



Multiple Sclerosis Society

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Help us unlock the cure to MS

"When I was 14 I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. At first, I was devastated. After all, you're dealing with a diagnosis that may live with you for up to 50 or 60 years. But over time, my family and I learnt to live with it and work around it.

Please accept your free gift of a keyring – compliments of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

MS has had a huge impact on my life. I can only work part time. I use a wheelchair. But by managing the disease – both as an individual and as a family – I have found that you can live a wonderful, fulfilling life.

As a volunteer for the MS Society, I talk to researchers to give them a fresh perspective. This means that research into MS is grounded in real life. As a result, it never forgets the bigger picture – finding a cure.

This is an enormous aspiration, but we are getting closer and closer all the time. Having been involved in research for the past five years, I am convinced we can find a cure."

Stuart Nixon

Dear xxxNamexxx,

Stuart is one of around 85,000 people in the UK who have MS. Many more are affected because a member of their family or close friend has the disease.

The MS Society is dedicated to ensuring everyone affected by MS can live life to the full. Our freephone helpline receives 1,500 calls every month from people who need confidential information and support from our specially trained staff and volunteers. We fund over 80 specialist nurses, offer respite and social care, education and training and provide financial assistance to people with MS who need a little extra help.

But the key lies in research, a major focus of which has to be finding the cure. We're working flat out towards a world free from the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. The Society is the UK's largest charitable funder of all types of MS research. We are currently funding over 40 projects across the country.

And we rely almost entirely on voluntary contributions from our supporters.

A donation of just £15 will fund an hour of essential research that could unlock the last mysteries of MS.

Please turn over...

We fund the only MRI scanner in Europe that is wholly devoted to MS research. The scanner, at the Institute of Neurology in London, led the way in using MRI scans to diagnose MS, now a routine procedure. It is now being used to evaluate drug treatments and examine ways to predict the course of MS.

Many of our research programmes are investigating ways to repair the damage that is caused in MS. Researchers believe that by repairing existing damage and preventing future problems, symptoms could be relieved and further disability prevented.

Research has increased ten-fold in the past decade. Like Stuart, we are very optimistic. We know we are getting ever closer to finding a cure. We know what we need to do. We know where we need to look. The only thing stopping us is money.

Each year we spend £2 million funding vital research, but it's not nearly enough. Each year we receive proposals for essential research. Research that would help us find a cure for MS. Research we would like to fund. Research we can't afford.

With your help we can fund more research and make a massive difference to the thousands of people living with MS. Please help us find the key to a world without incurable MS. Please help us help thousands more.

Thank you,



Ken Walker
Head of Fundraising

Improving life for people with MS every day

- The MS Society helped pioneer the use of MRI scanners to diagnose MS.
- We funded the development of treatments to help with many of the symptoms of MS.
- We are helping develop effective drugs to slow down the development of disability caused by MS.

Please help us do even more for people with MS – please make a donation today. Thank you.

