenda

**Mar 2018:** Being There meets with Action Together to discuss Self Care funding

**Apr 2018:** Being there launches new Crowdfunder fundraising campaign to generate funds and raise awareness of the service-see following page for further information...



# Spotlight on Fundraising

On April 9th 2018 Being There will be launching an exciting new fundraising campaign via the national web based funding platform 'Crowdfunder'.

Crowdfunder is the biggest and best known in the UK to help organisations and charities raise their profile, in turn generating much needed funds and also attracting new volunteers and referrals.

In connection with this Being There has launched a promotional video featuring Tameside volunteer Maddy Pugh and client Gwyneth Bradbury demonstrating how the service can both support and empower people living with a life limiting condition. Use the link below to find out more.

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/being-there-tameside>

We will also be sharing this information and hoping to build up some momentum on our charity facebook page and twitter. The aim is to encourage people to both share and pledge to help this invaluable service to continue to

develop, ultimately helping to improve the lives of those people living with life limiting illnesses in Tameside and Glossop.

If you would like to make a pledge please do visit the website and donate or alternatively see the back page of this newsletter for other ways to donate.

Thank you all for your continued support of our charity and for changing people's lives.



We need your support, **Funding urgently needed!!!!**

## A letter from an appreciative daughter...

*"I am writing this to give an example of the wonderful experience my family has received from the Being There service. My mother Audrey was 83 years old and lived on her own. She was not in good health having had triple bypass surgery in 2001 and also macular degeneration that left her partially sighted.*

*Being There organized for volunteer Hazel to visit my mother once per week to have a coffee and a chat whilst I was working. Hazel and my mother became very good friends and my mother would really look forward to her visits. Hazel also took my mother for lunch that really pleased me to see her getting out.*

*Sadly my mother passed away on the 28th November 2017. The support I received as a daughter from Being There will never be forgotten. Suzanne the branch manager and Hazel both came to the hospital to see my mother when she was really ill and both my mother and I feel very fortunate to have gained the support of such a wonderful charity.*

*All that is left to say is a big Thank You from me and from my late mother Audrey."*

# Referrals

If you or someone you know would like some emotional support at home or help to get to hospital appointments or medical treatment, please get in touch.



If you or someone you know would like some emotional support at home or help to get to hospital appointments/medical treatment please call us on **0161 217 1373** (Wed-Fri 8am-4pm) or you can also complete an online enquiry on our website [www.beingthere.org.uk](http://www.beingthere.org.uk)

If you are a professional or organisation and you would like to make a referral please submit an online referral on our website <http://beingthere.org.uk/professionals/referral-form> or call **0161 217 1373** (Wed-Fri 8am-4pm). Please provide as much information as possible about the client's medical history and living circumstances in order for us to determine the support required and eligibility.

## Being There **URGENTLY** require transport drivers!

We need safe and reliable drivers with their own cars to help transport clients to and from hospital and medical appointments and occasionally to Being There social groups.

We also need befriending/listening volunteers to spend time with a client listening to their concerns or worries and providing emotional support to those having difficulties managing their illness.

Volunteers can also provide small practical tasks such as taking a client shopping or out for a coffee. Some volunteers may also provide respite sitting, allowing carers a short break.

All volunteers are required to attend training and all are required to have an enhanced DBS check. Volunteers are supported by their branch manager with one-to-one supervision and biannual meetings/socials with other volunteers. Volunteers are paid mileage and out-of-pocket expenses.

It is also possible for volunteers to combine more than one role.

If you are interested in helping us to make a difference please contact us directly on **0161 217 1373** or by visiting our website <http://beingthere.org.uk/volunteering>. All of our vacancies are also advertised on Action Together (Oldham and Tameside) website [www.actiontogether.org.uk](http://www.actiontogether.org.uk)





## Befriending/Listening volunteers

Befriending/Listening volunteers spend time with a client listening to concerns or worries and providing emotional support at home to those having difficulties managing their illness or diagnosis. Contact Tameside office for more information.

### Help make a difference in Tameside and Glossop

Tel: **0161 217 1373**

Website: [beingthere.org.uk/volunteering](http://beingthere.org.uk/volunteering)

Email: [tameside@beingthere.org.uk](mailto:tameside@beingthere.org.uk)



Our vacancies are also advertised on Action Together (Oldham and Tameside) website [www.actiontogether.org.uk](http://www.actiontogether.org.uk)

## Donations and Gift Aid

There is no cost/charge for Being There services however by making a donation you directly support our continuing work for people who are living with cancer and other life limiting illnesses.

### There are a number of ways to donate:

Make a credit/debit card donation online at [www.beingthere.org.uk/helpus](http://www.beingthere.org.uk/helpus)

Make a donation via our 'donate button' on our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/BeingThereForYou>

Make a cash donation by using a donation envelope supplied by your local branch manager

Make a cheque donation payable to 'Being There' and post to Being There, Tameside Centre for Enterprise, Old Street, Ashton Under Lyne OL6 7SF.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please contact your local branch manager and separate form can be supplied. Thank you!

## Use gift aid and make your donation worth almost a third more!

For every pound you donate we can claim 25p back in gift aid. This makes a massive difference to Being There and it doesn't cost YOU a thing. To qualify, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax in the UK must equal the amount we will claim in the tax year. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please contact your local branch manager and separate form can be supplied. Gift Aid collected automatically from online donations by clicking on gift aid button. **Thank you!**

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