

# STOCKDALES PEOPLE

Autumn 2020



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## Home sweet home

**As you can imagine, we were delighted when building work started on our 5th residential house in June after a long wait.**

But the project has not been without it's obstacles along the way. And then, just when we thought we were finally going to get started on the building and renovation side of things, the country went into lockdown! Thankfully, we eventually got the green light to carry on with it and the builders have been busy ever since.

It's a good job we're committed and persistent here at Stockdales! This is a much needed project and it not going ahead wasn't an option for us. There are more people and their families who need this type of specialist support and we want

to help them. Few services, locally and beyond, offer this level of care which means places are in high demand. Our staff are highly trained in many healthcare procedures and go the extra mile so people can live as regularly as possible, doing the things they enjoy. And it doesn't stop there. Our residential services are a lifeline to their families so they can live well too, knowing their loved one is well cared for.

All being well, we'll proudly open the doors in 2021. Work will include taking away some of the original building to make way for extending the property. The inside then needs to be reconfigured to make sure the rooms are all suitable. A lift will be installed along with all of the other specialist equipment essential to

supporting people with complex health needs. Then it will be time for the fun bit - decorating and furnishing the house to bring it to life and give it personality!

**With a total cost of £1.6m for the purchase and building work, it's a big deal for us and has seen a huge financial commitment from both Stockdales and all of our wonderful donors who have supported it so far. But we still have over £100,000 left to raise. Can you help us reach our target? Turn to page 5 to find out how you can support this wonderful project. You can create a home for life for an extra 6 people and their families who need it so much.**

**Be a Stockdales Santa! See page 6**



**STOCKDALES**

Supporting Children & Adults with Learning Disabilities in Manchester

## Covid-19 update



**Keeping everyone safe has been our priority during the pandemic. Whilst infection control is always important at Stockdales, we've had to put lots of extra things in place to reduce the spread of the virus. As you can imagine, this has meant much more work all round for our fabulous team, with no extra hands to help with the challenges and frequent changes we face. Even the simplest of tasks need much more thought and planning, adding pressure to our already busy services and offices. Then there is the behind the scenes work involved in adapting to the ever-changing Covid-19 regulations. It's literally been non-stop. But our team has been brilliant and we can't thank them enough!**

Whilst things are far from the usual at Stockdales, we're glad we can do a little bit more than what we could in the lockdown. People in our residential services have been out on walks locally and visited outdoor spaces. This has taken away some of the difficulties of having to shield for many months. A change of scenery has been just the ticket for everyone. And people have continued to keep in touch with friends and family virtually. This contact is so important.

After much consultation with Trafford Council, we are so happy to have started our Community Services again. Normally, we offer a wide

range of activities to people from our local area so they can learn lots and develop their skills. The sessions are also a great source of social time as well. We have had to rethink how we deliver these to make them Covid-19 secure, so it's small steps at the moment. People with the highest needs and who live at home have been supported in small groups. And we're pleased to be supporting some children individually now the schools are back too.

Covid-19 has partly changed the way we fundraise as we can't do our usual events. But we have come up with other ideas and these have been well

supported. We were delighted to receive £31,550 from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund for upgrades to our technology and digital equipment in response to the current situation. The grant was from the Government in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund, who managed the selection and distribution of the funds. Big thanks to them both for this wonderful and much needed support

It continues to be a testing time for all of us. But, we're grateful for all of the support we've received and we're looking forward to brighter times at some point in the future.

## Special thanks to our wonderful team

**Our super team has helped to keep things running as smoothly as possible at Stockdales. So, we wanted to say a big, big thank you to our wonderful team. With the help of our supporters, we were delighted to give a goody bag full of treats to everyone to show them how much we appreciate them. Special thanks goes to L'Oreal, Greene King, Swizzels Matlow and Mobberley Cakes for their lovely contributions!**





## Autumn Ball will return!

It was glum faces all round when we had to cancel yet another event this year. We were so sad not to welcome our sponsors and guests as usual to what normally is a fantastic evening. Not only was this disappointing, but it meant we would be without the funds usually raised at our headline fundraising event.

