

STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Summer 2021



Getting back into the swing of things!

Holding fundraising events is a big part of what we do at Stockdales. Not only do they help us raise vital funds, they are also loads of fun to do too! We missed doing our normal events during the pandemic with our annual quiz night being our last one in February 2020. And while our virtual events have been fun and well supported by you, nothing beats getting together in person, does it?

So, you can imagine our delight when we could hold our Golf Day at Sale Golf Club in June this year. And although there were still restrictions in place, our players managed to have a mighty fine day. The weather stayed good for us which meant an enjoyable time out on the course followed by a

BBQ afterwards. Big thanks to our sponsor E-Foods Ltd, Sale Golf Club and everyone who supported by playing, donating prizes or helping on the day.

Our aim for this year's event was to get it back on the map after cancelling it in 2020. We did things differently this time by having a BBQ outside instead of our usual sit-down dinner indoors. Not only did this help to keep the event Covid safe but it was so nice to be out in the fresh air too. We had tons of support with 22 teams entering – our biggest number ever.

Although we scaled back our fundraising activity, we still managed to raise over £9,000 for Stockdales. What an amazing result for us! We

were thrilled to welcome snooker and comedy legends, Dennis Taylor and Stan Boardman. They played in the competition and helped with giving out the prizes and the auction afterwards. Big thanks to them!

We couldn't have hoped for a better day and are looking forward to seeing everyone again at this fabulous event next year. Thanks again to everyone for their support!

We can't wait until our next in-person fundraising event. The Autumn Ball will be on Saturday 2nd October at The Lowry Hotel and you can read all about this on page 5. We hope you can join us at this fabulous event.

Help us with one last push! See page 3.

Covid-19 update

We're so glad that things are slowly starting to shape up. While the easing of restrictions means everyone can do more things, we still want to be cautious about what we do.

The group we support is vulnerable, so there has been a big focus on outdoor activities. But we're steadily introducing more variety as we go and everyone is delighted to be back in the real world. Safe visiting at Stockdales still continues and people have also enjoyed visits to their families at home. There has even been the odd overnight stay too, thanks to testing, which is just fantastic.

Our Community Services are still running with reduced

numbers but we're hoping that can change soon. And we were delighted to open our Stockies Juniors Club with scaled-down numbers to start with. It's wonderful to have the children back. Although they have grown up so much, one thing's for sure, they are all still full of beans!

All our teams in every area from admin, finance, training, head office, driving, fundraising, recruitment to care continue to be magnificent.

“Thank you” simply doesn't cover it – all of our teams are just marvellous!



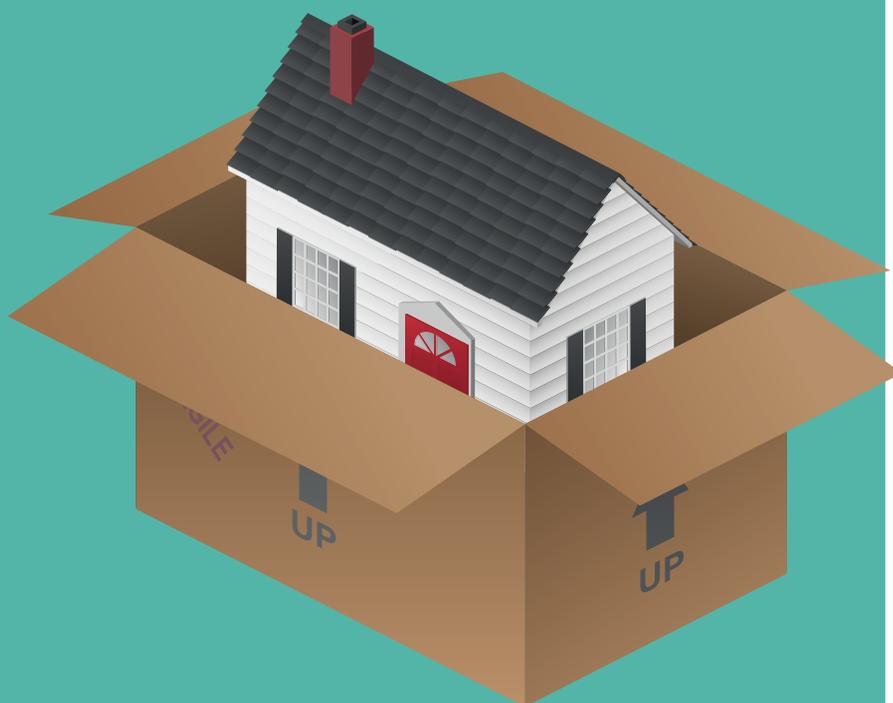
Getting ready to open our new house

Things are moving along nicely with our new care home on Fownhope Avenue.

At the time of writing, we are just about finishing the building work. Then we will be concentrating on fitting out the house with specialist equipment, furnishing and decorating. The fun part will be adding the special touches to make it a lovely place for people to call home. Our team is busy visiting people and their families and doing assessments. This is an important part of the process so we can make sure we will best meet the needs of the people we'll be supporting.

