

# STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Autumn 2021



## We really had a ball!

**Our Autumn Ball is our headline fundraising event. Not only is it a social highlight in our calendar when we get together with friends and supporters for a great party, but it helps us to raise much needed funds for Stockdales too. We were so disappointed last year when we couldn't run the event. And while our supporters pulled out all the stops with their donations, there was a big Autumn Ball shaped hole in October 2020.**

2021 has been full of uncertainties too. But when things took a turn for the better, we decided to go for it and start organising our wonderful event. We were delighted to have Hydro-X Water Treatment Ltd as our main sponsors once again after many years of generous support.

Big thanks to them. Then we got to work on the theme and chose 'Enchanted Forest' along with a new venue for us - The Lowry Hotel. We didn't know if people would be hesitant after the events of 2020/21 or whether they would be itching to get out. Luckily for us it was the latter and we welcomed 165 guests on the evening.

It was a successful night despite challenges in the run up such as the fuel crisis and Covid. But we did it! And we raised £13,000 of much needed funds for Stockdales to boot, thanks to our wonderful guests. Our host, Darren Proctor, helped our fundraising efforts by working his magic on the room. The hotel worked extra hard to make sure our guests were fed and

watered with delicious food and drinks. And the dancefloor was full from start to finish thanks to our amazing band Urban Intro. They really got things going!

There were lots of ways for people to contribute big and small on the evening. From our Ears and Tails competition and raffles to our live and silent auctions. Special thanks to everyone who supported us - our guests, sponsors and supporters. You are all wonderful!



Take a look at our shiny new house! See page 2.

# We did it! Thanks to you we reached our fundraising target!



This is how it looked before. Quite an improvement, we think you'll agree!

**We reached our fundraising target of £1.1m to renovate our new care home, thanks to all our lovely supporters. And the building work, fitting out and decorating has finished too. We are now in the process of doing behind the scenes work including registrations with the Care Quality Commission. Then we will be ready to open the doors to 6 extra people with complex needs. What an exciting time!**

It's not been an easy journey. You could say we don't do things by halves pushing on with a major project through the pandemic and the ongoing challenges of Brexit. But we're passionate about making a difference to people with learning disabilities and their families. So we

weren't going to let anything stop us, that's for sure!

We will show you more in the next issue of the newsletter, but for now we'd like to say a big thanks to everyone who has helped us with this huge project. The house looks amazing and will be a super place for people to call home.

**Special thanks to our supporters:**

The Albert Hunt Trust, The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, Barratt Developments PLC Charitable Foundation, Beatrice Laing Charitable Trust, Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust, The Clothworkers Foundation, CRH Charitable Trust, The Dowager Countess Eleanor

Peel Trust, The Edward Gostling Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, Manchester Guardian Society Charitable Trust, The Michael Bishop Foundation, The Oliver Ford Foundation, Parry Family Charitable Foundation, Screwfix Foundation, The Steinberg Family Charitable Trust, The Will Charitable Trust, William Howarth Charitable Trust, The Wolfson Foundation and Zochonis Charitable Trust.

**All our other supporters:**

There are too many to mention but our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who donated, did sponsored 'somethings', fundraised and came along to our events.



## Christmas is just around the corner!

The festive season is nearly upon us and we've got lots of ways you can support us:

### Christmas Fair

It's back but at a new venue! Expect all the usual fun: gifts, decorations, tombolas, Santa's Grotto and refreshments.

Sunday 28th November, 12.30 - 3pm  
at The Rowans, 100 Navigation Rd,  
Broadheath, Altrincham, WA14 1LL

Adults £1, Children 50p, under 2s free.



### Christmas cards

We have new designs and some old favourites for you to choose from. Nothing beats a lovely handwritten card, does it?

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.

### Christmas Draw

We have some fantastic prizes this year, many kindly donated by local businesses. The top prizes are a 40" digital TV, a meal for 4 at The Blues Kitchen (worth £300), £150 cash and a Harvey Nichols 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)



### Items needed

**Can you help?** We're looking for unwanted gifts, toiletry sets, bottles of alcohol (or anything else in a bottle!) and soft toys for our raffles and tombolas. All items should be new, although we can use soft toys in good condition. All bottles have to be unopened and we're sorry but we can't accept books, CDs, DVDs or clothes.



# AmazonSmile – raise money for Stockdales while you shop!

**Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you?**

Simply follow the instructions below and select Stockdales Of Sale, Altrincham And District Ltd as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app.

Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.



**How it works:**

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone**
- 2. Select the main menu & tap on AmazonSmile within Programmes & Features**
- 3. Select Stockdales Of Sale, Altrincham And District Ltd as your charity**
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app**

**Go on – do it now before you forget! Thank you so much.**



## Amazing Asda

Our friends at Asda Broadheath went the extra mile when they raised £200 for us from their Green Tokens Scheme. But that wasn't all they did! They put us in touch with the Asda Foundation who donated a further £995 through their Bringing Communities Back Together grant. The kids at our Stockies Juniors Club can get loud with the drum kit and sensory equipment we bought with the kind donation. Massive thanks to Asda!

