



Cure InSight

Cure Parkinson's Spring 2022 Newsletter



WELCOME

To the spring edition of our biannual newsletter.

THE LATEST

Read about the exciting progress of our research programmes and the strides we are taking to find a cure.

INCREDIBLE FUNDRAISERS

We announce our 2021 Fundraiser of the Year and share the inspiring bucket list challenges our fundraisers have taken on.

PLANTING FOR A CURE

Read about our legacy woodland, and how it is helping us to grow a brighter future for people living with Parkinson's.

OUR VISION

A world free from Parkinson's.

OUR MISSION

We fund and facilitate research that has the potential to cure Parkinson's. We're working with urgency to find new treatments that can slow, stop or reverse the condition.

Cover photo: Cure Parkinson's Patron Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Robert Voss CBE CStJ seen here at the launch of our Planting for a Cure initiative. Read more on page 10-11.

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Welcome from our CEO

I am delighted to welcome you to the spring edition of Cure InSight. The timing is exciting: the charity is in a period of unprecedented growth and potential. We are pleased to bring you news of the strides we are taking towards our goal of finding a cure.

In 2022 we are celebrating ten years of the flagship International Linked Clinical Trials (iLCT) programme, a joint initiative between Cure Parkinson's and Van Andel Institute.

We are also seeking to move forward what I hope will become the charity's largest drug trial to date, a potential phase 3 trial of a drug we've been interested in since 2014 – ambroxol.

We will be making several announcements over the next few months – watch out for them on our website, newsletters, social media channels and even mainstream media.

But our progress could never be limited to a single proposed trial. Very far from it. As a drug prioritised in our iLCT programme, if ambroxol progresses it would join several other iLCT compounds being driven forward by the charity's outstanding research team.

The existing, approved phase 3 clinical trial of an iLCT drug (exenatide) is progressing well after a slow start due to COVID-19. If ambroxol also moves forward, this charity's iLCT programme would be behind two of the only four phase 3 trials worldwide for potential disease-modifying treatments for Parkinson's: an extraordinary statistic for this small charity.

All of our progress is a testament to the focus, drive, creativity and ambition of our staff, trustees and supporters, including people with Parkinson's, scientists and clinicians. In 2022, we also anticipate receiving the results to four more trials of iLCT drugs, in each case at phase 2 level. We are hopeful that some or all may progress to the next stage: watch this space!



Will Cook pictured above with mum (and fundraiser) Joyce Cook.

Of course, none of this would be possible without your continued support. And now with the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, there are more ways than ever for you to get involved. Find out more about some of the exciting fundraising events and challenges that we have planned this year including some right royal activities for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend!

There is so much more to say, so read on! But, for now, we want simply to thank you, sincerely, for all your support. You are enabling and inspiring us to move closer to cure.

Will Cook, CEO, Cure Parkinson's

Parkinson's in the news

In 2021 the BBC were joined by some of our incredible Parkinson's advocates and Cure Parkinson's Patron Mike Tindall to help to explain why a cure for Parkinson's is so important.



In a poignant short film for BBC Breakfast, Cure Parkinson's patron Mike Tindall and BBC presenter Sally Nugent met with Alison Anderson, Amarpal Harrar, Omotola Thomas and David Murray (pictured right), all of whom are living with Parkinson's.

They spoke about the challenges of living with this progressive neurological condition, and included family members in the discussion, illustrating how Parkinson's has a huge impact on loved ones too.

Cure Parkinson's Director of Fundraising & Marketing, Rick Lay, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2017, also spoke to Sally and Charlie Stayt on the Breakfast sofa (pictured above) about living with the condition, and where people can find support.

We are incredibly grateful to Mike, Sally and BBC Breakfast for creating this moving film which raises much needed awareness of Parkinson's, and the urgent need to find a cure. Huge thanks also to each of the inspirational participants and their families, for sharing their stories so courageously, and letting others living with the condition know that they are not alone.

To rewatch the film on our website please visit cureparkinsons.org.uk/miketindall-bbcbreakfast

// We are very grateful to Amarpal, Alison, David and Omotola for having the courage to talk about the impact of their Parkinson's on them and their families. These powerful stories raise much needed awareness of the individuality of the condition and provide a focus for the urgent need to find cure.

