

STOCKDALES PEOPLE

Summer 2019



Social media is soaring!

It's no secret that social media helps to raise awareness, no matter what your organisation does. And Stockdales has been using various platforms for over 9 years to get our message out there.

We're delighted that our social media pages are reaching new heights with more people liking us than ever before. We love what we do and if you do too and want to see more, check out our Facebook and Twitter pages, if you haven't already. You'll find them packed full of pictures and stories about what we have been getting up to. We know they will bring a smile to your face and brighten up your day, so start following us!

With over 65 years of providing care proudly under our belt, we share stories from our early days to now and we have lots to show you! Things were a little different then but our values are still the same, and that's something we're really proud of.

You'll see we celebrate success, sharing the achievements of our inspirational service users and fantastic supporters. It's also a great way of keeping people up to date with how they can get involved and make a real difference to the lives of local people with learning disabilities and complex health needs.

After digging through the archives, we have plenty of interesting stories from over the decades too. You will find these each Thursday for 'Throwback Thursday'. Did you know that an elephant once visited us here at 34 Harboro Rd? Take a look at the photo if you don't believe us!

If you enjoy reading about our work and could 'follow us', 'like' or share our pages, and help us to reach even more people, that would be amazing. You might even have your own 'Throwback Thursday' story to tell us. If so, get in touch and tell us all about it. We'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch!

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STOCKDALES

Supporting Children & Adults with Learning Disabilities in Manchester

Registered Charity No. 509053

Our bank details have changed – please see Page 3 for full information.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Off to a tee



This year we held our 8th charity Golf challenge at Sale Golf Club and we feel that we are finally getting to grips with the game. Although we still don't pretend to understand the handicap system!

With more teams than ever entered, we hoped for a great day's golf on the course. 18 teams competed for the coveted claret jug, this year won by Alan Hugall's team, and took part in challenges such as "nearest the pin" and "beat the pro". Refreshment on the course was delivered in style, as always, by David Moores in his golf buggy. He also took candid shots of the golfers in action.

After dinner in the marquee, much amusement and laughter was provided by comedian James Sutherland. It wouldn't be a successful fundraiser without a charity auction and raffle and players all dug deep, with the event raising a wonderful £10,186.21.

A brilliant result, we're sure you'll agree!

Never say never

Finally, after five years of entering our Charity Quiz, the Irish Wrist Watches went home triumphant. It was close though with previous winners Sid James and Quizee Rascals nipping at their heels. The team were thrilled to win and took home a jam packed boozy hamper, medals and certificates as well as the champagne and chocolates they won in the prize draw. Not a bad haul for an evening. It was our busiest quiz to date with 17 teams entering and the event raised a fantastic £770.72! Thanks to everyone that took part, to our wonderful Quiz Master David Moores and the Sale Conservative Club for making us so welcome as always. We look forward to welcoming the champions back to defend their hard won title in 2020.



Craic on!

Once again, to the delight of Irish country music fans, Pat Jordan, Finian's Rainbow and special guest Marion Waldron entertained everyone at the English Martyrs in Whalley Range. Geraldine and Kelvin from the Stockdales team were pleased to represent us again as they both were made to feel so welcome last year. Parent Kathy Smith organises the evening and this is the 6th night she has arranged featuring Pat and his band. The patrons of the Parish Centre love the music, raffle, donating prizes and eagerly buying tickets. This year the total raised was £1,510.50, an amazing result and great news for people we support. We cannot thank Kathy, Pat and everyone at the English Martyrs enough for their continued help. You are all fabulous!



Dates for your diary

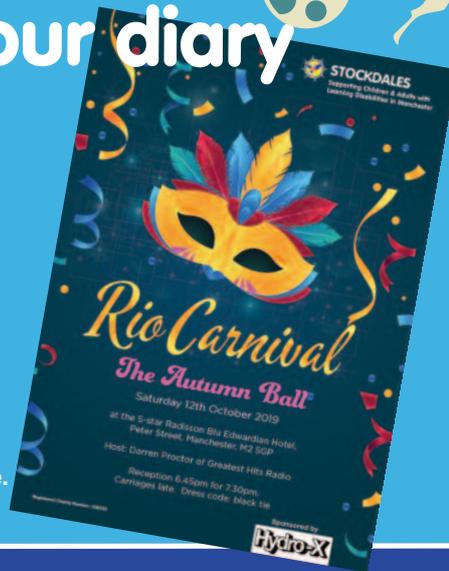
The Autumn Ball

Saturday 12th October
The Radisson Blu Edwardian

A five star evening in Manchester with a drinks reception, dinner, raffle, live music, auction and dancing until late.

