

Chilterns MS Centre to hold collection on Saturday

Please give what you can to the club's charity partner.



The Chilterns MS Centre will kick off a third season of being Wycombe Wanderers' charity partner by holding a collection of cash donations ahead of Saturday's game with Oxford United at Adams Park (k.o. 3pm).

The club's partnership with the Chilterns MS Centre enables its players to benefit from the oxygen chamber at the Centre, which has helped to accelerate the recovery from injury of a number of Chairboys stars. Oxygen treatment also helps to combat fatigue, which is one of the major symptoms of multiple sclerosis.

A donation of just 50p from everyone at Adams Park on Saturday would be enough to keep oxygen pumping in the chamber for an entire football season – 46 matches of 90 minutes!

The Centre, based in Wendover, supports people with multiple sclerosis (MS) from across Buckinghamshire and neighbouring counties. The independent charity has 550 members with MS, 330 of whom visit for treatments and therapies weekly. A diagnosis of MS affects the whole family, so the Centre also supports their husbands, wives, partners, parents and children.

MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease that causes a range of symptoms including difficulties with walking, balance, impaired vision and bladder problems. Living with MS can be tough; although we don't know what causes MS and we know no cure, we can treat many symptoms with physio, hydro, oxygen, complementary and occupational therapies.

The Centre helps its members gain greater control over their MS so they can lead happy and healthy lives. This type of long term support is not available on the NHS.

Why are we so excited about being Wycombe Wanderers' charity partner? Because with 1 in 600 people in the UK being affected by MS, there are potentially another 450 people within travelling distance of Wendover that we could help – many of whom will live in Wycombe – who may not know our support is available to them. This WWFC partnership is helping us raise our profile in and around Wycombe.

Although it costs the charity £1m to meet the needs of the local MS community, it receives less than 10% of its funding from the NHS so as well as reaching out to new members, corporate supporters, volunteers and fundraisers are also key.

You can also support the Centre through fundraising. One of the flagship fundraisers is 'Walk the MS Mile' which is in its fourth year this year and has raised over £110,000 for the charity to date. Put September 22nd in your diary now, join us in Aylesbury Town Centre and raise money through sponsorship!