

# STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Summer 2017

## Dreaming of fast cars



When James's sister, Kayleigh, heard about our Dream Days project, she thought it would be perfect for him. She decided to apply as she knew he would get lots out of the experience. James has a real passion for cars, so Kayleigh knew what to ask for. What could be better than a day out at a race track with fellow petrol head and car enthusiast Dad, Tim? We just knew we had to make the dream come true for both of them!

We wanted to make it an extra special experience for them both. So we arranged for James and Tim to spend a supercharged day at the Oulton Park racing circuit in Cheshire. Not only did they take a trip around the famous circuit at full speed in a Lamborghini & an Ariel Atom, but also took a spin in a bright red Ferrari with their very own Stig!

After the day's excitement, they checked into a four star hotel and wound down in the pool and spa facilities. And the Dream didn't finish there! We topped up the experience with a go karting session, bowling and crazy golf. It was a fun packed couple of days that will be talked about for many years to come. And memories that will last a lifetime.

Dad Tim said, "Thank you once again for James's treat, it was fantastic from start to finish. Special thanks to Mike who bonded brilliantly with James (which can be challenging!)"

If you or anyone you know would like to apply for a Dream Day, get in touch with us or visit [www.stockdales.org.uk/Dream-Days](http://www.stockdales.org.uk/Dream-Days). You can also make a donation towards Dream Days here too.

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**STOCKDALES**

Supporting Children & Adults with  
Learning Disabilities in Manchester

Registered Charity No. 509053

## Vintage Tea Party

We pitched our marquee, got out the best china and had a fabulous Alice in Wonderland themed party in the sunshine. Everyone enjoyed afternoon tea, some with a glass of bubbly! People had fun dressing up and posing for photos in our selfie booth. And the little ones had tons of fun on the bouncy castle.

The day raised a spectacular £490.26. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event, helped out on the day or donated items for our tombolas, raffle and homemade cake stall.



## Quiz Night

We tested the brains of local quiz whizzes at our annual Charity Quiz Night held at the Sale Conservative Club. The evening was a great success and raised just over £700, which is fantastic news! Congratulations to Quizzee Rascals from Meridian, who scooped up the first prize drinks hamper and winners medals. A huge thank you to everyone who took part on the night. We'll be doing another quiz next spring, so get your thinking caps on!



## A hole lot of fun!

15 teams joined us for our 6th annual Golf challenge at Sale Golf club and raised £12,475.19. The players fuelled up with a buffet lunch before a shotgun start and great afternoon on the course. Congratulations to Intelligent Controls (pictured collecting their trophy from our CEO, Emma Morris). The auction followed dinner and everyone dug deep, bidding on amazing lots including a luxury yacht charter and 2018 Wimbledon Ladies Finals Tickets. Special thanks goes to our sponsor E-Foods Ltd. And thank you to everyone that took part and donated prizes. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Trusting in the future

Charitable trusts are an important income stream for Stockdales. In fact, they helped us to raise £82,000 in the last financial year. Grants this year have helped us to get our Stockies Juniors project off the ground. We've also had funding for a huge

state-of-the-art touch screen, pop up sensory pods, a bath and other specialist equipment, tablets and a shed and tools for our allotment project! We'd like to give special thanks to all the Trusts who have helped us.

## Timperley Country Fair and Craft Show

Sunday 9th September

Larkhill, Thorley Lane,  
Timperley, WA15 7AZ

12 – 4 pm Free entry



## Autumn Ball

Saturday 14th October

Radisson Blu Edwardian  
Hotel, Manchester

6.45pm – late

Tickets - £65 pp

## Christmas Fair

Sunday 26th November

34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH

12.30 – 3pm

Entry: Adults £1

Children over 2 years 50p

## The Big Push – wheely good fun!

The Big Push was a great fun last year and raised valuable funds for us. This year we want to make it even bigger and better! So we're inviting you all to get involved.

Come along and join us for the leisurely 5k sponsored walk around Sale Water Park. Bring your friends, family, colleagues, even your dog! Most importantly bring along your lovely sponsorship forms. And let's raise lots of money for Stockdales!

