

STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Summer 2018



A right Royal affair

The Union Jack bunting was out, the sun was shining and everyone at Stockdales was in the mood for celebrating Harry and Meghan's wedding. Plenty of friends, family, supporters and neighbours joined in the festivities at our vintage summer tea party to mark the occasion. We got out our lovely china and it was all systems go!

A huge thank you to Rose Fairclough and the children from Wellfield school choir who opened our event in their usual wonderful style. Their set included a brilliant Vera Lynn medley, just perfect for the occasion. The little ones enjoyed jumping on the bouncy castle, prizes were won on the tombolas and in the raffle, homemade cakes were eaten. And no tea party would be complete without delicious cream teas with scones, jam and lashings of clotted cream!

We raised a fantastic £703.36, which is our best tea party to date! Whilst the money certainly helps, it's not only about that. Our community events bring people together, making it a wonderfully inclusive experience for all. And you can't put a price on that.

Thanks to everyone donated items, to the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day such a success and to everyone that came along and supported us! We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we all did.



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STOCKDALES

Supporting Children & Adults with Learning Disabilities in Manchester

Registered Charity No. 509053

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Captain's Choice

We are delighted that the 2018/19 Captains of High Legh Park Golf Club, Trevor Pathak and Kath Davies, have chosen Stockdales to be their charity for the year. Traditionally the golfing season opens at the club with the Captain's Drive, which raised over £1,000 for Stockdales. This is amazing!

The club will also be holding a number of other fundraising events throughout the year and we wish them the best of luck. We're also delighted that Barclays Bank will be match-funding some of monies raised as well as letting us promote Stockdales in their local branches, Altrincham, Hale and Sale. We hope Trevor and Kath have a successful and enjoyable term as captains of High Legh. Thank you both and all the clubs members for supporting Stockdales! It's much appreciated.

About High Legh Park Golf Club

We've had the pleasure of visiting High Legh a number of times and it is truly breath-taking. Established in 1997, the club is set in 260 acres of Cheshire parkland between Lymm and Knutsford. They offer a huge selection of golfing facilities including 2 courses, American Golf Shop, Lee Westwood Golf school and some of the best practice areas in Cheshire. For more information about the club please visit www.highleghpark.com



Sharing the love!

Celebrating good times, birthdays and special anniversaries is something we all love to do. Sharing your special occasion with friends and family makes the event even more memorable.

We love to give gifts too. But if you have everything you need why not invite your guests to make a donation to Stockdales? Not only will your loved ones be marking your special occasion but they will be making a lasting impact on the lives of local people with learning disabilities.

Why not follow in the footsteps of Martin Haskins and his good friend Sam? They donated a fantastic £343.10 from a couple of milestone birthdays. If you have a special occasion coming up and would like to support us like this too, get in touch! We'll be happy to give you information about Stockdales to show your guests exactly who their gifts will be helping and how they will be making a difference. Many thanks!



Home Sweet Home Appeal Update



Anyone who has done a major house renovation or extension will know that the early stages of a project can take a painstaking amount of time. You have bought your property and you just want to get on with it! And it's no different for us with our new residential home project.

Whilst the initial stages may be slow, that doesn't mean we haven't been keeping busy! Putting together plans that meet all the special requirements for a home for people with complex health needs is a time consuming process. But we want to make sure we get it spot on. Our new property will be a comfortable, safe and modern space with all the special touches that transform a house into a home. We've been working closely with our architects to make this happen.

It also costs a large amount of money to achieve our vision. The costs of the project have increased considerably and including all of the specialist equipment needed, we now need to raise over £1 million. This is a huge target for us and we've been pulling out all the stops. Our first port of call has been to approach various charitable trusts for support. The good news is that some have already shown a real interest in the project. Several have been to visit us and see

first-hand what we do at Stockdales and understand how their money will help. We are delighted to tell you that one funder has generously pledged £250,000. This takes the total raised to £495,000, which is simply fantastic!

But it's not only support from big investors that we need. Everyone can make a contribution and be part of this amazing project, helping to provide a home for life for people with learning disabilities and complex health needs. If you would like to get involved and make a donation large or small, simply visit our web page www.stockdales.org.uk/home-sweet-home and donate securely on line. You can also send a cheque to 34 Harboro Road, Sale M33 5AH and be sure to let us know you would like your donation to go towards the Home Sweet Home appeal. Thank you.



Help Stockdales with a donation

I'd like to help Stockdales (registered Charity No: 509053). Please return to: Stockdales, 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH

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

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Email..... Telephone Date

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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.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Quizzee Rascals do it again!