Helen Matthews, Deputy CEO, Cure Parkinson's

Our Information Hub provides some helpful resources recommended to us by people living with Parkinson's. To take a look please visit cureparkinsons.org.uk/information-hub or use the QR code below.



FIND OUT MORE



Research update

In 2021 we funded more projects in one year than ever before. 2022 sees four of our funded clinical trials reporting results, as well as exciting news about an anticipated phase 3 trial of ambroxol.

Anticipated in 2022: Ambroxol

Following promising results in 2019 at phase 2, we are moving ever closer to a large-scale phase 3 clinical trial of ambroxol (ASPro-PD), which would aim to determine whether the drug can slow the progression of Parkinson's.

If it goes ahead, we anticipate that this ground breaking trial will involve 330 people with Parkinson's in up to 12 clinical centres across the UK, and led by Professor Anthony Schapira at University College London.

Ambroxol is a respiratory medicine that has been shown (at high doses) to increase levels of a Parkinson's-related enzyme called GCase, and this process has demonstrated neuroprotection in models of Parkinson's. GCase is involved in the waste disposal function of cells; it helps to break down toxic substances and recycles worn-out cell components. Researchers first suspected that GCase may have a role in Parkinson's when they discovered that people with tiny genetic mutations in the region of DNA responsible for the production of GCase, known as the GBA gene, were at greater risk of developing Parkinson's.

We hope that the ambroxol ASPro-PD trial will receive all due approvals and start recruiting people with Parkinson's (both with and without a GBA mutation) later in 2022. We are seeking to put together a consortium of funders, led by Cure Parkinson's, Van Andel Institute and The John Black Charitable Foundation.

This trial would be one of four disease-modifying phase 3 clinical trials for Parkinson's currently underway world-wide; two of which have been directed through our iLCT programme – ambroxol and exenatide.

If you are interested in the potential ambroxol trial, please consider joining the online PD Frontline study which can speed up the recruitment process to trials which might be appropriate for you. The possibilities for ambroxol are developing quickly: we'll keep you updated as things progress.

To ensure you stay up to date with news of this developing story, we strongly recommend you register to receive our monthly newsletter on our website home page cureparkinsons.org.uk

Get Trial Ready: PD Frontline

PD Frontline is a vital online study that is focused on getting participants ready for trials. As well as taking part in a pre-screening questionnaire, individuals supply a saliva sample for genetic testing and consent to be contacted about clinical trials that might be relevant for them.

This is a significant resource for clinical trials such as the ASPro-PD trial and will help recruitment into clinical trials of both people with genetic forms of Parkinson's, and those people where the cause of their Parkinson's is unknown.

If you would like to enrol or find out more about PD Frontline please use the QR code below or visit our website cureparkinsons.org.uk/pd-frontline



PD FRONTLINE

Clinical trials recruiting

There is a lot of exciting research going on globally, but research cannot be translated into treatments that will benefit people with Parkinson's unless clinical trials are completed. We have a number of trials that are recruiting in 2022.



// What the millions of us affected with a chronic, disabling condition need is better treatments and ultimately, a cure. We often think of the search for these as being far removed from us when in fact, we need to be an integral part of the process.

Dr Soania Mathur, Parkinson's advocate and founder of UnshakeableMD (pictured above)

Nortriptyline: The ADepT-PD trial is investigating the tricyclic drug nortriptyline to evaluate its potential to slow the progression of Parkinson's.

Azathioprine: The clinical trial of azathioprine (AZA-PD) is being conducted at the University of Cambridge's Centre for Parkinson-Plus. Azathioprine is already used to treat inflammation, and this trial is aiming to slow the progression of Parkinson's by dampening down the body's immune response.

Anle138b: This drug targets the toxic build-up of alpha-synuclein in nerve cells, a distinguishing disease characteristic found in most people with Parkinson's. We are supporting recruitment for two new cohorts of patients in an expanded phase 1b trial funded by The Michael J Fox Foundation.

K0706: The PROSEK-K0706 international clinical trial is recruiting in the US, India, Hungary, Spain and Poland, with plans to open centres in France and the Middle East later this year.

PD Frontline: This is a remote study offering online genetic testing for people with Parkinson's, so they can be referred, if they wish, to appropriate clinical trials and other studies (please see page 6 for more details).

