

STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Autumn 2019

Thanks for
everything
and
good luck!



In November we will see two of our wonderful trustees, Peter Wall and Dorothy Watkins, retire from the board. They will be taking a well-deserved break, having racked up an incredible 59 years between them!

Peter and his wife, Sarah, first became part of the Stockdales family when their son Hew made his home here 38 years ago. Sadly, Hew passed away when he was just 24, but Peter and his family kindly continued their support. Already a Trustee, he became Chairman in 1997. Peter has given countless voluntary hours and we have been so lucky to rely on his business knowledge and expertise. He has helped to steer Stockdales through ever-changing times, making such an amazing, positive difference to hundreds of local people with learning disabilities and their families. We cannot thank Peter enough for everything he has done for us!

In 1996, Dorothy joined the Board as a Trustee and brought a wealth of skills and experience gained from her role as a

physiotherapist at a local school. And she already knew many of the people we supported from her time there. Dorothy went on to become Chair of the Care Committee for Stockdales, championing all aspects of the care we offer. Her knowledge and commitment has been constant and we are so grateful for all she has done.

Both Dorothy and Peter have given their time generously and their commitment to helping people with learning disabilities and life-limiting conditions has been exemplary. They have been a huge asset, not only to Stockdales but locally, playing a massive part in people becoming fully valued members of their community.

Stockdales has grown almost beyond recognition since our early days. But what remains the same is our care and dedication thanks to Peter and Dorothy's expert help! We wish them all the best for the future. They will both be greatly missed but will always have a special place in our hearts and the Stockdales history book.

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STOCKDALES

Supporting Children & Adults with
Learning Disabilities in Manchester

Registered Charity No. 509053

**How you can help us
this Christmas –
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All the glitz and glamour of carnival



Spectacular is the only word we could use both for our brilliant Rio Carnival themed Autumn Ball but also for the amount raised on the night! The event was everything that you would associate with carnival, Latin dancers, live music, delicious food and great company. 170 wonderful people joined us, some for the first time, to support Stockdales, digging deep for the raffle and auction raising an amazing £15,813.79.

Huge thanks to everyone who made it happen: our generous sponsors, the Radisson Blu Edwardian, our host, Darren Proctor of Hits Radio and everyone that joined us on the night. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Trusting in the future

We are lucky to have amazing support from a number of Trusts and Foundations which make significant contributions to our funds and help to improve the lives of those we support. Donations vary considerably both in size and frequency. Some make one off donations towards a particular project and others provide support on an ongoing basis. Every one is gratefully received.

We spend time to explain who we are and what we do so trustees can understand just how vital their investment is and what a difference it can make to the lives of people with disabilities. Our approach is obviously successful, as we go to press we have received £201,600.00 from this funding stream this year. And with further pledges in the pipeline we think you will agree it is time well spent.

Recently we were lucky to receive funding from David Brooke Charity and The National Lottery Reaching Communities programme.



Working together to make a real difference

You'll be pleased to know that the Sale Branch of Marks and Spencer have chosen to make Stockdales their charity of the year. They have all sorts of exciting ideas about how they can get involved, raise funds for us and help to make a difference to local people with learning disabilities.

Already, they've put on a great evening of entertainment to raise money with dinner, music and a raffle, and volunteered at one of our events over the summer. We can't wait to see what else they have up their sleeves. Watch this space and we will keep you posted! We think the team at M&S are all brilliant and we're looking forward to working together over the coming months.



Venom IT - Keeping it local

When local IT Company Venom were considering a charity to support one thing that was important to them was to support locally.

They wanted a charity they could get to know, to see the difference they were making and be able to get involved with the people they were helping. With us being just around the corner from them, Stockdales was an ideal candidate for their support. After a couple of meetings and a visit to us, they loved what we do and confirmed they would be helping us this year. With them sponsoring the Autumn Ball to the tune of £1,000, donating MUFC hospitality as an auction prize and organising a coffee and cake day, we have got off to a brilliant start! We are all so excited to see what the future holds.



Great neighbours go all out!

Stretford resident, Gary Phillips, is a keen cricket fan and a great neighbour to the Porter family. Each year he organises a cricket match to raise funds for local charities.

Knowing that Lindsey has been supported by Stockdales, he generously chose to support us this summer. The match between Stretford over and under 35's was declared a draw when rain stopped play. But not before they raised a whopping £521!

Special thanks goes to Lindsay who encouraged the players and supporters alike to dig deep to reach this fantastic amount.



Raising our Profile

Barbara and Tony Hallwood of The Profile Club hosted a brilliant night of entertainment at the company's "Greatest Show" themed ball. They also generously donated the funds raised from the raffle on the night to Stockdales.

Barbara came along to present a whopping cheque for £7,741.86 to Emma, Amanda and Natalie on a bright summer's day earlier this year. The Profile Club is a membership club for business owners and key decision makers. It meets regularly to showcase businesses and promote local networking and it is wonderful to have their support.



Dates for your diary

Christmas Fair

Sunday 24th November
34 Harboro Rd
12.30 – 3pm

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

£1 entry adult/ 50p child over 2.
Under 2s free



Quiz Night

Friday 27th February 2020
Salisbury Conservative Club
19.00 – late

Join us for a quiztastic evening and flex those brain cells!

£10pp (entry to quiz, prize draw and food).

What a wonderful time of year!

We have so much going on over the Christmas period and we would be over the moon if you could help.

Here is what we have going on and how you can get involved:

23rd November: Ashton On Mersey Christmas Market - if you can't make it to the Christmas fair you can still pick up our wonderful Christmas decorations here.

24th November: Stockdales Christmas Fair - a great afternoon of family fun with a visit from Santa and THE place to start off your Christmas shopping!