Reigning champions “Quizzee Rascals” returned triumphant from our quiz night. But it wasn’t a walk in the park!

The evening, hosted by our regular quiz whizz David Moores, was a great success and raised a brilliant £681.67. Many thanks to everyone that entered teams and came along to support us. We look forward to doing it all again next year and seeing if we can award a triple crown to our 2018 champions!



Good craic!

Irish country music star Pat Jordan and his band Finian’s Rainbow got everyone on their feet and dancing the night away at the English Martyrs club in Whalley Range.

The audience were more than generous too with the event raising an amazing £1,159! Thanks to: Kathy Smith for organising the evening; Pat and his guest Joe Boyle for brilliant performances; the English Martyrs club – and everyone who came along and made us so welcome on the night.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Autumn Ball

Saturday 13th October
The Radisson Blu Edwardian

A five star evening in Manchester with drinks reception, dinner, entry into raffle, live music, charity auction and dancing until late. This year’s theme is Hollywood – expect even more glitz and glamour!

£70pp/£650 per table of 10.

Sponsorship opportunities also available.

Christmas Fair

Sunday 25th November
34 Harboro Road

Christmas starts here!
Something for all the family, gift stalls, decorations, refreshments, Santa’s grotto and so much more.

Generous to a tee!

After a full day’s play on the sun soaked Sale golf course, slightly sunburnt golfers sat down to be entertained over dinner by excellent comedian Les Gibson. Prize giving, raffle and the charity auction followed.

Of the 15 teams entered, Mather’s Men were in the end triumphant, raising the claret jug and receiving trophies from our chief exec Emma Morris. The golfers and their guests went the extra mile digging deep to secure the auction prizes. Overall the event raised a staggering £12,787.00 for Stockdales. Brilliant news for everyone we support!

Massive thanks to our main sponsor, E-Foods, to all that donated auction and raffle prizes and to everyone who took part. You couldn’t have been more generous!



Snowman Appeal 2018

You might be dreaming of summer sun, beautiful beaches and a cheeky cocktail or two. But for just a second can we bring your attention to snow, Christmas – and knitted snowmen?

Our cute little snowmen were such a hit last year we want to do it all again this year. And we need your help! We need all of our lovely knitters to get their needles out and get knitting so we have lots of lovely little snowmen to sell by the time the festive season arrives.

This year we are adding a seasonal twist to our appeal! We would love you to customise your snowmen. Think 'Christmas' and let your imagination run wild! We will judge the most inventive ones and the best of the bunch will be featured on our website and social media

in the run up to Christmas. The top five creative knitters will also receive a special Christmas gift with love from Stockdales!

Patterns for Stockdales snowman are available by contacting Natalie or Sally at fundraising@stockdales.org.uk or by calling 0161 973 2966.

If you don't knit, don't worry! We also need chocolates to fill their empty tummies. Why not donate a box of chocolates? They need to be about the size of a Ferraro Rocher chocolate and must be round!

However you get involved, you will be making a real difference to the lives of local people with learning disabilities. Send your special snowmen along with the regular ones you have knitted and donations of chocolates to our Harboro

Road address by October 31st. They will be on sale in local venues from early November.



Our fundraising volunteers are a pretty special bunch!



If you want to make a real difference to the lives of local people with learning disabilities and think you have what it takes, we'd love to hear from you!

We're always on the lookout for people who have a few hours or more to spare to help out with our activities and events. You might be able to help us with a mailing, send out our newsletter to all our supporters keeping them in touch with all things Stockdales!

You could help ticketing items for our tombolas or by popping flyers advertising our events through our neighbour's doors. Maybe you would like to get involved with running a stall at the Christmas fair or at our Vintage Tea Party? If you are good on the phone you could help by ringing local business and see if they could support us by donating a raffle prize or by having a collection tin in their business to collect customers change. The possibilities are endless!

Contact Natalie or Sally for volunteering opportunities by calling 0161 973 2296 or by emailing fundraising@stockdales.org.uk

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Bee-the-change

People have some wonderful ideas to raise funds for charity. Charis Hughes had a brilliant idea - knitting unique bobble hats and then auctioning them off to raise money for local charities. And guess which charity she chose to donate the proceeds of her Thanos super hero collection to? Yes, Stockdales! The auction raised £130 which is brilliant! Thank you so much Charis!

Charis uses all recycled donated wool and each hat is unique and has a delightful Bee-the-change logo stitched onto it. If you would like one of Charis's unique bobble hats or beanies or you could make a donation of wool to this great project, visit <https://www.facebook.com/BeeTheChangeManc>



Love To Frame

We were delighted when local fireman, Russ got in touch to say he would like to produce a photo montage canvas for our offices. He produces bespoke prints and frames through local business "Love To Frame" (www.lovetoframe.com) when he is not busy fighting fires!