But when we reached out to our Ball goers, we were delighted to receive over £5,500 in donations – thanks so much! We're hoping to be back in 2021 on Saturday 10th October, so pop the date in your diary. We have a feeling it's going to be one heck of a party from start to finish, so please keep your fingers crossed!

## Up, up and away

Our virtual balloon race was a great success, raising a fantastic £425!! The winning balloons were: 1st Place – Roger Temple, 2nd Place – Robyn Burrows, 3rd Place – Bernice Barber. We also had a winner for the best balloon name. We had some hilarious entries and after a lot of laughter in the office. We couldn't agree so ended up having to pick the winner out of a hat!

The best balloon name was "Cream Quackers". Congratulations to Sharon Mather! Thank you so much to everyone for buying balloons and a special thank you to Mustard in Sale for donating the first prize of a meal for 4 and a bottle of wine.

## Sizzling success!

**What better way to mark the end of summer by holding a BBQ? And luckily it stayed nice and dry on the weekend of 26th and 27th of September for the Stockdales Sizzler!**

People got together with friends and family online or in person depending on restrictions in their area. We asked them to donate the price of a burger and drink to Stockdales and also enter our fabulous raffle. We raised £595.65, which is fabulous. Big thanks to those who took part and donated raffle prizes.



## Showering us with gifts

Halliday Healthcare recently donated a shower bench mattress/liner to Stockdales, making us a very lucky bunch indeed! Worth over £700, this is a vital piece of equipment that's used every day in all of our residential services. Not

everyone likes having a bath, so it gives choice to the people who prefer showers instead. Thanks so much to Paul and Sue at Halliday's for this lovely and much needed gift. It's appreciated by everyone at Stockdales.



## Marvellous M&S

The fabulous team at M&S Sale have raised a staggering £1,621.07 for Stockdales. Isn't this amazing?

Staff worked hard putting on events and organising fundraising in-store. And it paid off with this fantastic result. A huge well done to the lovely people who went the extra mile to raise these much needed funds for Stockdales. A special thanks to Pauline who organised her 'This is me' night last year, which raised over £700. The Simply Food team in Sale are simply brilliant! Thanks so much for your kind support.

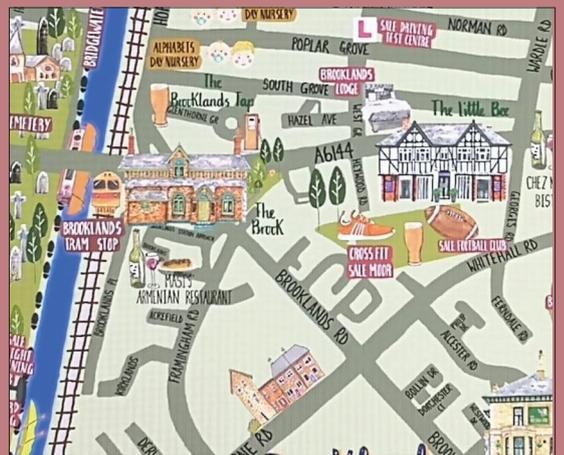


## Venom IT are superstars!

We are lucky to have such great, local support. The gang at Venom IT went all out to raise £1,937.07 for Stockdales. Thank you, this is amazing! Cake sales, dress down and Christmas Jumper days and office collections were just some of the things they did to raise this excellent amount. Big, big thanks to Becki, Steve, Katie and the team at Venom. You're all SUPERSTARS!

## Stockdales is on the map!

Thank you so much to Martell Makes Maps for raising £35 for Stockdales from the sales of the Sale and Brooklands Map. There's still time to buy the map. They are £30 and come mounted and framed. £5 from each sale of this map goes to Stockdales! Order via Facebook - @martellsmaps or email [nina.martell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nina.martell@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07976 489540. Thank you for your support and to Nina for being so kind.



## Stroll for Stockdales

Supporter Chris Eaton set himself the challenge of walking 400K (250 miles) locally over 30 days in June to raise money for us. That's the equivalent of walking from Manchester to Exeter and 500,000 steps, which is a long way! Chris came up with the idea during the lockdown period when he had time on his hands and did loads of walking. He has also been a supporter of Stockdales for many years; personally, through his business, Chartis PC and as Chair of Wythenshawe Football Club, who adopted Stockdales as their charity in 2019. Chris's amazing efforts raised £1,305 for us. Massive thanks to him and his sponsors!

