

Special tree lights up

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ABOUT 50 people gathered at Swaffham Community Hospital on Tuesday evening to see Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice Support Group's Tree of Lights switched on.

It was the third year running that people have been able to sponsor lights in memory of loved ones to help the group care for patients with serious illnesses, and their families, in the community.

Hospice group co-ordinator Mrs Debbie Harfield said this year 75 lights were sponsored, raising more than 1,000 for the group's work, at what could be a difficult time of year for the bereaved.

Swaffham vicar, the Rev John Smith, led a short service in the hospital's day room, where Verity Thurgill (11) sang a carol in memory of her granddad.

After the switch-on, the visitors went outside to see the Tree of Lights in the hospital garden.