

Thanks to the warm hearted people of Furness and South Lakes the Furness Oncology Appeal reached its target. The appeal was launched in April 2003 with a £500,000 commitment from Morecambe Bay Hospitals NHS Trust.

Support for the appeal was overwhelming with every sector of the local community getting behind the need for the new facility. Phase 1, the new day treatment unit was completed and in use by May 2004. Work continued immediately on the second phase an 8-bedded in-patient unit which offers palliative care.

Chief Executive, Morecambe Bay Hospitals NHS Trust, Ian Cumming paid tribute to the commitment of the Appeal Committee led by local businessman Alan W. Forsyth. "Members of the appeal committee have worked tirelessly with local people to help achieve the £1.5m target. To achieve our goal in such a short time reflects the huge amount of effort and commitment which these local people have put in. Virtually every local organisation in the Furness and South Lakes area have had a part in this success working through the appeal office to ensure that not only do we have a facility to be proud of but patients will also benefit from updated equipment, techniques and facilities".



The new entrance to the Unit

Inside the finished Unit