To apply to take part in a trial or to find out more please use the QR code below or visit our website cureparkinsons.org.uk/clinical-trials-recruiting



TRIALS RECRUITING

Trial results coming in 2022

This year we will see four clinical trials of drugs prioritised as part of our International Linked Clinical Trials (iLCT) programme reporting results. Cure Parkinson's is working closely with the study teams to plan the communication of the results to the participants and the broader research community.

Liraglutide and lixisenatide

Of particular interest are two trials investigating these Type 2 diabetes drugs in Parkinson's; they are very similar to a drug called exenatide, which presented encouraging results in 2017 and is now being tested in a large phase 3 trial.

The liraglutide trial funded by Cure Parkinson's and Van Andel Institute, involved 63 participants at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles, US and tested whether the drug affected cognition and other non-motor aspects of Parkinson's as well as activities of daily living and quality of life. Analysis of the trial data is ongoing and the full results are expected in 2022.

In addition to this, the French NS-PARK network which investigated lixisenatide in 153 people with early-stage Parkinson's will publish their findings later in 2022. These two clinical trials will, it is hoped, help us to understand which patients might benefit from these Type 2 diabetes drugs.

Deferiprone

It is believed that high levels of iron in the brain causes cell damage. The aim of the deferiprone trial was to reduce iron levels to improve symptoms and slow the rate of disease progression in 373 people with early-stage Parkinson's.

Ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA)

The fourth trial that will be presenting results this year was designed to determine whether UDCA is safe and tolerable for people with Parkinson's. UDCA is used to treat liver disease, and has demonstrated the potential (in laboratory models) to improve energy production (mitochondrial function) in cells known to be affected by Parkinson's.

Don't miss news of Parkinson's trial results. Sign up to receive our monthly email newsletter on our website home page cureparkinsons.org.uk

Accelerating clinical trials in Parkinson's (Edmond J Safra ACT-PD Initiative)

The clinical trial process can be a long, slow and expensive system of starting and stopping different stages of clinical evaluation. The result is that new treatments can take many years, even decades, to reach patients.

Cure Parkinson's is supporting ground-breaking work to transform clinical trials, reducing the time it takes to get answers and reducing costs. A large consortium of researchers, patients, statisticians and clinical trialists are now working to change the way clinical trials of potentially disease-modifying drugs for Parkinson's are conducted. The project, called EJS ACT-PD, is focused on setting up a multi-arm, multi-stage (MAMS) platform for running clinical trials to address the many challenges of testing drugs to change Parkinson's progression.

10 years of iLCT

2022 marks the 10th anniversary of our International Linked Clinical Trials (iLCT) programme, an important milestone for this joint Cure Parkinson's and Van Andel Institute initiative.



Our iLCT programme represents one of the major worldwide clinical trials initiatives seeking to identify effective disease-modifying therapies that will make a real difference to the lives of people with Parkinson's.

Dr Richard Wyse, Director of Research & Development, Cure Parkinson's (pictured above)

Under the stewardship of our chairman Professor Patrik Brundin, the programme has gone from strength to strength. Since it was launched, over 3,700 people have taken part in iLCT trials; 17 trials are ongoing, 11 trials have completed and 40 drugs are actively being pursued.

It is a really exciting time for Parkinson's research because, after years of laboratory investigations of biological pathways associated with the condition, we now have clinical trials evaluating agents that manipulate many aspects of this biology.

Over the next few years, we will have answers to fundamental questions about what is driving progression. And Cure Parkinson's is a trailblazer in terms of guiding that research.

Dr Simon Stott, Deputy Director of Research, Cure Parkinson's

To read more please use the QR code below or visit our website cureparkinsons.org.uk/10-years-ilct where each month throughout this anniversary year, we will bring you the latest updates from our iLCT programme.



READ MORE

Join us for Grand Challenges and Rallying to the Challenge 2022

Taking place from 28-29 September in Grand Rapids, Michigan and virtually, the theme of this year's meetings is Modifying Progression: from Molecules to Trials.

To find out more about these events please sign up to receive our monthly email newsletter on our website home page cureparkinsons.org.uk

Fundraising update

We're delighted to announce our 2021 Fundraiser of the Year, share news about our legacy woodland and inspire you with our fantastic fundraisers.



Pictured above: Cure Parkinson's Helen Matthews and Will Cook with Patron and Lord-Lieutenant Robert Voss CBE CStJ, Anna Rankin (Micklefield Hall) and Trustee Peter Berners-Price.