We're hoping to open the doors to our first residents in the autumn, which is so exciting. And we're looking forward to sharing the finished product with you in our next newsletter!

Take a look on page 3 to see how you can help us with our final fundraising push for our new house.



Help us with one last push!

Our Buy a Brick Appeal was so successful and raised over £10,000 for our new house. Big thanks to everyone who contributed to this - it means so much to us! Now we're on the home stretch, can you help us with our final fundraising push? We have less than £30,000 to raise. Specialist disability equipment is expensive. We are lucky to have had funding for some of the equipment we need, but there is still some way to go. Here is an idea of some of the items we still need to get:

Lifting pods
£1,200 each

Rise and fall bed
£1,500 each

Shower bench and liner
£3,500

Posture relief mattresses
£1,000 each

Sleep system bed
£3,500 each

Specialist comfy chair
£3,000

Please give what you can
and help us reach our target!

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

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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.

Sir Captain Tom 100 Challenge – Doing it our way!

The Captain Tom 100 challenge celebrated Captain Tom's generosity of spirit, the hope and joy he brought to millions and his sense of fun. Well, we certainly had a lot of fun and brought a lot of joy with our challenges! The gang at our house on Ashton Lane did a 100 Minutes of Music challenge. They made a huge effort decorating the living room and everyone had a great time playing instruments and singing along. They raised an amazing £390 for Stockdales! Nikita, a member of staff from our house on Hayling Road came up with the brilliant idea of selling 100 inspirational quotes which raised over £80. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who donated.



Creamline lottery donation

We were over the 'moon' to receive a call from Creamline Dairies telling us we would be receiving a £500 donation from their charity lottery scheme. This has been running for over 25 years and helps raise money for local charities and good causes across the region. Thanks so much for thinking of us and for your generous donation. It means the world to everyone at Stockdales.

Claim your £5 credit at Creamline today!

Creamline are kindly giving all Stockdales supporters a £5 credit to use on their Daily Essentials & Best of Local stores. You can get your £5 credit by visiting www.creamline.co.uk/register and adding STOCKDALES2021 to the referral code box until 31st August 2021.



Smell the roses



Our virtual pamper night was a great success, with everyone enjoying their pamper packs full of gorgeous Neal's Yard Products. Stockdales received 25% of the commission from the product sales on the evening and this raised a fantastic £357.10. If you would like to buy any Neal's Yard Products, please use this link: https://uk.nyrorganic.com/shop/leoniethomas_1/ and then email Leonie at Neal's Yard to let her know you are a friend of Stockdales at Leonie@frequencyshift.co.uk And we will receive 25% from the sale of the products!

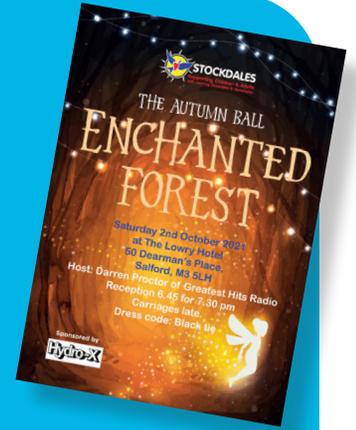
Virtual quiz really scores

Thanks to everyone who took part in our 2 virtual quizzes this year. We had loads of fun and hope you did too! We raised over £320 from both events. And a big thank you to our fabulous Quiz Master David, who puts so much time and effort into our quiz nights.

Autumn Ball will be an enchanting night out!

Join us at our 'Enchanted Forest' Autumn Ball on Saturday 2nd October at The Lowry Hotel. Our host will be Hits Radio host Darren Proctor who will be working his magic as usual. Hydro-X Water Treatment are our headline sponsors again, big thanks to them. We simply can't wait for an evening of delicious food, fabulous entertainment and most importantly, dancing into the early hours.

Tickets are £70 each or £650 for a table of 10. There are also other sponsorship opportunities. Please contact Natalie James-Crumlish if you would like to know more about these or buy tickets.



Summer Tea Party at home



Thank you so much to everyone who held a Summer Tea Party at Home for Stockdales. We hope you had a fabulous party and enjoyed your treats! We raised £237.67.

Nicholls Solicitors in Timperley held a tea party in their office for all the staff and raised a brilliant £50 for Stockdales. What a great idea! Thanks so much for doing this.

Our residential homes also had a fabulous day as they got involved with the party too. People had such a good time making and eating all

the cakes. And it was a joy for some family members to come along to our outside spaces to spend some quality time together with their loved ones. It was great to see people chat over lovely cake and a nice cuppa.

And our online cake raffle was also a huge success, raising £70! Thank you so much to The Biscuit Tin in Altrincham for donating the amazing carrot cake and congratulations to Jackie Rickett for winning it.

We hope it tasted as good as it looked!

Thank you, Pat Jordan

Longstanding supporter, Pat Jordan, wasn't going to let Covid restrictions stop him doing his much-loved Irish Night.

This is something he has done for many years in aid of Stockdales. He swapped the stage for a Facebook Live show and belted out a load of Irish classics to his fans, who made their living rooms into dance floors for the evening. Pat has a huge following, so the event was well attended

by people from all around the country, which was just fantastic.

