

## In memory of Club member Neil Pyburn

Neil Pyburn, from Desborough, was a long serving member in the Shires Region who was passionate about the Club and what it stands for.

His funeral was held on Thursday 20th January this year. His family requested donations to the Club in lieu of flowers at his funeral and have nominated two small local charities in Northampton.

 provide music therapy across Northamptonshire (at home, in hospital or as part of continuing care) for children and young people (0-19) with life-limiting illnesses (or life-threatening conditions) and/or a disability which, for medical reasons, means they are too ill to attend school, or an Early Years setting, for extended periods. These children are often very isolated and desperately need, or greatly benefit from their support.

Susan Westall, Treasurer wrote to the Club:

“On behalf of Thomas’s Fund we would like to thank you for your very generous donation of £501.31 which we received on the 28.03.22. Your donation means a great deal to us. Over the years you have donated to our small charity and we very much appreciate your donations.

The donation will go towards helping children with life limiting illnesses and the music therapy we provide especially during the pandemic via zoom has become a life line and enjoyment for so many. We are slowly but surely getting back to normal and where we can we will once again see the children in person. Some sessions can only be via zoom to safeguard the children.

Be rest assured your money will go towards music therapy.

We thank you for your gift. Thank you for thinking of us.

Kind Regards

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Niahm's Next Step – “It all starts with Niamh. Our kind, caring and beautiful girl who lost her battle with Neuroblastoma in 2012 at just 5 years old. She has since touched so many hearts around the world.”

In her memory Niamh's Next Step (NNS.ORG.UK) are proud to have put together an amazing team of trustees and their aim is to continue raising awareness of Neuroblastoma and funds to help other families and children diagnosed with this vile cancer.

Chris Curry (Niamh’s Dad, Co-Founder and Chair of Niamh’s Next Step) wrote to us: “Please accept this email as confirmation we have received your very kind donation of £501.91 from Sporting Bears in memory of Neil Pyburn.

Our charity is run on love by our trustees meaning every penny donated will go directly to helping children fighting childhood cancer.

Thank you once again and please pass on our love to Neil's family.”



Regards, Chris