Planting for a cure

We recently launched Planting for a Cure, a campaign inspired by fundraiser Daisy Doyle, who asked friends and family to sponsor a tree on her family's farm in Devon. She planted 50 trees – one for every donation. Energised by this idea, we agreed that planting something for future growth was akin to leaving a legacy donation or a gift in memoriam to Cure Parkinson's; and so the Planting for a Cure woodland was born.

The woodland

Planting for a Cure takes Cure Parkinson's back to its roots! A dedicated woodland area with 500 trees has been kindly donated to the charity by Anna and Jamie Rankin, owners of Micklefield Hall in Sarratt, Hertfordshire - a place with long-

term connections to the charity. In its early years, Cure Parkinson's was run by a small team from an office on the estate.

The charity is hugely grateful to Anna and Jamie for donating the land which has also been created in celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Leaving a legacy

A legacy is a good way to plan for the needs of your family and loved ones and by leaving a gift to Cure Parkinson's, you will help us to plan for future funding of research led by some of the world's top Parkinson's experts. We believe this work will deliver results that will transform millions of lives around the world.

In return for your pledge, a tree in the Cure Parkinson's woodland will be dedicated to you or a loved one. Your name or theirs will also be inscribed on a tablet to be erected at the entrance to the wood. Twice a year, we'll be hosting open days so you and your family can see how your commitment is physically helping to change the landscape, just as your commitment will help to change the landscape in the search for a cure for Parkinson's.

// We are leaving no stone unturned to find a cure for Parkinson's. We hope that before the trees in our legacy wood have grown too many inches, we will be able to share encouraging breakthroughs.

Helen Matthews, Deputy CEO, Cure Parkinson's

How to pledge

If you have been so kind as to have included, or intend to include, Cure Parkinson's in your Will, thank you. We would be very grateful if you could let us know by completing and returning the enclosed pledge form, even if you wish to remain anonymous. The form is not legally binding and you can change your mind at any time. You do not need to commit a specific sum in your legacy, that is for you and your family to decide privately.

In return for your individual pledge, you will receive a Pledge Certificate. This will confirm that a tree has been dedicated to you in the woodland.

Find out more

If you're thinking about joining the dozens of people who have already pledged a gift to Cure Parkinson's, then we'd love to hear from you.

Please complete the attached form and return to us using the Freepost envelope provided. (There is no need to write anything else on the envelope or affix a stamp.)

To find out more about leaving a legacy please use the QR code below or visit our website cureparkinsons.org.uk/planting-for-a-cure



FIND OUT MORE





Platinum Jubilee fundraising

It's Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, and to celebrate her 70 years of service, Cure Parkinson's has lots of exciting fundraising events and activities planned. We just need a bit of help to make these events even better...and that's where you come in!

There will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the United Kingdom and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign.

If you're planning to host a Jubilee celebration this June, we can help you to organise a Platinum party worthy of Her Majesty! Think crowns, bunting, cake toppers for those award-winning Platinum Puddings...

To be one of the first to get your hands on our fantastic Jubilee fundraising materials, please call the Fundraising Team on +44 (0)20 7487 3892 or email rachel.hunt@cureparkinsons.org.uk

This is a great opportunity to raise awareness and funds for Parkinson's research in your local communities, so whether you're a champion pudding maker or a cycling enthusiast, we hope you'll be inspired by our joyous Jubilee fundraising ideas! Here we share our top royal-themed fundraising activities for 2022.



Organise a Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5 June and raise funds for Cure Parkinson's

Share food and fun with your colleagues, school friends or neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, all whilst raising vital awareness and funds for Cure Parkinson's.

Every year since the idea began in 2009, The Big Jubilee Lunch has encouraged communities to come together to celebrate and get to know each other a little bit better. We know that the past two years have been so tough for everyone, so this will be more important than ever before.

This year's celebrations will take place on Sunday 5 June. Your Big Jubilee Lunch can be big or small, street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque. Why not ask attendees to take part in a bake off-style competition or ask local companies to provide raffle prizes to auction off during the lunch? We're on hand to provide all the fundraising materials you'll need to make your lunch a royal success!



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Join our team for the Royal Parks Half Marathon

We've got places in the Royal Parks Half Marathon and we would love you to join us. The incredible 13.1 mile race takes in the capital's world-famous landmarks on closed roads, and four of London's eight Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Green Park, St James's Park and Kensington Gardens. You may even be able to wave to Her Majesty The Queen as you sprint past Buckingham Palace!

