

# DAILY EGGSPRESS

## Finley's Touch Newsletter

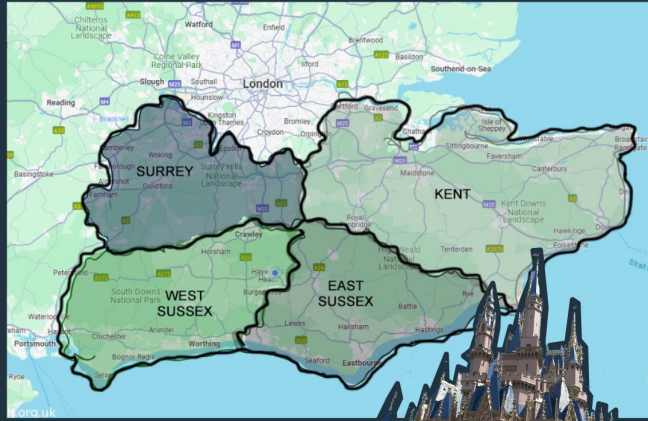
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### Spreading Our Wings

Finley's Touch was formed on 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, what would have been Finley's 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We began by supporting The Royal Alex Children's Hospital in Brighton and two wards at GOSH in London. Since then we have never looked back, working hard to grow the charity and have had amazing support along the way from people like...You!

This means that by Summer 2024 we are now linked in with every children's community oncology team across Surrey, Sussex and Kent. We are now covering a huge chunk of South East England. We're not planning on slowing down but we will use a little patience as we branch out, as we need to make sure we have enough funds in place to help everyone in our designated area that needs it. If you'd like to help please scan the QR code!



### Our Support Eggs-Plodes

A Finley's Touch year runs from July to the end of June. In 2023/24 we were proud to have helped 43 families, supplying financial assistance to the value of £21,500. The hard work has paid off. We've had incredible fund raisers doing incredible things:

- Hills have been climbed.
- Streets have been marched.
- Songs have been sung.
- Litter has been picked.
- Chooks have been thrown.
- Paint has been splattered.
- Prizes have been raffled.
- Cars have been raced.
- A book has been written (Guss!)



After all this incredible support we are amazed to tell you that in the first 3 months of 2024/25 we have already eclipsed the support we gave the previous

year. We wish there weren't kids out there that needed our support. But there are. And we are very humbled and proud to help them fight their battles.

### Honking all over the world



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### Chick or Treat

More (egg) breaking news from 2024, we launched a new way to support families;

**'We now supply yearly Family National Trust Memberships'**

When a child is being treated for cancer it limits the activities they can do. If you're Immuno-compromised you might not be able to do soft play, go to the cinema or go bowling.



We are now providing the chance for families to go and explore wonderful outdoor spaces and fresh air, all over the country. This supplies families with fun, exercise, learning and a mindful escape!



Dermot O'Leary chucks a chook in a chinook



As Finley's Touch gets off the ground we have been very lucky to have been approached by organisations wanting to make us their 2024 charity partner. This year we have been delighted to collaborate with Hague Dental, Haywards Heath Arts Festival, Lindfield Cricket Club and 'We Have Ways Fest'.

Hague Dental took us on an incredible expedition around the Surrey Hills, battling all seasons in one day! The Arts Festival fundraised for two weeks with events from talent shows - judged by Blur's Dave Rowntree - to quizzes to summer fairs.

# Support Partnerships help us lay foundations



## Haywards Heath ARTS FESTIVAL

We have many happy memories of Finley playing cricket on Lindfield Common and we were delighted to be partnered with Lindfield CC for the summer. The listeners to Uncle Al's Podcast 'We Have Ways of Making You Talk' - including Dermot O'Leary - have come together to raise huge

sums of money, be it by model-making in the Kit Off, marching all around the world for Finley or by wearing hideous Hawaiian Shirts! And The 100 Property Club have a massive Christmas fundraiser still to come!

If you'd like to join forces in 2025 please get in touch: [info@finleystouch.org.uk](mailto:info@finleystouch.org.uk)



Dave Rowntree clucks in his support



Achtung Babies rock out at We Have Ways



The wonderful crew of Hague Dental prepare to take on the Surrey 3 Peaks

## We Get Cracking helping more children than ever



Our goal at Finley's Touch is always to reach as many children dealing with the onslaught of cancer as we possibly can.

So we're thrilled to announce we've teamed up with two other magnificent charities, Young

Lives vs Cancer and Momentum. Young Lives vs Cancer looks after patients aged 0-25 and offers a range of invaluable services to help youngsters 'thrive, not just survive'. Momentum Children's Charity works across hospitals in London, Surrey and Sussex to ensure 'no family has to cope alone'. Both sentiments we wholeheartedly endorse at Finley's Touch!

Support workers from the charities have been connecting us with families in need, who

may not have known about us otherwise.

We look forward to working closely with these worthy causes to keep providing financial grants, Hospital Survival Bags and National Trust Memberships to every child in our catchment area.



## Sam's Fun Day Gets us bouncing

Our good friend Sam Jones wanted to help us by doing something really special. She set about staging a wonderful Family Fun Day at the Hassocks Hotel which turned into a great success.



Thanks Sam for putting on such a great show.

If you'd like to help spread Fun, Happiness and Hope for Finley's Touch and have a good idea, please get in touch: [info@finleystouch.org.uk](mailto:info@finleystouch.org.uk)



## Pat Gallagher - What a Jolly Good Egg

The lynchpin of P&S Gallagher Funeral Home in Haywards Heath has been an incredible friend to our charity and our family.

We were sad to hear of his passing and were humbled when, as a parting gift, Pat asked for donations in his memory to be sent to Finley's Touch.



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