

High Sheriff's Award Citation Presented to Bright Hope in North West Leicestershire

Presented to : Chief Executive Officer: Laura Mackie

Today, we celebrate Bright Hope in North West Leicestershire - a remarkable charity whose name truly reflects its spirit.

At the heart of this organisation beats a team of extraordinary staff and volunteers - over a hundred strong-whose care, kindness, and commitment are transforming lives every single day. Working hand in hand with partners such as NHS Social Prescribing, they bring light and comfort to more than two hundred people each week, offering friendship, counselling, and practical help to those living with life-limiting conditions. In communities facing real challenge, Bright Hope stands as a beacon of compassion and strength. They are creating a place where no one is forgotten, where loneliness is replaced by connection, and where hope truly flourishes.

Through prevention, early support, and a deep understanding of local needs, they are building a better, fairer, and more caring future - for individuals, families, and the wider community alike.

This High Sheriff's Award recognises not only their exceptional achievements, but also the warmth, generosity, and humanity that underpin everything they do.

To Laura Mackie, her devoted team, and every single volunteer - thank you for proving what can be achieved when a community comes together with heart, purpose, and unwavering hope.

Your impact is real and profound-reducing isolation, preventing hospital admissions, and nurturing a compassionate, thriving neighbourhood where no one is left behind.

Driven by empathy, innovation, and local action, Bright Hope is not just a charity - it is a movement for change, modelling, for others to follow, a sustainable and inspiring approach to community care.

In recognition of their exceptional service, dedication, and transformative impact on the lives of others in North West Leicestershire, this recipient is most deserving of a High Sheriff's Award and it give me great pleasure to present it to CEO Laura Mackie on behalf of the whole team at Bright Hope.

Stephen Bryan JP

**High Sheriff of Leicestershire
13th March 2026**