

Wreningham Parish Council Mrs N Allen The Birches Top Row Wreningham NR16 1AR

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Dear Mrs Allen

PRISCILLA BACON APPEAL - AN UPDATE

We last wrote to you in May 2020, when we had just passed the halfway point in our fundraising to build the new Priscilla Bacon Lodge. We are enormously thankful for the support we have received, particularly during this difficult time, and thought you may like to receive an update on the appeal.

Covid-19 has, of course, had an impact on our campaign; yet despite its many challenges, the past year has seen encouraging progress and we have now raised well over £10 million of our £12.5 million target. Building work will commence in early 2022, but we still need help to raise the remaining £2.5 million required to complete the project as soon as possible.

The need for the new Priscilla Bacon Lodge becomes ever more urgent. Demand for specialist palliative and end-of-life care nationally has reached and exceeded levels which were previously not anticipated until 2040. Locally, more and more patients are receiving palliative care in the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, which – as well as not being the setting of choice for those requiring end-of-life care – places a considerable demand on beds needed for acute services.

The enclosed brochure gives a more detailed update and includes an artist's impression of the new hospice.

Thank you for your support.

With very best wishes,

Sandra Dinneen OBE

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