£70pp / £650 per table.

Sponsorship opportunities available.



Christmas Fair

Sunday 24th November
34 Harboro Rd

Santa's first stop! Gift and decoration stalls, tombolas, refreshments, Santa's grotto and more!

Snow time like the present

Dark nights and cold evenings may seem a long way off but they will soon be here and it will be the festive season before you know it! This is when we run our knitted snowman appeal and hold our Christmas Fair. You can help in a number of ways:

- **Knit snowmen for us to sell.**

Last year we raised over £700! Snowmen need to reach us at Harboro Road by the end of October. Full details and patterns are available by contacting Natalie or Sally at fundraising@stockdales.org.uk or by calling 0161 973 2296.

- **Don't Knit? Don't Worry!**

If you want to get involved but don't knit it would be brilliant if you could donate a box of chocolates to fill the little guys tummies. Small round chocolates about the size of a Ferrero Rocher are just perfect!

- **Donate new items for us to sell or use on our stalls and tombolas:** unwanted gifts, anything in a bottle, soft toys (these can be new or as good as new).



Sesame Bankhall making a difference

We are delighted to let you know that the lovely people at Sesame Bankhall, a financial Services company based in Sale, have chosen Stockdales as their charity of the year.

They have already raised £1,300 for us which is fantastic and have lots of other activities planned throughout the year. In May they came along to get to know us a little better, volunteering their services for our gardening day and making our outside spaces look tip top.

Big thanks to Sesame Bankhall and our Trustee Nigel Mather for their efforts on the day.



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Keeping it local

When runners Paul Fothergill and Daniel Steinegger decided to take part in the Manchester Marathon earlier this year they both chose to support Stockdales. They had heard about the work we do and wanted a local charity to benefit. It was touch and go for a while for Daniel though. He wasn't sure he would be able to compete due to injury, but thankfully he recovered enough to take part. Between them they raised a whopping £837.20, what a super result!

A massive thank you to them both and all of their sponsors for being so generous.



Exceeding expectations

When Captain Trevor Pathak and Lady Captain Kath Davies chose to make Stockdales High Legh Park Golf Club's charity for 2018/19, they had no idea just how successful their campaign would be. The club raised a staggering £12,522.07. This huge sum was raised from The Captain's Charity Day and other events throughout the year, along with match-funding of £1,000 from Barclays in Altrincham and collection tins on the bar. Huge thanks to Trevor and Kath for all their enthusiasm and hard work. Thanks also to Haroon Bangee from Barclays and to all the members who supported the charity so generously.

You are all wonderful – thanks again.

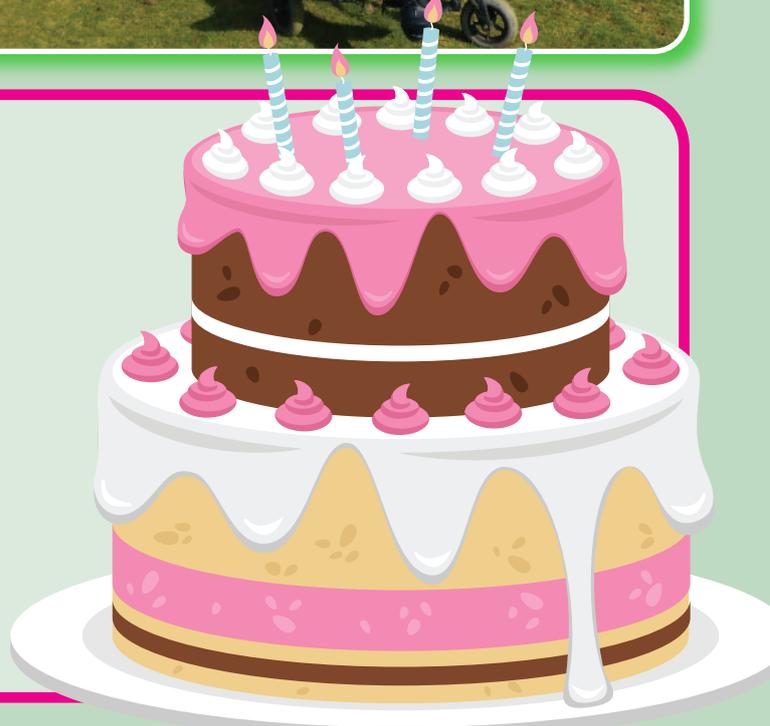


Birthday bonus

People are so generous, sharing their good fortune with us. And this is exactly what local resident, Peter Steadman did when he celebrated a special birthday earlier this year.

