



willow  
special days for seriously ill young adults



Making  
precious  
memories  
with Willow

Willow supports 16-40  
year olds living with  
life-threatening and  
life-limiting illness  
through Special Day  
services which help to  
enhance quality of life

Willow is one of few charities supporting 16-40 year olds living with rare conditions including rare cancers, focusing on quality time and making memories

## Special Treats

Special Treats are personalised gift boxes filled with luxury items to give a positive boost to those that need it most.



Medical professionals already supporting their patients through Willow said:

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What a wonderful surprise we had when we opened the boxes for our hospice group. We couldn't believe the contents, so very generous and what a great mixture of things. The beautiful cushions were a real surprise and these will be just perfect for those receiving the boxes as a keepsake.

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The difference Willow packs have made to the patients has been immeasurable, and definitely made a massive difference psychologically and by making the patient feel valued.

## Our Special Days

Tailor-made experiences focusing on quality time with loved ones and making precious memories. We offer three types of Special Day:

### Special Day Out

This could be any day trip or activity in the UK – choices include trips to theme parks, city attractions, sporting events and may include an overnight stay where appropriate

### Special Day at Home

We can bring a Special Day experience directly to you! Examples include small parties, photoshoots and 'pop up cinema' film nights. Particularly suitable for people who are less mobile or who are unable to easily leave their home

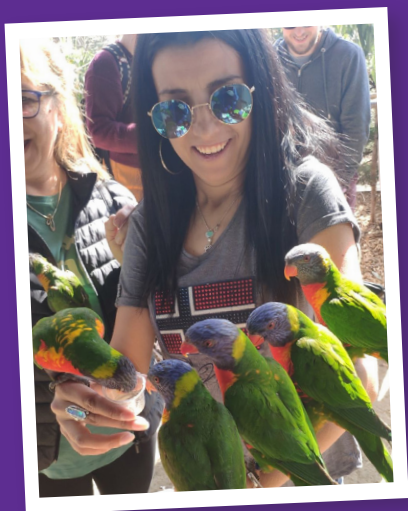
### Special Break

We offer overnight stay packages (i.e. a hotel or B&B) or slightly longer self-catering breaks, for example at a holiday park, cottage or lodge



22-year-old **Zak**, who has Pierre Robin Syndrome, loves cars. He enjoyed a **Special Day Out** when the Yorkshire Supercar Owners Club paid a personal visit bringing with them over 30 cars. Zak's Mum said: "Everyone was friendly and happy to use their spare time to put a smile on Zak's face".

We arranged the perfect **Special Break** for **Venelina** who lives with cystic fibrosis: "My break was an unforgettable experience for us. I am extremely happy to have a chance to be so close to the animals and touch some of them as I love animals. We could not afford one night in a place like Longleat Safari Park, so you gave me overwhelming happiness."







Willow's Special Day services are planned between our beneficiaries, their family and our team of Coordinators to ensure that wishes and needs are met and they receive a high quality bespoke experience.

Willow's ability to organise and fund what are often modest requests makes a huge difference to quality of life for young adults living with degenerative and rare genetic conditions and rare cancers.

**Charlie** (also on the front cover) is 25 and lives with **Ataxia-Telangiectasia**. Together with his family Charlie watched his beloved Hampshire Hawks cricket team. The family enjoyed an awesome and memorable **Special Day Out**.

For further information regarding our eligibility criteria and how to apply:

**[www.willowfoundation.org.uk](http://www.willowfoundation.org.uk)**

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