And he raised a whopping £635 for Stockdales! How good is that? The biggest thanks to Pat for his continued support and for the thousands he has raised for us over the years.

It's much appreciated and means a great deal to everyone at Stockdales.



Stockdales in bloom

We were so lucky to receive donations of plants and beautifully painted bird boxes from some National Lottery winners. They lovingly painted the bird boxes for us to put in our gardens and the space we use at Navigation Rd. They also donated cameras to go inside some of them so we can see the birds coming and going. What a fantastic thing to have in our gardens! It was so kind of them to personally deliver the boxes and plants. Thank you so much! In the afternoon, our team and the people we support had a wonderful time potting the flowers and making Stockdales blossom. We are so proud of our gardens and we're sure you will agree - they look blooming marvellous!



Our café – feeding friends

Covid restrictions and keeping people safe has meant we haven't been able to run our café at the Avenue Methodist Church in Sale. But the café team were so excited to be making sandwiches and cakes again when we opened our own little café at Stockdales HQ.

We are only catering for our friends on site for the moment. It's another step closer to normality but is giving people lots of practice for when we re-open our café at the church each Wednesday. We hope to see you there soon.



Wimbledon comes to Stockdales

You know its summer when Wimbledon is here. But you try getting a ticket! They are either like gold dust or so expensive. Plus, we couldn't go at the moment anyway.

So, what's the next best thing? Yes, that's it, our very own tennis tournament on the drive at Stockdales HQ. The sun was out, the net was up and away we went.

Everyone had such a good time, although we're not sure we'll be giving any of the Wimbledon champs a run for their money any time soon! But it's the taking part and fun we had that counts.



Learning Disability Week

The theme of Learning Disability Awareness Week this year was Art and Creativity. People from our Residential and Community Services got involved and did a fantastic job getting creative. We were proud to showcase their talents for all to see on social media. Everyone had a wonderful time colouring, baking and making craft. Plus, some even starred in short films put together by our team! Thank you to all our staff for the amazing effort.

You can see all our pictures and videos on our Facebook page @StockdalesMcr



Reviewing the situation

Each year we put together a review of our achievements of the previous year. As you know, 2020 was quite a time. While there was a lot of challenge for us and it was pretty scary, it was also a fantastic year for us for so many reasons.

We've put together a brochure to mark our different year. If you would like a copy, please give us a call on 0161 973 2296 or email enquiries@stockdales.org.uk.



From the archives

Stockdales has been around since 1953 and we love hearing stories from the past. There have been quite a few tales over the years! We were delighted when Jackie Rickett got in touch with us armed with photos of her mum, Nora Dawson. Nora got involved with fundraising for the Stockdales Ambulance Appeal in the 1970s. She was bags of fun and didn't think twice about getting dressed up as a rabbit and walking for miles, or pushing Miss Piggy round the local streets in fancy dress! All to raise much needed funds at the time.

The boy in the photograph is none other than one of our trustees, Tony Gresty. Tony and his family have been involved with Stockdales for many years. He remembered Nora fondly and said she was great to be around, especially if you were a kid. And her role as a 'lollipop lady' saw children flocking to her because they loved her. Sadly Nora died in 1983 but her memory lives on. And rightly so.



Corinne – what an inspiration!

Corinne is chatty and kind. She enjoys spending time talking about her interests and learning about other people's too. Corinne has been a regular at Stockdales for many years and lives at home with her mum. She combines her time with us with a part time job at Asda where she has worked for several years.

Corinne loves nothing better than to socialise and gain new skills and experiences. Before the pandemic, she helped run our Community Café at the Avenue Methodist Church in Sale. This gave Corinne the opportunity to learn how to prepare food safely and to socialise with the public. She also loved our days out, particularly enjoying our famous party nights!

Corinne has even been away with Stockdales for a weekend away to the Yorkshire seaside.

She enjoys the activities we do such as crazy golf, go karting and walking on the beach. And she can't wait for all of these to start up again soon!

In the first lockdown when our Community Services had to close, Corinne loved our doorstep visit with the activity bags for her to enjoy at home. She also kept entertained with our online videos.

A few hours every Sunday are now spent at Stockdales working on growing her life skills such as cooking and food shopping. Corrine also loves craft projects like candle making and walks in our lovely local parks or just chatting over a brew!

Corinne loves her time with the Community Services team and learning new skills that she can use in her everyday life. This is so important for her and her family.



Happy retirement, June

We were sad to wave off one of our team, June Johnson. June was an administrator in the office at Harboro Rd and had worked at Stockdales for some 15 years. She helped to keep things running smoothly in the office, including making sure everyone got paid on time. Famous for her delightful cakes and beautiful hand-made cards, she also had a liking for the odd pretty dress or two!

We threw June a socially distanced gathering and gave her lots of gifts, a token of our appreciation of her hard work over the years. And the Community Services group baked her a lovely cake too. We hope this isn't goodbye though and that June will still bring us cake from time to time. Otherwise, we're not sure what we'll do! Best of luck to June and have a happy retirement.



We'd love to hear from you!

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