



Charlie's Promise



About us - Meet Charlie

Charlie was our 17 year old son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend. He was fun-loving, kind, caring, loyal, funny and cheeky with the most ridiculously silly sense of humour.

On Saturday 22nd July 2023, Charlie went to a house party in a small village in West Sussex and never returned home. He was fatally stabbed multiple times in the early hours of Sunday 23rd July and died of his injuries in hospital 2 days later on Tuesday 25th July 2023.

Whilst Charlie was on life support his Dad Martin made the most important promise of his life. He promised Charlie he would do everything he can to raise awareness of the dangers of knife crime and the immeasurable damage it causes to the victim and their family and friends.

If it can happen to Charlie, a young lad who didn't like arguments and avoided trouble – he preferred silly dancing and making people laugh – it can happen to anyone. As he laid fighting for his young life, Charlie's Promise was born.

Our Vision

Through education, awareness and community engagement, we aim to break the cycle of knife crime and create a safer UK where young people are empowered with the knowledge, skills and support to make positive life choices

We Educate

Through a series of presentations, we share Charlie's story and the impact his death has had on his family and friends and the wider community. Using our experiences we show young people how decisions and choices can have severe consequences and ruin lives.

In time, we want to be able to deliver workshops and 1 to 1 mentoring to empower young people to make the right choices and decisions in life to help keep themselves and others safe. These workshops have proved a valuable resource for other knife crime related charities and groups.

We Support

No parent should suffer the loss of a child. The pain of losing a child to crime is like no other. Charlie's family know this pain. His family live this pain every second of every day. Working alongside professional bodies we are best placed to understand the complex needs of family and friends who find themselves victims of knife crime.

As Charlie's Promise grows, it is our hope to be able to provide them with the absolute fullest support possible – emotional, practical and financial to help them navigate their way through their grief and inevitable trauma.

We campaign to influence change

Talking is our best tool, we want to talk to people of influence, to help increase the profile of the charity and help change policy and practice to ensure that knife crime is on the national curriculum, professionals working in the sector collaborate to support those affected by the murder of a loved one through knife crime and the general public are aware of the impact of knife crime



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