

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency

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MP praises ‘Five Centre’ St Luke’s Hospice support group providing a ‘home from home’

Fiona Bruce MP met with Alsager and District Palliative Daycentre, which serves five centres – Alsager, Scholar Green, Church Lawton, Mow Cop and Rode Heath.

Fiona had lunch with the group of about twenty local residents – some carers and some cared for with life limiting illnesses, - and saw first hand the support and activities provided every Tuesday at Lawton Memorial Hall, including painting, music, physio and aromatherapy, and feltwork.

The group has been meeting for three years, and was started by volunteers when District Nurses identified a need for local support for people who could not travel to St Luke’s Hospice, Winsford because the journey was too far for them. District Nurses still form part of the group – funded by voluntary donations, as are all the costs of the group – raised by the volunteers.

Part of the funds are raised by an annual calendar of paintings by the group – the third calendar - for 2011 - is currently going to print.

Fiona Bruce said: *“The friendship and practical help for those who attend is clearly a weekly highlight – and because everyone joins in its hard at the first meeting to know who is a carer and who is being cared for! There’s such a family atmosphere – it’s a real home from home”.*

The group is proving so popular that an extension is being planned to Lawton Memorial Hall to extend their activities.

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