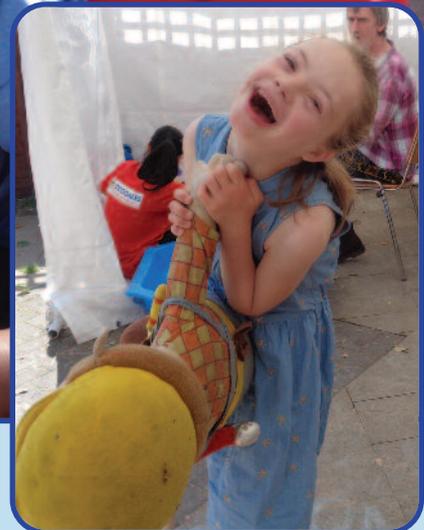


# STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Autumn 2017



## **We don't like to stand still at Stockdales.**

Growing our services to meet different needs is something we pride ourselves on. So, it was like going back to our roots when we identified a gap in activities for younger children. We set about finding a way we could help and that's how our weekend club, Stockies Juniors, was born.

We worked closely with parents and carers, schools and support agencies to find out exactly what was needed. A safe space where children could play and just be themselves. Where parents could leave their kids for a few hours, knowing they would be well looked after by caring specialist staff.

Stockies Juniors now opens its doors to children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old every Saturday. The club provides a safe and friendly place for youngsters to be with others, play and generally have fun. It's been a joy to see the children grow in confidence and develop friendships. We're thrilled they look forward to coming to the club each week. Parents can spend valuable time with other each other and any siblings, catch up on chores or just relax with a coffee and put their feet up.

The children and parents both seem more than happy with the new service. The biggest request from them is: "Can we have more hours please?" Don't worry, we're working on it!

**Exciting news! Stockdales to open 5th residential home. More details in the next newsletter!**

## **Get in touch!**

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 **STOCKDALES**  
Supporting Children & Adults with  
Learning Disabilities in Manchester  
Registered Charity No. 509053

# Goodness gracious great balls of fire!

This year we made few changes to the Autumn Ball and took on a Rock & Roll theme! Think vinyl records and jukebox favourites from the 1950s!

The room looked stunning dressed in black and hot pink with singles and LPs decorating the walls and tables. Inflatable guitars and saxophones proved great props for after dinner as everyone took to the floor dancing to rock and roll classics, brilliantly performed by Dominic Halpin and the Honey Bs. The evening rocked on to classics and modern greats until the small hours when everyone happily rolled home after another fantastic 5 star event.

We raised over £11,500 for Stockdales from the evening including the auction and raffle which is amazing!

Huge thanks to our hosts the Radisson Blu, our main sponsors Hydro X, sponsors, supporters and guests who made it such a special evening. We hope you will all join us again next year for what has become one of the highlights of our fundraising calendar.



## Upcoming Event Charity Quiz Night

Friday 9th March  
Sale Conservative Club

Join us for our annual quiz night where you'll go head to head with other quizzers. Will you and your team be crowned winners??

Tickets are just £10 per person and it's teams of four. Price includes food and entry into the prize draw.

# The Big Push

Sale Water Park looked stunning in the autumn sunshine as we set off on the Big Push in September. And the event was a great success! Supporters from Lloyds Bank joined service users, friends and families as they took on the challenge of the 5K walk around the park to raise much needed cash for Stockdales.

The Big Push raised £700 for Stockdales which is fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone that took part or sponsored walkers and pushers. We think you are all just brilliant!



## Support Stockdales at the most wonderful time of year

Christmas is a special time. It's about getting together, sharing, celebrating and having lots of fun.

At Stockdales we embrace the festive season, getting into the spirit of it by doing all of those things. It's a great time for our supporters to help us in some way. Here's how you can get involved:

### Christmas Fair

Santa's first stop is our Christmas Fair on Sunday 26th November from 12.30 – 3.00 at our main site. It's a great place to pick up a few gifts, unique decorations for your tree, treat the kids to a pony ride, visit Santa in his grotto and have a bite to eat and a mulled wine. If you can't make it to the fair, remember our pop up shop is open in our reception until the week before Christmas for those last minute bits and pieces!



