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### Local Conservatives raise funds for Manorlands

Volunteers from the Keighley and Ilkley Conservative Association raised more than £153 for Manorlands hospice at the Keighley Show on Saturday with its ever-popular tombola.

107 visitors also signed the Association's petition calling on the Government to abandon its plans to close up to four Post Offices in the constituency - a campaign led by Kris Hopkins, the Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Keighley and Ilkley.

Cllr Hopkins said:

"We were delighted with the response we received on Saturday, both for our efforts to halt the Post Office closures and, of course, for Manorlands which is close to the heart of so many people in Keighley and Ilkley.

"It is well known that the hospice is struggling financially and I am working very hard with Steve Davison, the Palliative-Care Services Manager at Manorlands, and with the two primary care trusts to see what can be done to place it on a firmer footing.

"In the meantime, it is still vitally important that other fundraising efforts continue.

"The Keighley and Ilkley Association are delighted to have played our small part in this at what was, again, a highly successful and extremely well organised Keighley Show.

"I would like to thank everyone involved."

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