If mass events are not really your thing, why not join us for a Right Royal Run Local?

All you have to do is run or walk 70km to celebrate 70 years – that's one km for every year that Queen Elizabeth II has reigned! Take on this virtual run anywhere, anytime between 1 and 30 June 2022. We'll send you a fundraising pack and running vest in the post, so you'll get the full experience of a running event, just closer to home.



TAKE PART



Sign up for a Right Royal Raid Local

Raid Local is back for a third outing on Sunday 12 June, and this time...it's royal!

Since 2020, over 1,000 riders from across the globe have taken to their local hills or hopped on the cycling app Zwift to cover miles of road and ascent to help us find a cure for Parkinson's. Raid Local has helped the charity raise an astonishing £345,000 towards curative Parkinson's research.

This time around, you can get involved by covering a distance of 70 miles (112.6km), in celebration of the number of years that Queen Elizabeth II has reigned, and climb an incredible 1,952m of vertical ascent to represent the year 1952, the year of The Queen's coronation.

What's more, once you've raised £70, we'll send you an exclusive Raid Series jersey to wear during the challenge.



SIGN UP

Fundraiser of the Year Award

We were delighted to announce our 2021 Fundraisers of the Year as the amazing team of Peter Burns and Vicky Knight. This dynamic duo organised and took part in an incredible swimming challenge across the Solent in September 2021, raising over £40,000 for the charity.



This award recognises a person or team who has 'gone above and beyond' to raise funds for Parkinson's, and on Sunday 5 September, Peter and Vicky did just that. Leading a team of 12 swimmers (pictured above), including three living with Parkinson's, they swam across the Solent from Gosport to Ryde on the Isle of Wight. Not only did the group have to face the elements and swim 5,000m across open water, they also had to navigate one of the nation's busiest shipping lanes! The team were accompanied by safety support kayaks, and all 12 swimmers completed the entire crossing.

The Positively Parkinson's Solent Swim Challenge was two years in the making, and was co-founded by Peter who was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2017 and Vicky, a specialist in neurological rehabilitation. It came as part of a wider Positively Parkinson's initiative which aims to help people with the condition adjust to life after their diagnosis, enabling a positive mindset and access to the support of a caring community.

// After a lot of organising and delays it was incredible to see a vision become a reality. As well as raising an amazing amount of money we also created a team and community which we hope will continue to grow.

Vicky Knight

Peter and Vicky encouraged others to get involved and take on a similar challenge in their local swimming pools, where the 5,000m could be completed over four months. They were humbled by how many people got involved, including Peter's own club, Littlehampton Swimming Club, who did a two-hour continuous relay swim and raised over £700.

// All the swimmers bonded into a great team and the sheer emotion of arriving on the beach in Ryde having achieved the swim was quite remarkable. The amount we've raised has gone beyond our wildest expectations. We've been astounded by people's generosity, kindness and empathy, and many people have shared their own personal story of their connection to Parkinson's when they donated.

Peter Burns

From the South Pole to South Africa

Our supporters are travelling the world to complete extreme and gruelling challenges, to raise funds and vital awareness for Parkinson's and the need for research into a condition that affects the lives of so many people worldwide.



Guy's African adventure

As you read this spring edition of Cure InSight, Colonel Guy Deacon CBE will have set off on an incredible 6,000 mile journey across Africa, driving from Freetown, Sierra Leone to Cape Town, South Africa. Guy, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's 11 years ago, began this epic journey back in 2019, but the challenge was brought to an abrupt halt due to the pandemic, and Guy had to return to the UK.

Now, Guy plans to pick up where he left off but this time, he will be filming a documentary of his travels. Teaming up with Parkinson's Africa, he is aiming to highlight the challenges faced by those living with Parkinson's and draw attention to the urgent need for support, information and resources about Parkinson's across Africa.

The challenge of a lifetime

Feeling inspired by her father who lives with Parkinson's, and after a chance meeting with two long-term supporters of Cure Parkinson's during one of her intense training sessions, Arabella Slinger (pictured above) became keen to support the charity's research into a cure. In December 2021 she braved temperatures as low as -40 degrees, skied soft snow and broken terrain whilst pulling a 70kg sled and raised over £15,000 in the process.

