

A cheque for £5,000 was presented to Carers Leeds on behalf of Leeds Crematoria at Lawnswood, Rawdon and Cottingley.

Val Hewison, Chief Executive of the Charity, Carers Leeds said:, "We are thrilled to be receiving this cheque which will help us support the small service we run for carers who have been actively caring for a person who has died. Carers become very socially isolated when they are providing around the clock care for a loved one who is nearing the end of life. When the cared for person dies, the carer has limited social networks, has often lost touch with friends and family and there is great potential for the development of complex and entrenched grief issues leading to depression and physical health problems associated with social isolation."

## **Councillor Lucinda Yeadon, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability** added: "Carers Leeds play such a significant role in the city so I am delighted that we have been able to support them in this way. They provide invaluable support to carers in Leeds such as therapeutic group work and a monthly support group. Their support offers a range of different social and confidence building activities, encouraging bereaved carers to re-engage with services and

with the social environment."

Pictured – Councillor Lucinda Yeadon, (Right) Val Hewison and Chris Simpson, Bereavement Services Manager for Leeds.