Peter invited friends and family to join him at Ashton-on-Mersey Rugby Club. Rather than guests giving him presents, he kindly asked them to make a donation to Stockdales instead. They all were extremely generous and between them raised £520, which is amazing!

Huge thanks to Peter and his friends for being so kind and thoughtful. We hope he had a fabulous birthday party!



Ready, steady, planning permission... go!

Things are moving with our Home Sweet Home Appeal, and in more ways than one.

After a fairly lengthy process, we were thrilled to be granted planning permission in March. Now we can start transforming our 5th property in Sale into a home for up to six people with learning disabilities and complex health needs. This major step forward means we can finalise the details with our architects and commission builders and the other trades needed for the work. Exciting times ahead for Stockdales!

You will be pleased to hear that all the hard work preparing applications for funding from trusts and foundations is paying off and the money for the project is coming in. As we go to press we have raised £1,548,290 in donations and pledges, we are well on the way to achieving our target of just over £1.6 million. With your support we are confident we can raise the remaining funding needed, so please dig deep if you can.

You can make a donation securely online by visiting www.stockdales.org.uk/home-sweet-home or by sending a cheque payable to 'Stockdales to 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH. If you are a UK tax payer, don't forget fill in the form below and send it with your donation.



New bank details below

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")

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: 53865169 Sortcode: 20-82-14 Account Name: Stockdales of Sale
Bank: Barclays Bank Plc, 1 Bridge Street, Stockport, SK1 1XU**

(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.

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.

Goodbye to a great friend

In April we sadly said goodbye to Matthew Clegg after a short illness. Matthew made Stockdales his home after moving into our house on Hayling Road in 2001, and his family have been great supporters ever since. Thank you to everyone that sent

such lovely messages and made donations in his memory. Those that knew Matthew well, described him as a lovely gentle, kind and affectionate man and we can only agree. He will be dearly missed by us all.



A new lease of life

The gang in Lifeskills are enjoying the extra space and great facilities provided by new premises in Altrincham.

We moved in just before the Easter programme and have made full use of the indoor area and beautiful sunny garden since then. There is plenty of room for multiple wheelchairs and also for stretching out in yoga and making the most of the space in dance. With super sound and lighting systems, it's ideal for a movie night or disco and a great hit with our social club too! Changing facilities, a sensory room, great transport links and plenty of parking make it accessible for everyone. If you would like to know more about the range of services available through our Community Services team please get in touch with Angie Walsh on 0161 973 2296. We would love to have a chat and see how we can help.



Meet Zippy

No, not the character from Rainbow, but our newest minibus!

Following the theft of our bus back in January, with your help we have been able to replace it and our activities are back on track. Thanks to all of you for your kind and generous support. We have also named all our vehicles to make them easier for our service users to recognise them. Look out for Marg, Robbie, Eddie, Annie, Bertie and Zippy when you are out and about on your travels in Sale and Altrincham.

Sharing the love

Local business owners Russ and Andrea of Love to Frame are sharing their talents once again and have produced a second wonderful canvas print for us. The print features people past and present and really shows the spirit of Stockdales. Check it out next time you pay a visit to our offices and see who you can spot!

Thank you so much to Russ and Andrea.



