



Press Release

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QNI Announced as Stoke Place's Charity of The Year 2018

As the festive season of giving begins, luxury Buckinghamshire restaurant, The King & Lamb at Stoke Place Country House Hotel, is today launching a new fundraising initiative for The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) – the country's oldest nursing charity.

With a history that dates back to royal beginnings in neighbouring Windsor, The QNI is Stoke Place's very first Charity of The Year. A voluntary donation to The QNI will be added to all King & Lamb restaurant and bar bills during the festive season and throughout 2018. The money raised by restaurant customers will go towards supporting working nurses now and in the future, as well as to The QNI's Keep in Touch project – a wellbeing service for retired nurses.

There are 85 Queen's Nurses currently working in the area surrounding Stoke Place and over 1200 across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Queen's Nurses are regarded as having one of the most prestigious titles of the nursing profession. They care for people who are sick, elderly or disabled in their own homes, in the community and within NHS services, as well as leading improvements to nursing care standards.

A shared royal history

The QNI traces its origins back to 1887 with the grant of £70,000 by Queen Victoria to a fund, which two years later was incorporated as a charity by Royal Charter. First named 'Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses' it had the objective of training, supporting and supplying nurses for the 'sick poor'. In 1896, Queen Victoria invited the first Queen's Nurses to Windsor Castle, setting a tradition that has been continued by successive monarchs until the present day. Today, Her Majesty The Queen is the charity's patron and opened her private Frogmore garden in Windsor this year to Queen's Nurses to mark The QNI's 130th anniversary.

Like the QNI, Stoke Place has a unique place in local history thanks to regal generosity. Built in 1690 by Master Cook for Queen Anne, Patrick Lamb, Stoke Place's build was funded by gold coins awarded to him by King James II after he famously prepared a lavish Coronation feast for the King.

We are very proud to be raising funds for The QNI as our first Charity of the Year. Stoke Place and The QNI have a lot in common in terms of our history and, like Queen's Nurses today, our King & Lamb restaurant values excellence and giving something back to the community. Our customers may have a friend or family member that will be cared for by a Queen's Nurse and may even go on to be cared for by a Queen's Nurse themselves in the future. By raising funds for The QNI every time they dine with us, King & Lamb customers will be supporting frontline patient care and the nurses that provide it.

Stoke Place General Manager, Adam Salter

We are absolutely delighted that Stoke Place has chosen to support the QNI and community nurses in this way. Today's Queen's Nurses work in a challenging environment, delivering care to some of the most vulnerable members of society in their own homes and communities. The generosity of King and Lamb customers will go directly to help improvements in nursing care and education now and in the future, values that have been at the core of our charitable mission since we were founded in 1887.

Queen's Nursing Institute CEO, Dr Crystal Oldman

About Stoke Place and The Cairn Collection

Located in the Stoke Poges area of Buckinghamshire, Stoke Place is a country house hotel nestled within a 26-acre estate of parkland, with grounds designed by English landscape architect Capability Brown. The hotel is part of The Cairn Collection – a distinctive range of ten signature hotels in landmark locations across the UK. The Cairn Collection is part of the Cairn Group, a hotel group and family-run business with over 50 years' experience. The Cairn Group has a diverse portfolio of branded and independent hotels across the UK. With 31 hotels and 28 bars and restaurants, the Cairn Group works in partnership with eight of the most established global hotel brands including Crowne Plaza Hotel, Mercure and Marriott International.

About The Queen's Nursing Institute

As the oldest nursing charity in the UK, the QNI works to improve nursing care in people's homes and communities. It is a national authority for setting standards for nurse education and practice and influences health policy at a national and local level. The charity promotes excellent nurse leaders and provides support for community nurses' wellbeing. Queen's Nurses work for community NHS services and clinics, providing care and assistance to people with disabilities or long-term conditions, those with terminal illness and the elderly. The QNI's national Homeless Health Programme is a national network dedicated to improve the health of vulnerable or marginalised groups in the community.

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