MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

From its early beginnings, founded in 1911 by Douglas Macmillan, Macmillan Cancer Support has grown to become the largest cancer care and support charity in the UK.

Help and advice for those who have cancer and for those who have relatives with cancer is what Macmillan Cancer Support offers.

The charity helps with all the things that people affected by cancer want and need. Realising that it is not only patients who live with cancer, it also helps carers, families and communities.

Macmillan guides people through the system, supporting them every step of the way, and funds nurses and other specialist health care professionals, and builds cancer care centres.

Having talked with people affected by cancer, the charity uses its knowledge to make a positive difference to their lives. This could be anything from getting a coffee machine installed in a waiting room, to bringing about changes in the law.

The Mayor is supporting the Macmillan branch based in Croydon University Hospital. For information and details, go to www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk/patients-visitors/Macmillan-Cancer-Information-and-Support-Service.htm or call 020 8401 3000 ext. 5744 or 020 8401 3441

Registered charity no 261017

All contributions to the charity fund during the year will be received with thanks and appreciation by Councillor Shahul-Hameed on behalf of those who stand to benefit.

Cheques should be made payable to ‘The Mayor’s Charity Appeal’ (Regd. Charity no. 1042479) and sent to:

The Mayor’s Parlour, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR9 1XW Tel: 020 8760 5764

As the Mayor’s charity is registered for tax purposes those who donate during the year are invited, where appropriate, to do so with the benefit of Gift Aid. This enables tax to be reclaimed and enhances the value of the donation. A form is available for anyone choosing to contribute in this way.

A MAYORAL YEAR IN CROYDON

Each year, in May, the council elects one of its 70 councillors to serve as Mayor for 12 months. He or she becomes the borough’s first citizen and the ceremonial and civic head for the year.

The Mayor does not take any active political part in the council’s affairs other than chairing full council meetings.

The Mayor receives members of the Royal Family and other dignitaries and VIPs on formal visits to official engagements in the borough.

During the term in office the Mayor will attend many hundreds of events within the borough, London and other parts of the country. Each September the Mayor attends the services of remembrance in Arnhem, Croydon’s twin town.

The Mayor supports organisations that provide services to our community; these include youth, senior citizens and ethnic and cultural groups, as well as the business community, in various events and activities throughout the Mayoral year. In return, the Mayor entertains representatives in the Mayor’s Reception Suite at the Town Hall, which is used for both formal civic and informal Mayoral occasions.

In a borough as large and diverse as Croydon it is particularly important that the Mayor appoints a Deputy Mayor to assist in carrying out so many Mayoral engagements.

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I was born and brought up in Kerala, in India, and achieved a first-class degree in mathematics from Sree Narayana College, in my home town. I joined my husband Raffi in Croydon when I came to the UK in 1996. I obtained a Masters degree in scientific and engineering software technology from the University of Greenwich, and, since 2000, have worked as a software engineer. Through my involvement with community and voluntary organisations, and residents’ associations, I have been able to build a strong rapport with, and get to know, many talented and wonderful people working with them and many have become personal friends. It has also enabled me to really understand the issues that affect those groups and to work towards improving the lives of the community we serve.

The theme of my year as Mayor will be the celebration of the rich diversity and culture of Croydon. I simply want to help make my community a great place where people can be proud to raise their family.

In 2006, I was elected to the council, representing the Broad Green ward. I have served on the children and young people scrutiny committee and have been a reserve member of the planning and strategic planning committee. I have also served as deputy shadow cabinet member for education and lifelong learning and shadow cabinet member for children, young people and learners.

My interest in children’s welfare also led to my serving as a governor at two local schools. As an active member of my local community, I want Croydon to be a place where people are proud to live and proud to raise their family.

In addition to my roles as councillor and full-time software engineer, I am mother to two children, aged nine and 11. Being a team player and an effective organiser has helped me to thrive as a mother, wife, full-time worker and effective ward councillor.

The two charities I have chosen are Age UK and Macmillan Cancer. As I really appreciate the help and support both give to people in Croydon. I was a volunteer for Age Concern, West Croydon, when I first came to live in the borough and have seen first hand, the appreciation of those using the service. I have chosen Macmillan Cancer having lost two very close family members to cancer. It is my fervent wish that a similar facility was available in India to support patients and their relatives.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR
COUNCILLOR PATRICIA HAY-JUSTICE

Born to immigrant parents who, in the 1950s, travelled to England from Jamaica with a desire to help the Motherland, I understand the desire of my parents to give back.

After graduation, I worked and travelled around the country before becoming a successful operations manager in the facilities and property sector. I was employed by private sector organisations who worked in partnership with the NHS to manage services, bring about cultural change and design new service platforms and infrastructure.

My focus changed in 2003 when I met my future husband and became a permanent resident of Croydon; a community town where neighbours converse and care.

Putting down roots evoked my community spirit, and my focus soon turned towards community matters. I became involved in local issues and organisations such as Croydon Minster, and I work with local children, encouraging them to be the best that they can be.

Mark and I are the proud parents of two girls, who, with the support of the talented team of staff, were born at Croydon University Hospital when it was known as Mayday.

Since being elected to represent the people of Addiscombe in 2010, I have been a member of council committees dealing with crime, licensing, scrutiny, sheltered housing and planning, in addition to groups within my ward.

Away from the political arena, I like to spend downtime with family and friends, walking in Croydon’s areas of natural beauty, going for a jog and supporting a women’s football team.

AGE UK

The country’s leading charity looking out for the care and welfare of the older members of our community, Age UK offers an invaluable range of services while campaigning for their rights and interests, and those of future generations.

Its stated aim is to help everybody to make the most of later life, by inspiring, supporting and enabling in a number of ways, including help and advice on such issues as finances, home and care, health and well-being, work and learning, and travel and lifestyle.

The over-60s is the fastest-growing group in society and their numbers are greater than ever before.

While maintaining that ageing is not an illness, the charity acknowledges it can be challenging, so provides services and support at a national and local level to inspire, enable and support older people.

The Croydon branch can be found opposite the Town Hall in Katherine Street.

Staff can offer advice on, among other subjects, organising care and support, benefits, foot care, gardening, handyman services, home help, home security, housing, and IT/computer training.

For more information, visit the local group’s website at www.ageuk.org.uk/croydon

Registered charity no 1081013

THE MAYOR OF CROYDON COUNCILLOR MANJU SHAHUL-HAMEED & THE MAYOR’S CHARITIES 2014/2015