// I learnt of Arabella's mission when a friend told me he had met an amazing person dragging car tyres up a steep hill on Hampstead Heath. Why? She was training to ski to the South Pole with a 70kg sled and raising funds for Parkinson's. You don't come across that very often in NW3. Fantastic!

Will Cook, CEO, Cure Parkinson's

Feel inspired by our incredible fundraisers?

If you have ever thought of ticking off a major challenge on your bucket list, whilst raising funds and awareness for Cure Parkinson's, this could be your year! For fundraising advice and support, please call Elizabeth on +44 (0)20 7487 3892 or email elizabeth@cureparkinsons.org.uk

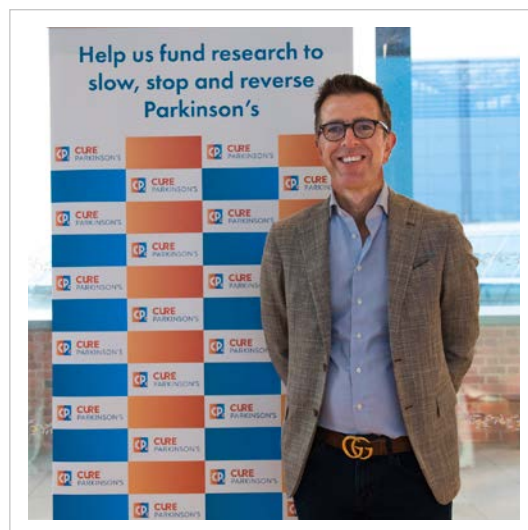
To see our challenge events or take part please use the QR Code below or visit our website cureparkinsons.org.uk/events



TAKE PART

Our Development Board

Last year we launched our Development Board, a small group of senior professionals committed to using their experience and networks to raise funds and awareness for Cure Parkinson's. Chair Phill Robinson (pictured below) shares his ambitions for the work of the board.



In 2021, I was approached by Cure Parkinson's to Chair its Development Board; a new venture to help provide a step change in income for Cure Parkinson's. I am delighted to have said yes.

I was diagnosed with Young Onset Parkinson's at the age of 52. A lifechanging diagnosis that coincided with my appointment as CEO of Exact Software in The Netherlands, the leading international provider of accountancy software for entrepreneurs and accountants. After several years at the helm, I recently retired and returned to the UK at the end of 2020.

With a positive mindset and a determination to make a difference to people living with Parkinson's I chose to get involved with Cure Parkinson's due to its dynamic approach to funding research and a sense of urgency to find a cure for this terrible condition.

The Board currently has six members in total; a group of dedicated volunteers generously giving their time and expertise, and together we are focused on raising more funds, more quickly.

// We aim to help Cure Parkinson's secure £40m of funding in the next five years. These funds will be crucial to accelerate the rate at which Cure Parkinson's can investigate the 43 drugs which have already been prioritised by the International Linked Clinical Trials (iLCT) programme.

Phill Robinson,
Chair of Cure Parkinson's Development Board

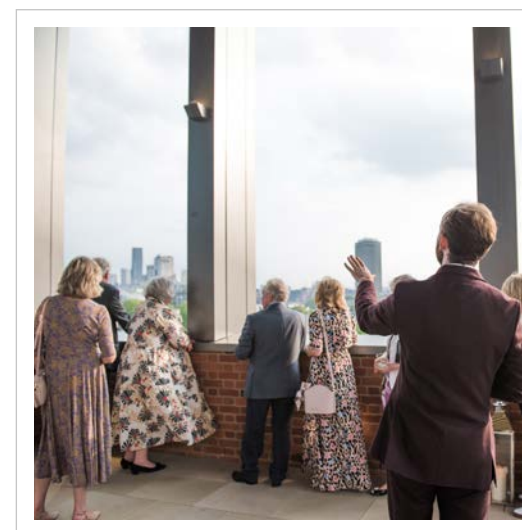
We aim to do this in a number of ways; corporate fundraising, communications and appeals, events and also using our own networks from a range of sectors and personal fundraising projects to deliver critical funds to accelerate a cure.

Together we have already raised significant funds for Cure Parkinson's and we are laying the groundwork to accelerate Cure Parkinson's fundraising to the next level.

To find out more about the Development Board, please call Grace on +44 (0)20 7487 3892 or email grace@cureparkinsons.org.uk

Cure Collective

A special group of philanthropists making a difference. Almost four years on, the Cure Collective has been successful in raising almost £1 million for Parkinson's research and continues to go from strength to strength.



