



Gort Cancer Support

Supporting People affected by Cancer

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Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter

Safe re-opening

After such an unprecedented 15 months which has been extremely challenging, especially for people affected by a cancer diagnosis, we are delighted to be able to welcome people safely to our support centre. With our new Mobile UV Sterilisation Units, you can be assured that we are taking every step to protect the health of everybody on our premises. These units help inactivate viruses and kill bacteria left behind on surfaces and in the air.

While we are able to facilitate one to one meetings, we are currently unable to reopen group activities.



Sensory/Therapy Garden

Our new therapy/sensory garden is now completed and if you wish to visit it please contact us on 086 1724500.

There has never been such a need for hope since our inception in 2007. From the very beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic everybody has been affected by increased levels of stress and anxiety.

For an individual recovering from cancer, gardens can play a part in healing by offering hope and inspiration, and a tranquil place to escape from the world of doctors, hospitals and sickness.

One of the most popular quotes on 'hope' is this quote by Audrey Hepburn:

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."



"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met"

~William Butler Yeats

Host a Garden Party

May 2021 saw the launch of our inaugural Summer Garden Party.

This fundraiser will become an integral part of our calendar and will help us to raise the funds required to provide the essential services offered to the ever increasing number of people affected by cancer in our area.

We held a Garden Party at Hollyblue House on Friday 18th June, which was attended by local politicians & businesses, clients & invited guests, including Sean Canney TD, Ciaran Cannon TD, Mayor of Clare Cllr Mary Howard, Cllr Joe Byrne, Cllr Geraldine Donohue & special guest, Meghann Scully. We were blessed with fine weather, which gave everyone the opportunity to spend time in our new sensory/therapy garden.

We are asking you to host your own Garden Party - just pick a time and date during the summer, invite your family, friends or neighbours and ask them to donate to Gort Cancer Support in return for your hospitality. You can register your intention to host a garden party by completing the registration form on www.gortcancersupport.ie or contacting us via WhatsApp or phone 086 1724500.

All funds raised will go directly to Gort Cancer Support Group CLG.

To donate go to: www.idonate.ie/gardenparty



and Finally.....

We are very grateful to have received funding from 'RTE Does Comic Relief: Demand for Digital' to upgrade our website and to make it mobile enabled. We hope you find our fresh new website easy to navigate and user friendly.

We feel extremely honoured to have won a Cathaoirleach Covid-19 Community Response Award this month for all the work we did during 2020.