From the 26th Nov-19th Dec: pop in and pick up great decorations and last minute extras from our Pop up Shop located at 34 Harboro Road.

Donate: Bottles, toiletries, gifts and games or chocolates for our snowman appeal.

All items should be in good or new condition and bottles need to be sealed and in date.

We are sorry we cannot accept Books, DVD's or CD's, clothing or electrical items.

Volunteer: There are plenty of dates when we could use your help to man stalls at events such as our Christmas fair, or in libraries to sell our Christmas cards and draw tickets. Give us a call and we are sure we can put your time to very good use.

Make: knit snowmen or other crafts for us to sell.

Buy: Stockdales Christmas cards, Draw tickets, gifts and decorations.

Please spread the word: Ask friends and family to support our events.



Christmas: a special time to give

A gift to Stockdales is always special, but at Christmas it is extra special. Every donation we receive means we can make sure that the people we support have what they need to make their lives safe, comfortable, fulfilled and as independent as possible.

Your donation can make a difference in so many ways. It could help to provide specialist equipment to help people relax at home or go towards a mini break. Or you might be helping to provide sensory toys and games to keep Stockies Juniors children learning and exploring their environment through play. Or even helping to supply aids so that people with severe disabilities can be as comfortable as possible.

We can guarantee your donation, no matter how big or small, will make a real difference.

Thank you so much!



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.

Fully prepared to care

At Stockdales we care for people with a whole range of health needs, and some that are complex. So having the best knowledge of these conditions and how to manage them is something we take seriously. Last year, we decided to recruit a full time trainer so we could do the bulk of our training in-house.

Katie has worked with us delivering training courses for several years – she has delivered countless numbers of staff training hours! With her knowledge of our services and people we support, Katie is perfectly placed to deliver tailored courses on moving and handling, epilepsy and first aid, to name but a few. She keeps abreast of any updates in health care, running regular refresher sessions, making sure staff always have consistent and up to date information.

We may have a bit of fun when “Cliff” our training dummy makes an appearance but the content of the sessions is serious. It can even make the difference between life and death. Cliff is a great patient and an essential bit of kit! Together with “Re-suss Annie”, they help staff to practice vital skills and become confident with procedures before putting them into action in live situations.

We have made a considerable investment in our training programme and are proud that our staff have the specialist skills they need to care for the people we support.



Time to say goodbye

Saying goodbye to people we care about is never an easy thing to do.

Sadly, in September we had to say our farewells to one of our residents, Neil Gilder, who passed away after a short stay in hospital. But we are glad Neil made Harboro his home for the last 4 years and we got to support him on the last part of his journey. Mum Pat, Sister Barbara, housemates and friends all got together in his home recently to celebrate his life.

Dealing with vulnerable people every day makes saying “goodbye” part of the reality of what we do at Stockdales. Neil was such a character and we are privileged to have cared for him, providing him with all of the home comforts he loved and the very best care. He will be greatly missed by everyone here.

Family connections



You may have spotted some great archive pictures on our social media sites? We are delighted to tell you they are getting a lot of interest! One lady pictured was Janet Linley who worked at Pictor House in the early 70s - our first property, next door to where we are on Harboro Rd. Janet spotted herself and got in touch.

We arranged for her to come in for a chat over a cuppa and we reminisced about the “old” days. Janet who worked for our charity for 16 years, shared fond memories about starting work with us straight from school aged 15, the people she worked with and the children she supported. One of the youngsters she helped to care for was a very young Michael. We popped in to Headonhey to say “hello” and to meet him and some of his housemates. Janet was thrilled to be reacquainted with Michael again and it was lovely to see their connection.

It was amazing to hear that other members of Janet’s family also had connections with Stockdales. Her father, Ron Goodier was very much involved in fundraising for “The Lil Stockdale Centre” back in the ‘80’s raising thousands of pounds to buy vital equipment and toys for the children. Her husband, Brian, also helped out too. Although he didn’t work directly for us, he drove the children to and from school in his specially adapted buses!

Today Janet still has a place in her heart for helping children with disabilities. She currently fosters a young girl with learning disabilities. Thanks so much to Janet for sharing her memories with us. It’s much appreciated!

If you have any stories you would like to share with us about working or volunteering for Stockdales please get in touch by giving us a call on 0161 973 2296, sending an email to enquiries@stockdales.org.uk or posting information to 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH. We’d love to hear from you.



Golden girl Sinead goes to a new level!

Keeping fit and active is important to us all: some of us might kick a ball around, dabble with exercise classes or even pay the odd visit to the gym.

Sinead has gone to a whole new level, reaching the very pinnacle of success in her chosen sport when she took part in the Para Olympics a few years ago. And that's not all, she only went and won two gold medals in the swimming pool! She did a good job of keeping this to herself and we only found out recently. But now we know, we want to say how incredibly proud of her we are and offer her huge congratulations on such a fantastic achievement. Sinead is an inspiration to us all!



Taking a load off

We have always prided ourselves on keeping up with new technology and improving the facilities for our staff and service users alike. One thing that well-documented in the care industry history is staff back problems. Lifting and moving people in and out of wheelchairs to bathe them and get them in and out of bed often contributed to this. The move to electronic lifting systems soon fixed this.

As part of our commitment to our staff and service users, Stockdales has recently made a considerable investment in new tracking and fixed pods to replace our old system. The new equipment has been fitted in all areas of our buildings. People

can be lifted safely and securely as before, but each room now has its every own lifting POD instead of these being shared throughout the buildings, making it more efficient. It's a winner all round as it also lessens the risk of PODs being damaged as they no longer have to be moved from room to room. And importantly, staff can continue to do their jobs safely without moving and handling strains of previous years.

A massive thank you to everyone whose donations have made this possible including The Cheshire Freemasons pictured here who very generously gave a lovely donation of £2,000.

