



The William Low Trust

Help us win the battle against Brain Tumours

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A brand new charity ...

Following the amazing success of our Christmas Charity Ball in December 2018, raising over £13,000, we are excited to launch a brand new charity - **The William Low Trust** - in memory of William Low, a beautiful young man who tragically died shortly before his 18th birthday, in August 2017, after a long and stoic battle against Medullablastoma brain tumours.

Our aim is to raise funds for medical research to help find a cure for solid brain tumours, in particular Medullablastoma. We want to raise public awareness of the challenges of this terrible disease, particularly among children, teenagers and young adults in the UK.

We want to support children, teenagers and young adults and their families through education and practical advice, for example setting up an App to help organise medication and ways of recording times and doses etc, things to make life just a tiny bit easier.

We want to support families with their grief by sharing special ways to remember their loved ones and have created a special *"Moments and Memories"* section in our website for people to contribute to.

Rain didn't stop play as we celebrated the launch of the charity on the two-year anniversary of William's death, on 11th August, with a memorial at a sailing club where William and his sister, Harriet, once sailed around the island. Attended by William's family and friends, staff from his school and nurses who helped care for him, William's mum, Helen, read a poem she had written and spoke about William and our hopes for the charity. A special Viking boat was then launched to Viking music and sailed round the lake while we lit candles and remembered William.



It was the perfect memorial for a very special young man. ❤️

Charity Trustees and Committee

William's family would like to say a special thank you to the trustees and committee. The midnight oil was burnt on many evenings and over weekends to create policy documents and a trust deed to allow registration at the Charity Commission. The trustees and committee are Sarah West, Denise Souster, Richard and Julie Green, Karen Bowyer, Fran Corker, Anne Nola and Helen, Craig and Harriet Low.

Where it all began - Our Christmas Charity Ball - Moor Park Golf Club: December 2018

It was Christmas 2017 when Helen's friend, Fran Corker, suggested a fund-raising event and asked Richard Green to help, who in turn asked friends from Haydon PTA to form a committee. After discussing different ideas it was decided to hold a Ball and what an amazing night it was, with over 200 guests and raising more than £13,000. A big thank you to everyone for their kind generosity in supporting the event including the raffle and auction.



We were proud to support seven special charities that had helped William and his family over the years: Brain Tumour Research, Ali's Dream, Teens Unite, Clic Sargent, Shooting Star Chase, Rainbow Trust and Barbara Bus Fund.

Did you know...

- Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer.
- In the UK 16,000 people each year are diagnosed with brain tumours.
- Just 1% of the national spend on cancer research is allocated to brain tumours.
- Every 2 hours someone is diagnosed with a brain tumour.

We are delighted and proud to be affiliated to *Brain Tumour Research* and hope to help them in their fight against this terrible disease through supporting funding for clinical research.



We hope to see The William Low Trust grow bigger and bigger and look forward to your support. Please visit our website and follow us on



How You Can Help ...

We have started "The William Low Trust 200 Club" – membership costs just £30 for a year with monthly prize draws of £100. Further information and application forms are available from our website:

www.thewilliamlowtrust.org.uk

Congratulations to Craig and Jordan for completing the London-Brighton bike ride in September. Please visit Craig's JustGiving page if you'd like to donate:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/craig-low65



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For further information or to purchase tickets for any of the following please contact info@thewilliamlowtrust.org.uk:

Christmas Cards featuring William's art.

Cheese & Wine Tasting evening at Eastcote Cricket Club on 29th November – only a few tickets left, be quick!

Art Exhibition next year featuring William's art and the art of other teenagers and children suffering from cancer.

2020 Christmas Ball - Saturday 28th November at Moor Park Golf Club (tbc). Tickets will be available early next year.

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We would like to thank all our friends and sponsors for their support and generosity, including local businesses *Meat Like It Used To Be, Pinner; Sainsbury's Local, Rayner's Lane; Asda South Ruislip* and *The Cake Box Rayner's Lane* for their generous donations to our Launch Party, to Qmuli Limited for their help with our website and to *Barclays Bank* for their ongoing support.