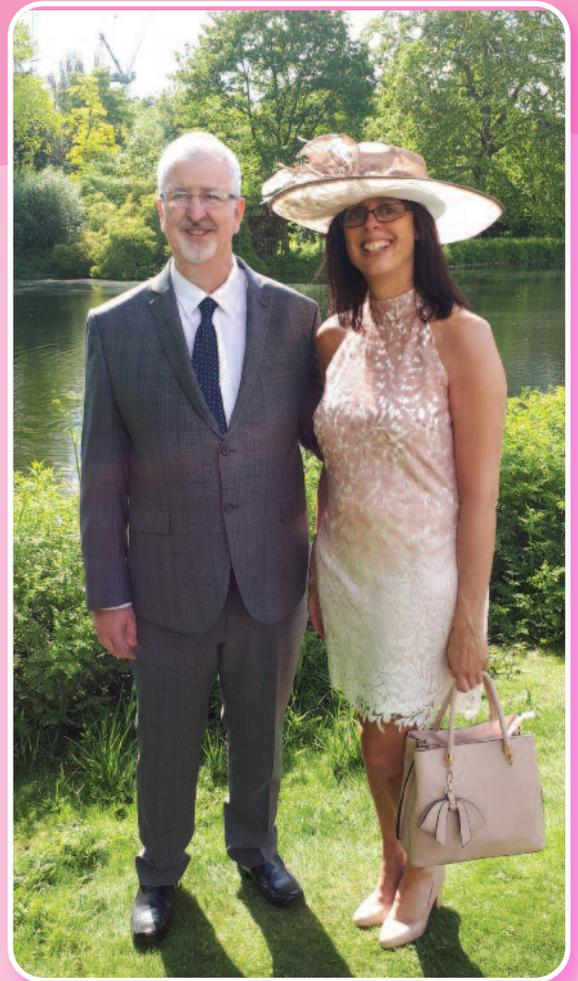
A royal invitation

Our Chief Executive recently attended one of the Queen's Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. Emma was specially invited to attend the prestigious event in recognition of her long contribution to public service. Her career at Stockdales spans 30 years, with the last 17 as Chief Executive, when she has been responsible for steering the charity through both exciting and challenging times.

The Queen holds three garden parties each year in either the gardens of Buckingham Palace or the Palace of Holyrood House. Guests from all walks of life are nominated for invitation by a long established network of sponsors. Those who are successful receive a personal invitation from the Queen to attend one of the events. Guests have the opportunity to meet the Queen, Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family, along with enjoying afternoon tea and exploring the Palace gardens.

Emma went to the event with her husband Paul. She said, "I was delighted and touched to be nominated and to receive the invitation. It was an honour and a privilege to attend this special event and I thoroughly enjoyed the day! It meant so much to me to be recognised in this way, as this was not only a personal accolade for me but, most importantly, one for Stockdales too."

Emma went on to say, "My team and I are dedicated to making a difference to people with learning disabilities. It's second nature to us and in our blood, so often it's all systems go but without shouting about it. This special recognition celebrates the life-changing work the team does round the clock, every single day of the year."



Sweet summer success

Our Vintage Tea Party is a really lovely event when we celebrate the start of summer with friends, neighbours and families. It's an indulgent couple of hours with china tea cups, cakes and clotted cream. Even a glass of bubbly, if that takes your fancy!

Unlike last year when it was blisteringly hot, this year was a little cooler. But it stayed dry and bright which was good enough for us! Wellfield School Choir provided the usual "Ahhh" factor by opening the event with a lovely medley of their favourite tunes. The home-made cake stall was brimming with goodies and the gift tombola drew in the crowds with people returning time and time again to try and win. We raised a wonderful £694.37, fabulous news for everyone we support.

A massive thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make it such a great success.



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A free spirit

Kirsty joins us for several sessions each week, choosing lots of music and creative activities such as craft and baking. Although she is independent and doesn't like fuss, Kirsty is sociable and loves being part of a group. She has a cheeky sense of humour, enjoys playing games and teasing the staff! She is a great people watcher and can often be found wheeling herself around, checking out what her friends are getting up to. Kirsty likes to keep her finger on the pulse, not missing out on anything interesting that might be going on.

One of Kirsty's favourite things is music. Anything with a beat will get her rocking the moves in her wheelchair and even singing along. And, yes, she can hold a tune too. Her smile is delightful and we love being able to support her to do the things she so clearly enjoys.



Treats in store for Stockies Juniors

The kids at our Stockies Juniors Saturday Clubs were in for a real treat recently when, amongst other things, a brand new playhouse arrived for them to explore.

There were also new musical instruments, bubble tubes, funky mirrors and new dressing up outfits too. We know the kids approved because they all let their imaginations run riot! They acted out stories and had loads of fun together.

The new play equipment was funded by The Duchy of Lancaster and will give the children we support hours of fun over the summer and for many months to come.

It's so wonderful to see the little ones relaxed and enjoying the space to play. Thank you so much for your generosity.

