

## Media Release

**Employees in Gleeds' Tunbridge Wells office are volunteering as event marshals for Hospice in the Weald's 10k fun run on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

Commencing on Castle Road, the race will begin at 10.00am and will see 600 runners hit the roads of Tunbridge Wells to raise money for their local hospice. Ensuring the safety of the event and the people taking part, Gleeds will be providing approximately half of the marshals needed to manage the closed roads and the smooth running of the day.

Alongside the team helping to manage the event, James Rooks, senior quantity surveyor at Gleeds, has signed up to run the 10k as part of a self-set fitness challenge. All money raised in support of James, and the other 600 runners, will go towards ensuring the provision of high quality care for patients.

Richard Hine, director for Tunbridge Wells and organiser of Gleeds' involvement commented: "Hospice in the Weald is a great charity which Gleeds' looks to help in any way we can, because you never know who may need their support. This year we have volunteered to prevent the charity from spending money on marshals. The money that we are helping them save will instead be spent on the care of patients, as well as their families and carers. We are excited to see one of our colleagues running as part of the other 600 runners and we can't wait to cheer everyone on."

Hospice in the Weald event coordinator, Duncan Philip, said: "We are really excited for this year's 10k Run! This is a fantastic event for runners and supporters alike. As we are not part of the NHS, we rely heavily on the support from the community we serve. We are thrilled that Gleeds have shown their support by offering us 30 volunteers to help marshal the route whilst one of their colleagues, James, takes on the challenging 10k route. I want to take this opportunity to thank Gleeds for their support and wish James the best of luck."

Hospice in the Weald is a charity which delivers compassionate, individualised, holistic and supportive care for patients with terminal illnesses, their families and carers. They provide 24 hour care to both West Kent and northern East Sussex, covering a community of circa 350,000 people. Every year, Hospice in the Weald need to raise £7m in order to provide their services free of charge to anyone affected by terminal illness – whether that be physical and medical or emotional support.

## Notes for editors