**When:** September 16th. **Where:** Sale Waterpark. **Push off:** 11am – 1pm

For more information on how to get involved and sponsorship forms, give Natalie or Sally a call on 0161 973 6007 or email Sally at [sally.laffan@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:sally.laffan@stockdales.org.uk).

If you can't take part, you can show your support by sponsoring the team at [www.justgiving.com/teams/bigpush2017](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/bigpush2017)



# FUNDRAISING NEWS

People with learning disabilities face different challenges to other people. But they have the same aspirations: to lead happy and fulfilled lives. By giving to Stockdales you will help local people with disabilities to do this. And you can make a big difference in a number of ways...

## One-off donation

Small or large, make a difference now!



## A Gift in your Will

Celebrate your life and help our future. A gift in your will is a kind and compassionate way to give. And it's tax free.

## Celebration Giving

Got everything you need? Ask guests at your special event to donate instead of buying you a gift.

## In Memory Giving

Celebrate the life of a loved one by asking people to donate instead of buying flowers at the funeral

## Gift Aid

Pay tax? Then Gift Aid your donations. We get an extra 25% from the government!

## Regular donations

Help us plan for our future. Spread it out and give something each month.

If you'd like to help us visit <http://www.stockdales.org.uk/how-you-can-help/> or get in touch with Natalie or Sally on 0161 973 2296 or by emailing [fundraising@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk)



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**STOCKIES  
Juniors**

**GET TOGETHER.  
HAVE FUN!**

Weekend sessions for children aged 5 – 11 years with special needs. Make new friends and get loud with music, creative with craft, dizzy with dance, busy with drama and much more.

Nominal fee per session.

For more information contact Angie Walsh on 0161 973 2296 or email [stockiesjuniors@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:stockiesjuniors@stockdales.org.uk)

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## Make a difference

Did you know your donations are the lifeblood of what we do? Big or small, they help people with learning disabilities do the things that most people take for granted. And we believe that everyone deserves to live life to the full.

Here are just some of ways your kind donation will help:

£10 buys materials for an art and craft session.

£50 helps us to run one of our weekly social clubs.

£100 buys equipment for our allotment project.

£500 helps cover the room hire costs for our children's club.

£1000 helps to pay for a holiday.

£5,000 buys a rise and fall shower bench

£10,000 buys a specialist bath

Donate today. And you will make a real difference to people who need it the most. Thank you!



## Help Stockdales with a donation

I'd like to help Stockdales (registered Charity No: 509053).

Please complete and return to: Stockdales, 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH

I'd like to make a one off donation of £..... (Cheque payable to "Stockdales")

I'd like to make a regular donation

(a) Title ..... First Name ..... Surname .....

Address..... Postcode .....

Email..... Telephone ..... Date .....

(b) Standing Order for Regular Giving

Name (s) of Account Holder(s).....

Sort Code..... Bank A/c No.....

Name and address of Bank.....

To the Manager: Please debit my account the sum of £..... on .....(dd).....(mm).....(yy) and on the same day of each consecutive month. Please send to:

Bank Account: 65387331 Sortcode: 08-90-00 Account Name: Stockdales

Bank: The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

(c) Gift Aid  I am a UK taxpayer and would like Stockdales to reclaim tax on all of my donations before and after the above date.

I am not UK tax payer

Please note: you should pay income or capital gains tax equal to the tax we will reclaim on your donations (currently 25p for every £1 that you give). Please let us know if your circumstances change.

From time to time we would like to send you information about our work. Please tick the box if you're happy to receive this. You can contact us on 0161 973 2296 or email fundraising@stockdales.org.uk if you want to change your preferences at any time.

## Animal magic

Who doesn't love a cute and cuddly puppy or a kitten? But what about a bearded dragon or a tortoise called Mabel? They're just a couple of the amazing animals you can expect to see at our animal therapy sessions.

We are a nation obsessed with our animals. And no wonder! They make us feel relaxed, happy and loved. The benefits of animal therapy are well documented and the people we support get loads out of meeting these special visitors.

The group has been amazed by the different types of animals they've met so far. Some have been more challenging than others though. A brave hand was needed to hold Suki, a beautifully coloured corn snake. But after a careful introduction and a little encouragement, people enjoyed the feel of her smooth

scales. We've also had our very own "Blue Peter moments" too. Mabel made quite a large mess for a small tortoise!