We have some amazing pictures of the people we support and choosing the images to use wasn't an easy task. But the finished version is just beautiful – thank you so much Russ. Now taking pride of place at Stockdales HQ and full of gorgeous smiles, the canvas brings a ray of sunshine every day.



Media with a Difference – A Brand New Cool

We are lucky to have a professional photographer who is sharing his expertise with a group of people in our 'Media with a Difference' session. And with fantastic results! The group get out and about searching for inspiration from bluebells blooming in the local parks, produce from our allotment, craft projects and the people around them. They are learning new skills and techniques and gaining new confidence in their abilities.

The group is also excited to be getting involved with the "Sale Rocks" project too. Everyone has painted rocks and will be hiding them out and about in the community for others to find and brighten their day! The finder will post a photo of the rock on Facebook, so it's a great way to raise awareness of Stockdales too. Keep an eye out for our special rocks when you are out and about in Sale and let us know if you find any!



Dreams can come true

Working on our Dream Days project is a dream in itself! It's wonderful to give people once in a lifetime experiences which they just wouldn't be able to manage on their own. People can find it difficult to do many everyday things which we take for granted, making a dream day extra special. Family and carers can be part of the experience too, spending quality time with their loved ones without the worry of being a carer. Even if it's only for a few hours, they benefit too.

Everyone's dream day is personal to them, which means we've organised a huge range of varied activities and trips. People have raced fast cars at Oulton Park, taken the train 1st class to London, enjoyed a show and a trip to Buckingham Palace, spent a weekend fishing on a canal boat, been to football matches and boxing matches and met their heroes. All lovely memories to last a lifetime!

We pull out all the stops adding the little extras. It might be a signed photo, a souvenir programme or even meeting a sporting hero. It could be adding a cream tea to a theatre trip or premium seats for Disney on Ice. We do whatever we can to make it extra special.

And after? Apart from fantastic memories, we give everyone a lovely souvenir package of photos to help people remember their Dream Day!

The pleasure of people relaxing and smiling, enjoying experiences and time with loved ones is lovely to see and we are privileged to be part of it. If you or someone you know wish to experience a special Dream Day you can by completing the application form on our website, by emailing Laura Kelly at laura.kelly@stockdales.org.uk or by calling her on 0161 973 2296 .

All of the expenses, including staff costs, for each Dream Day is met by Stockdales. **If you'd like to make some dreams come true, why not send us a donation?**



Helping young people and their families

Tom is a shining example of why Stockies Juniors, our children's club, is so important. So much so, that we plan to grow the service and offer places to more young people with learning disabilities in our local area.

Since coming along to Stockies Juniors we have seen Tom come on leaps and bounds, his confidence has grown, he is relaxed and happy in our care.

Tom is a bubbly, sociable little boy who is always full of energy. He loves the freedom to play, have new experiences and make new friends all in an environment where he feels safe and secure. With your help we have

invested in state of the art sensory and play equipment which offer Tom and his friends the opportunity to let their imagination go wild. They explore different environments and fantastic experiences using our interactive screen or chilling out with sensory sounds and images. We have all of the usual childhood favourites such as a sand pit, ball pool and lots of opportunities to be loud and get messy!

Tom's Mum and Dad are happy to see him enjoying his Saturday mornings at Stockies Juniors. They can drop him off safe in the knowledge that he is supported by expert staff whilst they take a few hours out to do the

shopping or just relax. Tom is a real delight and we're privileged to see him develop and look forward to supporting him and his family as he gets older.



STOCKDALES PEOPLE

Celebrating difference

Each and every one of us is an individual, unique in our own special way. At Stockdales we embrace that difference whilst understanding that some people need a little more help than others. Things that many of us do without thinking can be more challenging if you have a learning disability. But with a little help and support, great things can happen.

Scarlett takes part in many of our Lifeskills activities. She loves music and often takes the mic in the karaoke sessions, blasting out her favourite songs or joining in on the drums or tambourine. She often takes the starring role in the performances put on for friends and family through our dance and drama groups. And she frequently steals the show!

But it's at the Café run by Stockdales at the Avenue Church where Scarlett really comes into her own. She has been a part of this project for over 5 years and is a key member of the team. Each week she eagerly gets stuck into preparing the ingredients for the soup of the day, makes the salads and helps lay the tables. Scarlett's mum says she takes her role very seriously as she loves being part of something worthwhile. The Café isn't an easy option either. It's hard work but Scarlett has risen to the challenge and gets a lot out of it. And she's a big hit with the customers too!



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