### Christmas Draw

The Christmas Draw raises much needed funds for us. For just £1 a ticket, you have the opportunity to win great prizes including £150 in cash, a digital TV, hamper and cuddly toy to name just a few. You can buy the tickets online at [www.stockdales.org.uk](http://www.stockdales.org.uk) or you can pop in to our reception to buy them. You can also call us on 0161 973 2296 or email [fundraising@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk) and we'll send you some books of tickets.



### The Stockdales Snowman

This year we have launched the Stockdales Snowman Appeal. Lots of lovely people have been busy spending their time knitting these cute little chaps for us to sell. A perfect stocking gift or to hang on the tree, each handmade snowman has a chocolate tucked in his tummy too for a special treat and they cost just £1.

If you would like to help or buy a Snowman or two they are all available from main reception on Harboro Road, by calling Natalie or Sally on 0161 973 2296 or by emailing [fundraising@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk).

### Ashton-on-Mersey Christmas Market

We'll be at the Ashton-on-Mersey Christmas Market on Saturday 2nd December with all our Christmas goodies, so why not pop along and see us there. We'd love to see you!

**Have a very Merry Christmas!**

# FUNDRAISING NEWS

People with learning disabilities face different challenges to other people. But they still have the same aspiration 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 [www.stockdales.org.uk](http://www.stockdales.org.uk) 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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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.

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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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# FUNDRAISING NEWS

## Make a donation this Christmas!

You might decide not to send Christmas cards this year and donate the money you would have spent to Stockdales. Or, if you already have enough 'stuff', you could ask people to make a donation to us instead of buying you a present.

However you decide to give, you can rest assured that making a donation to Stockdales will be money well spent. How? Well, you will be making a significant difference to people who need it the most. You will be helping people to do the things that most people take for granted and have experiences that simply would not be possible without your help.

**Everyone deserves an equal chance in life. Do something amazing today and donate to Stockdales!**



### 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.

## Getting away from it all

There is nothing better than getting away on holiday. A break from day to day routines, a change of scenery and a chance to recharge our batteries does every one of us good. And it's no different for the people we support.

This year we have literally pushed the boat out with Josh, Charlotte & Gavin choosing to take a cruise around the Med on the Britannia. The whole experience was fantastic from start to finish!

It was all about getting dressed up for dinner, amazing food and great entertainment. Late nights were par for the course as we didn't want to miss any of the wonderful entertainment. Gavin particularly loved the amazing Adele tribute act, not least because she was giving him the eye whilst singing to him! We're not sure Josh was quite so impressed with Britain's Got Talent

runners up, Twist & Pulse though!

Daytimes were spent chilling out on board, taking in the far reaching views from the decks before heading out to explore the ports. We docked at La Rochelle in the sunshine and treated ourselves to a cheeky ice cream! Unfortunately, we weren't so lucky in St Peter Port as bad weather meant the trip was cancelled. We made the most of the change of plan by taking advantage of on-board shopping and the extra shows put on by the crew.

It was so good in fact Jamie and Neil jumped on board a little later in the Summer too!



## Always on the go!

WOW! There is nothing we can't achieve if we put our minds to it.

Van, Danielle, Anna, Jordan, Andrew and Gav had an amazing week at the Bendrigg activity centre in the beautiful Lakes. They took part in all kinds of amazing activities from canoeing, to abseiling, rock climbing, archery and even pot holing! Evenings were special too, sitting round a campfire toasting marshmallows, popping corn and enjoying each other's company under the stars!

You could see the delight on Van's face as he got to grips with the climbing wall without the confines of his wheelchair. And Gavin's joyful smile as he put on his life jacket and set off down the river in a

canoe. It's fantastic to be able to share these experiences and a real privilege to be part of making these things happen. That's what makes Stockdales so special – there is nothing we can't do together! And that's truly amazing.