Recently, our friends from Merrylegs ponies visited. And they were a real hit with everyone! The group enjoyed grooming and petting the ponies as they stood there patiently. They even had a pamper session and had their manes and tails painted pink, glitter polish on their hooves and garlands round their necks.

People get a lot out of the sessions and enjoy being challenged by these exciting and stimulating new experiences. Everyone likes meeting animals!



*Faces light up when the animals are here and it's magical.*

## All set for a blooming lovely Summer!

Our allotment group, service users, volunteers, trustees and staff got their hands dirty and spruced up the main site on Harboro Road. Just in time for our vintage tea party in June.

Last year the site had a garden make over with the kind help of some national lottery winners. We were determined to keep our garden up to scratch, so it was all hands on deck. We perked up the pots, went the whole hog with the hedges and renewed the rockery!

The allotment group gave us the benefit of their gardening expertise. They helped to re-pot the hanging baskets and get rid of the ivy that had started to creep through the fencing panels. Trustee Nigel and brother Gary were in their element with their power tools. There was no stopping them with the leaf blowers. And they certainly deserved their donuts at the end of the day!

Café volunteer Mark and his wife and keen gardener, Alison, took charge of refreshing the colourful planters that brighten up our patios. Pots and planters from our other houses were also replanted with colourful annuals to bring a splash of colour to their gardens throughout the summer.

We hope to make this an annual event. So if you've got 'green fingers' and fancy helping out in our gardens, get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.



## A bright future for everyone!

Our apprentices are a vibrant group of young people who we value. They have a real desire to work in care and make a difference to lives of people with learning disabilities. We take on a number of apprentices each year and are proud to be a part of their journey.

Working with The Skills Company, we put a lot of work into getting the right people to join our team. We're on the lookout for keen people with a "can do" attitude with an interest in learning disability. Many of our apprentices have gone on to become contracted staff and their experience of our work is invaluable.

Efren achieved his level QCF level 2 in social care and is now a support worker in one of our residential houses. He's decided he wants a career working with people with learning disabilities as a result of this experience.

Tyler started as an apprentice and is now a senior support worker. He's made great progress during his time with us, due to lots of training and hard work.



Ellie says she has learnt so much from the apprenticeship scheme. Not only does she have hands on skills that will help her being a support worker, but her confidence has grown too. Learning to work as part of a team and developing personally are all essential qualities for a bright future.



### Hooray for Harry!

Harry had been a full time Carer for his mum for many years. When she sadly passed away, he wanted something to fill his time. So, Harry applied to volunteer for Stockdales as he was keen to help out.

Harry now joins us several times a week. By supporting staff and the session teachers, he helps the service users get the most out of their activities. Harry volunteers in Media studies and Jump Space, which he finds interesting and fun. He also joins in the lively Thursday morning music session, where he encourages people to get noisy with instruments or sing along to the karaoke.

Harry loves coming to Stockdales. He's taken the time to get to know people well. Not only is he helping local people with learning disabilities, which is close to his heart, but he enjoys the social side of volunteering. He's getting out and about in the community, which has done wonders for him too. It's a win-win!

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# Nigel - always keeping busy!

Nigel lives locally where he is supported to live independently with his other housemates. He was one of the first people to use our Lifeskills service when it started in 2007. And we're pleased to still be supporting Nigel a decade later! The activities he takes part in help him to be even more independent and develop his skills, complementing the support he gets at home.

Nigel is a big character. He loves to have his finger on the pulse and likes to keep busy. He's sociable and enjoys meeting his friends at our activities, as well as learning new things. Not one to sit around, Nigel's favourite activity is bouncing on the trampolines. He also loves cycling and swimming. He likes nothing better than helping out in our activity sessions; by taking the tea towels to be washed and tidying up after cookery. Nigel likes to keep up to date with what's happening at Stockdales, such as when the next event is on or when the newsletter is out.

Mum, Christine says "He has come on so much, he lives and breathes Stockdales. He would be lost without it. It is his life!"

## "Stockdales is his life!"



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