# Home Sweet Home Appeal

**£1.6m!**

**You can make a difference!**

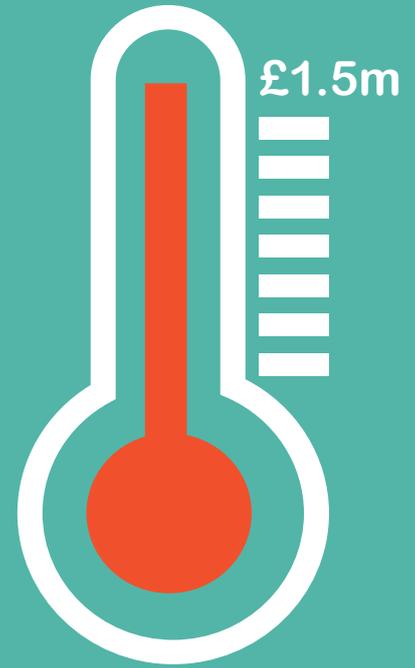
Countdown has started for the last leg of our fundraising appeal for our 5th residential house. With just over £100,000 to raise out of the £1.6m total, our target is nearly in sight! But, we will need your help to get there. You can support our much needed project by making a donation or fundraising for us.

Whilst the restrictions mean you might not be able to fundraise in the traditional way, there are plenty of new ways to raise money for us. Why not take a look at our suggestions

at <https://tinyurl.com/y3nsg8dd> and see which ones you can make Covid safe?

You can also make a simple donation, big or small towards this appeal. You can send a bank transfer to us Sort Code: 20-82-14 Account: 53865169 Name: Stockdales or send us a cheque with the form below. You can also send us a donation through Paypal ([fundraising@stockdales.org](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org).uk) or Justgiving ([www.justgiving.com/Stockdales](http://www.justgiving.com/Stockdales)), but we do get charged for these services.

**Thanks for your support!**



## 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](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk) if you want to change your preferences at any time.

# Christmas is just around the corner!

Let's make it one to remember! As we can't hold any Christmas events this year, including our much loved Christmas Fair, we need to pull out all the stops to raise as much money as possible with our Christmas Draw and our Christmas Cards. Can you help us?

## Christmas Draw

We have some fantastic prizes this year, many kindly donated by local businesses. The top prizes are digital TV, £150 cash and a drinks hamper

Tickets are £1 each and you can buy them:

- At [www.stockdales.org.uk/how-you-can-help/christmas-draw/](http://www.stockdales.org.uk/how-you-can-help/christmas-draw/)
- By dropping cash off at or posting a cheque to 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH

Don't forget to sell tickets to your family and friends!

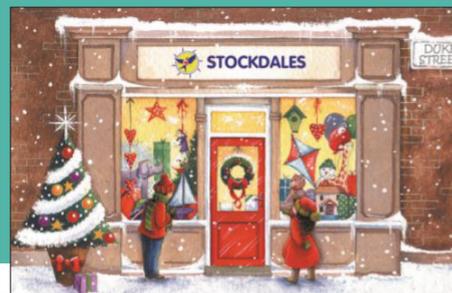
If you would like a book of tickets to sell please contact Natalie or Sarah in Fundraising on 0161 973 2296 or email: [sarah.maunder@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:sarah.maunder@stockdales.org.uk)



## Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are going to matter more than ever this year! With people not seeing loved ones and friends much, sending a card is going to be important. It's a good job we have a nice selection of new cards along with some old favourites then, isn't it? And you can support Stockdales by buying a pack or two.

You can buy them online at [www.stockdales.org.uk/how-you-can-help/merchandise/](http://www.stockdales.org.uk/how-you-can-help/merchandise/) or give us a call on 0161 973 2296 or email [fundraising@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk) and we'll send you an order form.



# Be a Stockdales Santa!

**The festive season is nearly here. What are you looking forward to the most? Getting presents you don't want or need? Trying to think of presents for others who have everything? Just the thought of it can be pretty overwhelming. We have just the solution!**

You could be a Stockdales Santa by asking people to donate what they would have spent on a present to us. Or, your present to someone could be a donation to us instead of an actual thing to them. This is especially great for people who have everything and your present may become just another item in their home, often unused. What a waste!

