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Dear Colleagues,

### **Fundraising and Legacies**

I'm glad to report what's been described as a textbook start for our [Big Give Christmas campaign](#). Donations made during this week will be doubled. You can see our live total [here](#). The fundraising team have worked really hard at persuading those who are minded to donate, to do so online so that we can reap the extra benefits. Some loyal supporters are particularly cautious about online donation, so the team have gone the extra mile, talking them through the donation process on the phone and even posting a bespoke, printed step by step document. Please don't forget to let family members know that giving now will double the impact.

We have also been informed of some kind and generous legacies that have been left to us by some long standing supporters of our work, and these will be very welcome.

### **Sale of Orielton**

Orielton went to auction last week. It reached the reserve, and we have now received the deposit.

### **Investors in People**

This autumn's Investors in People work included the usual survey but also several in-depth interviews with staff from across the charity. So, it has taken longer than usual to report back to you. Once the report comes through, I will set out the results in an upcoming catch up.

### **Replacement for Westfield Health**

Following my recent email about the change to a different provider, the emails to set up your account have started to arrive. They come from [help-at-hand@squarehealth.com](mailto:help-at-hand@squarehealth.com) and will ask you to verify your account, so don't mistake them for spam and delete them by mistake.

### **December Pay Date**

December's pay is due to go out earlier than usual and should be with you on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Special Mentions**

I'd like to thank all of you who have sent in special mentions and photos of what's been happening across the charity. It's really taken off this year. Joy's powers may be considerable but she's the first to admit that she's not omnipresent, so we have been pleased to see far fewer questions asking, "why wasn't X in the catch up?" and far more people taking the initiative and sending items of interest in. Please do keep them coming during 2026.

### **Welcome to Field Studies Council**

Carys Thomas has joined the team at Blencathra as Hospitality and Catering Assistant.

Best regards

Mark