Join us and play a part in making medical history

Many members of the Cure Collective are living with Parkinson's or have a close connection via family or friends. The one thing all our members have in common is a desire to consign Parkinson's to history.

The Cure Collective is helping us to take huge strides towards our goal of curing Parkinson's and with just four more people pledging their membership, the Cure Collective will have raised over £1,000,000!

Member benefits

Members are kept up-to-date with the latest developments in Parkinson's research enjoying exclusive access to our researchers through online webinars and 'in person' opportunities. They also have a chance to come together at special events like the reception (pictured above) we held at Lambeth Palace just after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted in July 2021.

This summer we plan to hold an event for members (and prospective members) in West Sussex. If you would like to attend our Cure Collective events or find out more, or if you are ready to sign up now please call Grace on +44 (0)20 7487 3892 or email grace@cureparkinsons.org.uk

In June 2018, with the guidance of our chairman Christopher Moger QC, we launched the Cure Collective with the aim of bringing together like minded individuals who were in the position to make a financial commitment of donating £5,000 or more a year, for five years.

All the money raised by the Cure Collective is ringfenced to support research prioritised by our International Linked Clinical Trials (iLCT) initiative. This is a drug repurposing and repositioning programme which aims to significantly speed up the time it takes to move drugs through the clinical trial process and into the clinic. We believe that this programme will make a tangible difference to the treatment and subsequently the lives of people living with Parkinson's.

This year, we are delighted to be directing £300,000 of funds from our Cure Collective members to support the phase 3 trial of amroxol which will be starting later this year and if successful, aims to provide a treatment that could slow the progression of Parkinson's.

Partnering with companies

Our company supporters represent a broad spectrum across many different industries, and we feel very fortunate to have support from individual business owners to larger companies with charity committees.



The world of work for many has changed over the last two years, with some employees now working in a hybrid fashion, splitting their time between working from home and the office. During these times of change, we are finding more organisations are supporting employee fundraising as a way of helping encourage teamwork and engagement, with participation in a worthy cause something the whole team can embrace regardless of where they're working.

In giving back by supporting Cure Parkinson's it's a win win for everyone!

Get inspired

Our company supporters have really adapted to the challenges of the COVID-19 landscape and in recent months we have had support from organisations who have come up with innovative ways of giving.

Our supporters have donated money to us in lieu of corporate Christmas presents, donated a percentage of profits, organised competitions and challenges including a photography competition, an international office walking challenge and a very successful corporate golf day.

Just before Christmas we were delighted to be the charity partner for two corporate balls. One of these balls was organised by the Winchester networking group. During the height of the pandemic, Cure Parkinson's supporter Ben Watford (pictured left) set up a networking group on social media for professionals in the hedge fund sector called The Winchester. As restrictions lifted, Ben and The Winchester organised the first Winchester Charity Ball at the Mayfair Hotel. In attendance were Cure Parkinson's patron Mike Tindall and his wife Zara, alongside several other rugby legends. This fun evening raised substantial funds and was a glittering success! We hope it will be the first of many events from this wonderful group of supporters.

Partner with us

As an individual you can make an impact by introducing us to your workplace, so why not investigate today how your company can support charities and consider putting Cure Parkinson's forward.

For further information please email kelly@cureparkinsons.org.uk or alternatively visit our website cureparkinsons.org.uk/corporate-partnerships or use the QR code below.



FIND OUT MORE

Events calendar

Join us at one of our many events taking place over the next six months from spring to autumn 2022.



CYCLING EVENTS

A Right Royal Raid Local:

12 June / 1 - 30 June

Raid Alpine:

3 - 10 July

FAMILY EVENTS

Bluebell Picnic:

2 May

Platinum Jubilee celebrations:

2 - 5 June

ALL YEAR ROUND EVENTS

Skydive:

All year

£1,000 Challenge:

All year

Kiltwalk:

Various dates and locations throughout the year

The Ultra Challenge Series:

Various dates and locations throughout the year

RUNNING EVENTS

Vitality London 10,000:

2 May

A Right Royal Run Local:

1 - 30 June

Vitality Big Half:

4 September

The Glencoe Marathon Gathering:

4 September

Tough Mudder:

Various dates and locations throughout the year

TCS London Marathon:

2 October

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