

A new pergola for our Mermaid Garden

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The small garden attached to our Mermaid suite, which is where we offer end-of-life care, has been brightened up by the addition of a colourful, bespoke pergola.

Julia's House was the beneficiary of the Richard Seager Annual Arts Award for 2019, an award set up in 2017 by Valerie Seager in memory of her husband. Every year a charity is chosen to benefit from an original piece of artwork.

Following discussions with hospice staff, seven artists pitched for the opportunity to design a new pergola. Sarah Porter and James Trundle were the winning artists with their colourful, sensory design reflecting the colours of the sea and sand, perfectly in keeping with the hospice's Jurassic coast theme. The colours for the installation were picked by the children that attend the hospice.

The new pergola is not only a beautiful focal point for the garden but also a place where families can relax and create precious memories. Four-year-old Saffy cut a ribbon to declare the pergola officially open at an afternoon tea event held to thank everyone involved in the project.



Guests were given a tour of the hospice and spent time enjoying the outside space.

A huge thank you from us to Valerie for choosing Julia's House and to Sarah and James for designing and building such a wonderful addition to our Mermaid Garden.



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