

2025: A YEAR OF COMBINED GIVING



One year ago, we launched the new Combined Charity brand, and what an incredible year it's been! Together, we've supported and empowered patients and staff, creating moments that truly matter. We wanted to share some of the incredible achievements from 2025 to celebrate what we've accomplished together, inspire new ideas for 2026, but most of all just to say a huge THANK YOU! Your kindness really does change lives, every single day.

Dragon's Square awarded £7,500 from Morrison's Foundation

In February 2025 Dragon's Square were presented with a cheque for £7,459 from the Morrison's Foundation to purchase new specialist play equipment.



All of the equipment was in place to ensure that the children and young people at Dragon Square could make the most of it over the warmer summer months!

NHS Big Tea

A Celebration for Every Generation



In July, teams across the Trust put the kettle on and baked up a storm to celebrate the birthday of the NHS with the NHS Big Tea. From Parent and Baby to older adult wards, the celebrations brought smiles to every generation and together, we raised almost £700.

A Gift from Starbucks

Sticking with the theme of food and drink, in December Starbucks UK gifted 1000 of their Christmas drinks to Combined Charity. Drinks were distributed across Trust sites. Did you manage to get one?!



Combined colleagues get friends & family Moving for Mental Health

Staff from across the Trust took on a range of challenges throughout the year. This included climbing Mt Snowdon, a 30-mile sponsored walk around Trust sites, a Marathon in Chester and our first Combined Charity Golf Day. Watch the video [here](#) (the Stoke City fans amongst you might be able to spot a couple of familiar faces!). These activities raised over £4000 with funds supporting various causes including the new CYP ISH allotment.

Harplands Grants: A Lasting Legacy



During 2025 we ran two rounds of applications for grants to benefit patients and staff with links to the Harplands site. This was funded by a gift in a will from a former patient. Several smaller grants were allocated including funding to support a Ward 7 celebration event, enhanced personal care items for patients on Ward 3 and items to support Combined Run Club and staff Dungeons & Dragons club. Several requests for larger grants were also made and have been under review. Watch this space for further updates on this in 2026!

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2026?



We did some incredible things in 2025 and we want to take that energy, and all of you, with us as we head into 2026. We want to inspire and motivate more people to get involved, whether fundraising, volunteering, or sharing ideas because together, we can make an even bigger impact. Here's a snapshot of what's to come ... the rest is up to you!

Let's keep Moving for Mental Health

We launched Let's Move for Mental Health to mark World Mental Health Day, but the benefits of movement don't stop there. Staying active can boost your mood all year round—especially during the darker winter months. That's why we're keeping the campaign alive and inviting YOU to join us! Moving your body isn't just good for your own mental health, it can also help others when you share what you're doing and fundraise along the way. Getting involved is easy, just choose any activity that works for you, set up a JustGiving page, share your progress, and inspire friends, family, and colleagues to support your efforts.



For those thinking of taking up, making a return to, or continuing their running efforts, don't forget that through Combined Charity you can access places at host of different events from 5ks and inflatable courses to international marathons. We already have runners signed up to complete the Manchester and Chester marathons in 2026 and we can't wait to cheer them on.

Run for Combined Charity!

Places available at amazing events

- No ballot entry required
- Challenge yourself and raise money for a great cause at the same time
- Places for all abilities - from 5k races to marathons

Scan the QR code to find out more

There's also our very own Combined Run Club if you want to add some socialising and extra support from colleagues into the mix. Anyone interested can contact robert.sillito@combined.nhs.uk for further information. If you're quick you may even get your hands on a limited edition Combined Charity running t-shirt!

A new CAMHS Eco-Therapy Garden at Roundwell Place



Greener Communities Fund
Small Grants 2025

Through our membership of NHS Charities Together, Combined Charity had the opportunity to apply for up to £25,000 from the Greener Communities Fund to transform a green space. Colleagues from across the Trust came together to develop and shortlist potential projects, with the garden at Roundwell Place selected. We were delighted to be informed in December that we were one of just 15 charities to be awarded a grant. Work will soon begin on bringing the vision for Roundwell Place to life, creating a welcoming and restorative space for everyone to enjoy.

Combined Charity Golf Day Returns!



Not ones to let a little bad weather dampen our spirits, we're thrilled that our golf day will be returning in 2026! After fantastic feedback from everyone who joined us at the October event which placed our patients at its heart, we're returning a little earlier on 4th September with fingers firmly crossed for sunshine. Bookings will open soon so keep an eye out!

Have an idea or want to know more? Email: charity@combined.nhs.uk