

A change of scenery can make a world of difference

Don Black is married with two beautiful children. He works as a sales executive at a car dealership, where he is well loved and respected by his colleagues and customers. So, when Don became ill and the family needed support his dealer principal immediately got in touch with BEN.

Don has had cancer of the appendix and has since been diagnosed with pseudomyoloma peritonei. This is a particularly difficult cancer to treat as it is gelatinous and does not show up in scans or x-rays. His home is in Essex but his doctors recommended treatment that meant he needed to stay at a hospital in Hampshire for six weeks. This was difficult for both Don and Jacqui as visiting with a young family was almost impossible. Thankfully we were able to help towards costs so Jacqui could stay in a nearby hotel for a while and commute the rest of the time. Our welfare officer has also approached other charities, which have made contributions towards their general living costs so that they can concentrate on Don's treatment.



Don's illness is progressing and his treatment has been aggressive and very difficult to bear, this has an effect on the entire family and the couple were in desperate need of a break. Thanks to the support we receive it was possible for us to make another grant towards the cost of this and the couple were able to spend a vital few days enjoying each other company and recuperating.

The support we offer doesn't just end at the financial grants. The couple's welfare officer regularly makes contact to see how they are coping and Don and Jacqui both know that they can call up and ask for advice and talk things over. Don and Jacqui are an extraordinary couple and we are grateful to be able to be here for them now and, well into the future.