

Charlton Farm Children's Hospice South West

On Tuesday 15th November 2016 Lifelites invited a number of their supporters to a reception to celebrate their latest package at the Charlton Farm. This was attended on behalf of the province by the Provincial Communications Officer W Bro Richard Ellis together with his wife Lynn and W Bro David Parslow. W. Bro Richard presented a cheque for £1829.00 to Charlton Farm on behalf of Somerset Freemasons.



Giving kids with limited life unlimited possibilities

Lifelites provides specialist technology for children in every baby and children's hospice across the British Isles.

What is its connection to Freemasonry?

Lifelites began as a pilot project of the RMTGB in 1999 with the idea of providing fun and educational technology packages for children in hospices. Now a charity in its own right their work has expanded to meet the growing demand from the mushrooming network of children's hospices (currently 52 across the British Isles) serving around 9,000 children and their families.

Where and what is Charlton Farm?

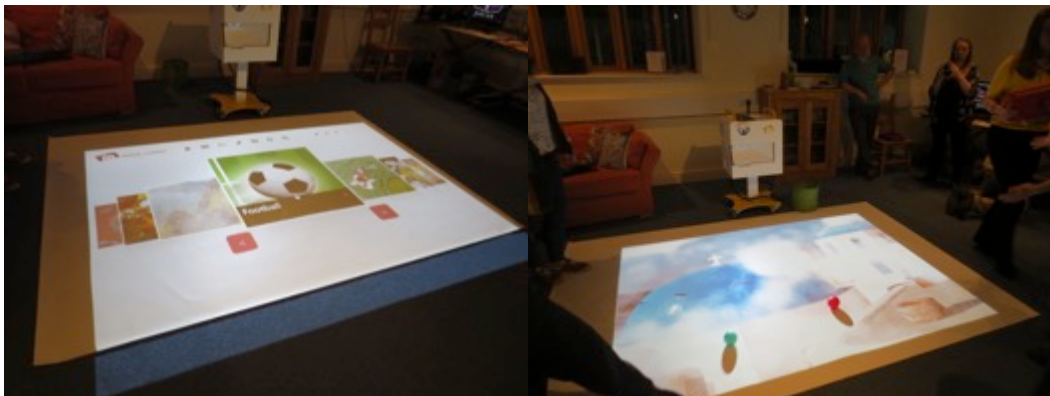
Charlton Farm is set in grounds formerly owned by the Tynesfield Estate in Wraxall just behind the Downs School. It has 8 child-friendly rooms and provides accommodation for parents and the rest of the family to enable them to stay together. Facilities include playrooms, teenagers-only rooms, a spa bath for relieving stiff joints and muscle spasm, a sensory room for chilling out and a soft play area for safe, trouble-free fun.



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What did Lifelites roll out in this latest package?

Together with plenty of educational software a large amount of physical equipment was supplied. This included a ‘Magic Carpet’ which allows images projected onto it to be altered when walked across. (This provided W Bro Richard with continuous amusement!).



Another highlight was a tablet PC with bespoke software that enabled the tablet to be controlled by a patient’s eyes. This of course will be of great benefit for the more infirm child.



A waterproof camera, large touch PC screen, PS4 and Xbox consoles, printer, large TV and I-pads were also presented to the hospice.



W Bro David Parslow attended the special staff training day. He has, and will continue to provide, specialist support for the staff in the use of all this equipment. The package of equipment and services - which is worth £50,000 over its four year lifespan - was donated completely free of charge by Lifelites.