

Middlesex Province Relief Fund

Wembley Lodge Nominated Charity: The Mulberry Centre

The Mulberry Centre has only been in existence for a relatively short time; ten years. The Mulberry Centre seeks to provide services specifically for those either diagnosed with cancer within the past 2 years, the primary carer of the cancer patient, or someone recently bereaved through cancer.

They are based next to the West Middlesex University Hospital in Isleworth and are entirely funded by charitable donations. They do not operate in any other part of the country so their catchment area is exclusively Middlesex and West London, although they have no geographical boundaries to their services and all are welcome. The Centre is there for anyone affected by a diagnosis of cancer to visit for information, advice and support.

In many instances the first and most important thing is to give a user undivided attention which many are not able to get elsewhere. There is no need for a referral. Anybody can call at any time during the Mulberry Centre's opening hours.

All services are funded by The Mulberry Centre so there are no charges to users.

The Mulberry Centre has won many awards since opening and has been praised by many other organisations. In 2003 The Mulberry Centre was recognised by GlaxoSmithKline with a Local Health Award for the excellence of their community health work.

Outside of the criteria mentioned above, anybody at all is welcome to use the library or meet with the Macmillan Information Officer. This includes teachers, colleagues and health professionals, who all utilise the resources of the Centre.

Today, The Mulberry Centre is a well established cancer support service in West London and has received many thousands of visits from both new and established users. Now in its 10th year it is fitting that the Centre will be receiving a donation from the MPRF, also in its 10th year.

Many thanks,

W.Bro. Peter Reeves, PPrGSuptWks, Charity Steward