# STOCKDALESNEWS

## Hello Autumn



After enjoying the summer holiday, we were excited to get back to business with our autumn programme with some exciting changes. As the trees turn to shades of gold, red and brown we're sure the 'Media with a Difference' group will be out and about capturing those special images and enjoying the crisp, bright autumn days. The group have taken on some fantastic projects with the guidance of session leader Justin, a professional photographer who has really inspired the group to be their best.

Our Personal Social Education session has opened up new areas of interest for our service users. They have enjoyed research trips to the local libraries and had fun finding out about their home town. The group have covered health and safety and took part in fun quizzes to test their knowledge. They have looked at how to use public transport as well as brushing up on their reading and numeracy skills. All of which are vital to living independent lives.

We're making the most of our fabulous local facilities, and people can get

involved in sports such as badminton through our Really Wild session. Encouraging people to be fit and take care of themselves whilst having a great time too is so important. Music has been developed to now include motivational skills. This helps people to build their self-confidence, encouraging them to lose their inhibitions and let themselves go in a safe and relaxed environment.

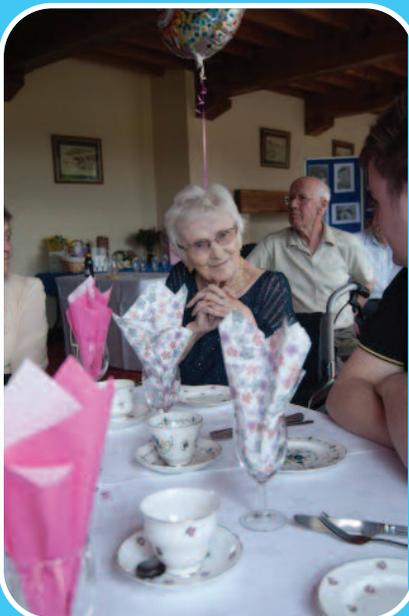
All of the old favourites are still going strong too. Lifeskills wouldn't be Lifeskills without a good dose of cookery and karaoke, now would it?



## One last hoorah for a fantastic fundraiser

In September of this year a special lady who played a big role in Stockdales history sadly passed away. Jean Freake was the appeals chairman when Stockdales needed funds to purchase a much needed new property. Jean was tasked with raising £80,000, which was a huge sum back in 1972. She rose to the task and the rest, as they say, is history. Stockdales relocated to 34 Harboro Road.

Her son, Donald, said Jean was so proud of her work at Stockdales and the role she played in our development. He asked for donations to be given to Stockdales instead of flowers at Jean's funeral. One last fundraising effort from an amazing lady! Our thoughts are with sons Donald and Keith and their families at this sad time. Special thanks to them and Jean's friends for the kind donations that will help her legacy live on.



# STOCKDALES PEOPLE

## Lizzie loves life!

Lizzie has been coming to Stockdales for many years. It's been a pleasure to watch her grow during this time. Her confidence and conversation have come on in leaps and bounds as proud Dad Joe told us. "Elizabeth is so excited when she wakes up each day. She can't wait to get to Stockdales as quickly as possible, so full of conversation in the car discussing the day ahead. It is a joy to watch her."

Lizzie loves cookery and music. Whether she's cooking up a storm in the kitchen or singing along in music, one thing's for sure – Lizzie makes the most of everything Stockdales has to offer! She is a regular at our social clubs and loves to take part in our weekend activities too. Lizzie enjoys trips to the theatre or a meal out with friends, as these give her some valuable independence.

You can safely say that Lizzie lives life to the full! We are so pleased that we can help her on her journey.



## Sensational Summer Ball

Everyone who knows us well, knows that we like nothing better than a good party. We were in our element at the Britannia Country House Hotel for our annual Summer Ball. Once again the staff pulled out all the stops and put on a fantastic night. We couldn't have been made more welcome.

Fancy frocks and smart suits were order of the night. Staff, families and volunteers

all got together to enjoy a three course meal followed by dancing until late to our favourite tunes. And we had to do the obligatory conga around the room.

Some of the costs of the event are met by our fundraising. This means we're helping helping people with learning disabilities to have the same experiences as everyone else. And let's face it, who doesn't love a good knees up!



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