

Gemma's story

On Sunday 26th April incredible Mum of two, Gemma will be leaping out of her comfort zone to do a sponsored sky dive to raise money for Cransley Hospice in memory of her husband Kyle. Gemma spoke courageously to us about the incredible care her, her family and her beloved husband, Kyle had received during his final few weeks in the hospice.



“These incredible ladies and the rest of their amazing team at the hospice are unbelievable. Although we know some of the ladies that work at the hospice, Kyle and I still had a perception of dread and fear about going to Cransley – we couldn't have been more wrong!

“The nurses are absolute angels, they treated Kyle as a person, they would talk and laugh with us and most importantly they listened. When Kyle wanted me to stay with him, they set up a bed for me right next to his. Nothing was too much trouble. They were patient and kind to our little boy who was inquisitive about everything.

“We could order takeaways, put photos up around the room to make it more homely. Kyle asked the doctors to do what they could to help manage his pain and prolong his life so that he could return home to be with his family, and with the help of the Hospice at Home team that's exactly what they did.

“The team are so genuine and the care they deliver comes from the heart! If you have to visit Cransley you'll find a place full of gently kindness, laughter, love and amazing support. I can't thank them enough so I'm hoping to raise a decent amount of money for them so that they can continue to do what they do for the best of others who need it.



“My husband Kyle had a lasting impact on everyone he met, he made us all better people. Kyle taught me to be confident, he always encouraged and challenged me to do things out of my comfort zone. Most importantly he taught me how to be brave and strong and live life with a can-do attitude.

“I am so scared to be doing this, but nothing is more scary than life without Kyle. I aim to live life in a way that will honour him, and hopefully make him proud. I can't wait to jump out of that plane and think about Kyle.

If you want to help Gemma raise as much money as she possibly can, please donate to her just giving [page](#), or if you have a reason to push yourself out of your comfort zone and want to take on a Cransley Challenge, from sky diving, abseiling, mountain trekking, cycling, running – there's loads to choose from, take a look at our [events page](#), or contact the fundraising team for more information.