Imagine the warm feeling you'll get instead if you choose Stockdales to benefit from your present dilemmas. Just knowing your gift at this special time of the year will help people who need it the most and all year round.



You can donate easily by text:

- 5STOCKDALES to 70460 to donate £5**
- 10STOCKDALES to 70460 to donate £10**
- 20STOCKDALES to 70460 to donate £20**

Texts cost the donation plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give but do not wish to receive marketing communications, **text 5STOCKDALESNOINFO to donate £5 or 10STOCKDALESNOINFO to donate £10 or 20STOCKDALESNOINFO to donate £20 to 70460.**

Don't want to text? Send a cheque or drop off cash to 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH.

**Thanks for all your support.**



# Bringing the Summer Ball home

As you probably know, we love a good party here at Stockdales. And Covid-19 doesn't change that! Our Summer Ball is one of our favourite events of the year. We all love getting dressed up, being together and partying the night away on the dance floor! Cancelling it this year was a huge disappointment, but we weren't going to let it dampen our spirits for long! So, our amazing staff organised the next best thing, a Summer Ball at home. They decorated the houses, bought lots of treats and everyone dressed up for the event!

Although not on the same scale as the usual Summer Ball, there were still a lot of smiles, laughter and dancing. And everyone had a fabulous time and made memories to treasure.

Thank you to our staff for always going the extra mile!



## Stockdales rocks!

The gang at our house on Hayling Rd decided to get creative and spread kindness at the same time. Who doesn't need a bit of that right now?! We painted some little rocks in bright colours and hid them in our local area for people to find. And they seem to have done the trick, bringing joy into the lives of both big and little people. One finder was a little boy called Oliver. He was pleased to find a rock and passed on the kindness by hiding it again in his local park. It's the little things like this that brighten up our day!

## Community Services: we've missed you so much!

Things may feel a little different in our sessions at the moment. But it's all worth it and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Nothing beats seeing people in person and we're so glad to be back.

We'd like to share with you some highlights from the last couple of months...



Brilliant creations from our Arts and Crafts club. What a talented lot they are!

Back at our happy place growing our own vegetables. We love our time at our allotment and Julia is a fantastic teacher!



# Caring Amanda loves a party!

**Amanda has lived in our residential services since childhood. At nearly 47 she is a caring person who is like a 'mother hen' to the friends she lives with. Amanda likes to make sure everyone is OK, helping out and offering advice where she can. An outgoing character, she loves a good party with lots of dancing. And you can guarantee she will be the last one on the dancefloor too!**

Shopping is a favourite hobby, with new clothes and accessories at the top of the list. Amanda loves to look her best at all times. Trips to the hairdressers every 2 to 3 weeks help to keep her looking fabulous. Regular hair styling every morning keep Amanda looking great, just how she likes it.

Family and friends are so important as well. At the moment, Amanda keeps in touch online with her Mum and Dad. Usually, she would visit them a few times a month and stay over but can't because of the current restrictions. At home, Amanda likes to help around the house with jobs, prepare dinner or watch a film in her room. She loves spending time with

her housemates too and regularly enjoys bingo, karaoke, quizzes and cocktail evenings.

Amanda is a creative person and enjoys arts, craft and baking. She also loves our dance and drama sessions too. A social butterfly, Amanda loves nothing better than having a natter with her friends and staff.

Quieter evenings are usually spent relaxing in her PJs, watching one of the many soaps on the TV. It's fair to say Amanda is a big fan of them all!



## Wendy Carstairs

**We were sad to hear about the recent death of our friend and past Trustee, Wendy Carstairs. Our thoughts are with her family and friends as we feel the world has lost a remarkable lady.**

Wendy was such fun to be around and helped Stockdales massively over the years. She was on our Board of Trustees for many years until retiring in 2015. As a successful local businesswoman, Wendy helped to

take our fundraising to new heights by introducing her contacts to us. She also helped to raise money for us by holding several amazing fashion shows.

**We remember Wendy so fondly and as the life and soul of the party.**

**She will always have a special place in our hearts.**

**Thanks for everything, Wendy.**



**We'd love to hear from you!**

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