

# Cookie Policy

## Introduction to Cookies

stcuthbertshospice.com (**the site**) uses cookies. This page explains what cookies are, what this **site** uses them for and what each cookie on the site does. It also explains how to manage **your** cookie preferences.

## What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files which are downloaded to **your** computer or mobile device when **you** visit a website. **Your** web browser (such as Internet Explorer, Safari or Google Chrome) then sends these cookies back to the website on each subsequent visit so that they can recognise **you** and remember things like personalised details or user preferences.

The cookie asks permission to be placed on **your** computer's hard drive. Once **you** agree, the file is added and the cookie helps to analyse web traffic or lets **you** know when **you** visit a particular site. Cookies allow web applications to respond to **you** as an individual. The web application can tailor its operation to **your** needs, likes and dislikes by remembering information about **your** preferences.

## How we use cookies

**We** use cookies to identify which pages are being used. This helps **us** to analyse data about web page traffic, and improve **our** website in order to tailor it to the needs of visitors to **the site**. **We** only use this data for statistical analysis purposes and then the data is removed from the system.

Overall, cookies help **us** to provide **you** with a better website, by enabling **us** to monitor which pages **you** find useful and which **you** do not. A cookie does not give **us** access to **your** computer or any information about **you**, other than the data **you** choose to share with **us**.

**You** can choose to accept or decline cookies. Most web browsers automatically accept cookies, but **you** can usually modify **your** browser setting to decline cookies if **you** prefer. This may prevent **you** from taking full advantage of the website.

## What the website uses cookies for

Strictly necessary cookies are essential to make **the site** work. An example of this is the cookies **we** need to make the registration forms work.

Functional cookies improve **your** experience of the site, remembering **your** preferences, such as **your** accessibility settings, helping **us** to make **the site** accessible to visitors with different needs.

Performance cookies are used to help improve the performance of **our site** and help **us** to learn what works best so that **we** can provide **you** with the best experience.

**We** use functionality from social websites such as Facebook and Twitter to allow **you** to share content from **our site** on these social networks and use their functionality. These sites use third party functionality cookies to allow this to work.

**We** may also use third party behavioural advertising cookies to help make any advertising or messaging **we** do as relevant and useful as possible.

The cookies **we** use are “analytical” cookies. They allow **us** to recognise and count the number of visitors and to see how visitors move around the site during their visit. This helps **us** to improve the way **our site** works, for example by making sure visitors are finding what they need easily.

## How to stop cookies being used

It is possible to stop some or all of the cookies working on **your** browser by opting out. However, this may stop stcuthbertshospice.com from working or impair **your** experience.

If **you** would prefer that **we** do not use cookies to provide the features and benefits described above, but still wish to use **our site**, most browsers allow **you** to prevent cookies being stored on **your** computer. If **you** want to know more about this, please look at the “Help” menu on **your** browser for further information.