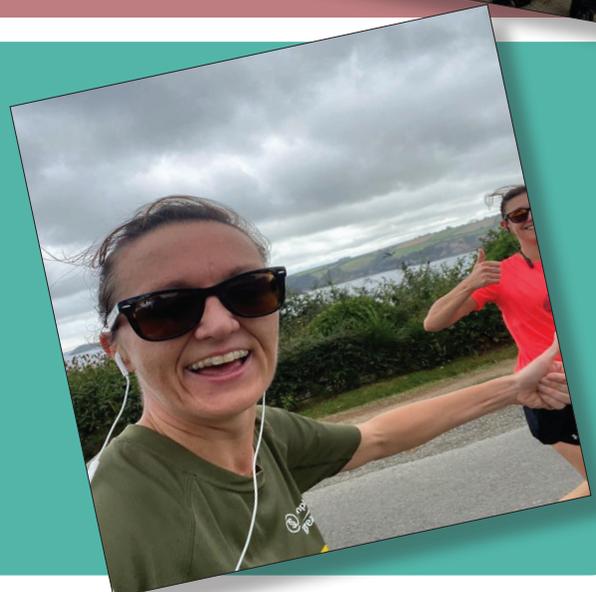
We were delighted to welcome store manager, Simon and community officer, Catherine, at Stockies Juniors one Saturday morning so they could meet the children and see the equipment. The kids made sure it was a lively visit and Simon and Catherine probably needed a lie down afterwards!



## Sarah's Marathon

**Longstanding supporter, Sarah Campbell, bravely ran the Manchester Marathon on Sunday 10th October.**

This was a big deal as Sarah had come out of retirement to do the run for Stockdales and we appreciate her efforts! She was running in memory of her wife's brother, Hew, who used to live at Stockdales before he sadly died in 2003. We know running for something so close to Sarah's heart must have spurred her on. Sarah raised a staggering £1,022 and we can't thank her enough for her efforts. Well done and thank you Sarah!



# Christmas appeal

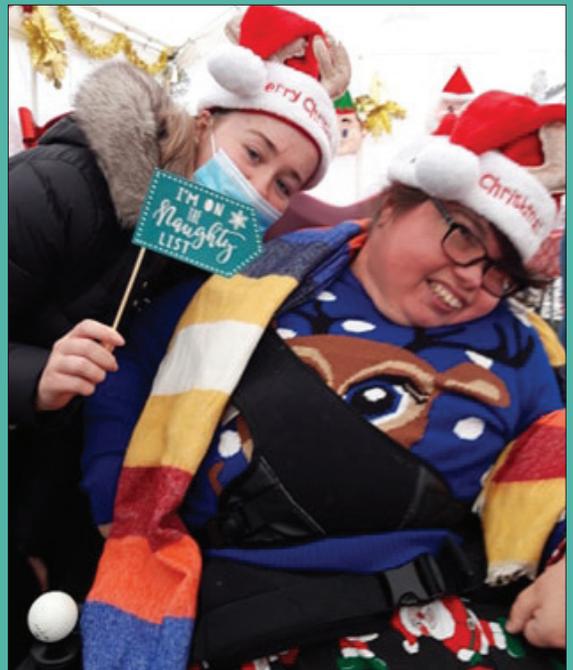
You might decide not to send Christmas cards this year and donate the money you would have spent to Stockdales. Or, if you don't want any more 'things', you could ask people to make a donation to us instead of buying you a present.

Whatever you do, you can rest assured that making a donation to Stockdales will be money well spent. You will be making a huge difference to people who need it the most, helping them to do the things most of us take for granted.

We're sure you agree everyone deserves an equal chance in life. So why not make a special difference?

Do something fantastic today and donate to Stockdales!

You can send us a bank transfer to the account details below, donate online at our website: <https://stockdales.enthuse.com/donation> or send a cheque made payable to 'Stockdales' to Natalie James-Crumlish, 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, Cheshire, M33 5AH



## 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.

## What we did over the summer

There are still some restrictions in place at Stockdales, but we're so pleased that people can do way more than they could. We are all about getting into the thick of things locally and further afield. But things are looking promising and we're looking forward to a happy and healthy winter.

Here are just some of the things we have been up to over the summer!

### Sunny days down by the canal



*How lucky are we to have this beautiful place on our doorstep?*

### Stockies Juniors



*It's great to have the kids back playing and having fun times.*

### Social Club



*Finally enjoying much needed social time doing the things we love.*

### Sports day



*Watch that egg! Lots of concentration needed.*

### Visiting the pigs



*What could be better than a fun day out at the farm?*

### Drinks at the pub



*Friends enjoying a lovely drink in the sunshine.*

### Getting crafty



*A buzzin' time at our craft session.*

# Helping our local community

**Being in the heart of our community means we get great support from friends, neighbours and supporters locally.** But at Stockdales, we like to give back and help out where we can too. We're hugely proud of being in Trafford, but like in so many other areas, litter can be a problem. So we recently got together with some of our corporate supporters who volunteered at our litter picks.

We got wrapped up and went to various litter hot spots armed with equipment kindly lent to us by Trafford Council. It was great to be in the fresh air doing extra good outside of our normal work.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to catch up with some of our valued supporters too.



# Celebrating our achievements

**We are so proud of our team and their passion to learn, grow and offer the best care possible.** And despite the continuing challenges this year, many members of staff have been working hard to achieve qualifications in Health and Social Care. This year alone the following staff have successfully completed their Diploma/Apprenticeships (previously known as NVQ).

- **Level 5 Diploma in Leadership & Management for Health and Social Care (Children, Young People and Adults):** Shannen Gonzales (Service Manager for Community Services)
- **Level 3 Diploma in Adult Health and Social Care:** Omar Mughal – Senior Support Worker (Community Services)
- **Level 3 Diploma in Adult Health and Social Care:** Mirella Osinska – Senior Support Worker (Residential Services)
- **Level 2 Diploma in Adult Health and Social Care:** Nikita Moores – Support Worker (Residential Services)
- **Level 3 Diploma in Education, Teaching and Training:** Michelle Jones – Training Manager

We also have 13 more members of staff on programme working towards their qualifications.



# Blooming bright

**We decided to have a bit of fun over the summer and run a sunflower competition.**

Sunflowers are one of the jolliest and most majestic flowers around. But how tall did they get? Well, some of us didn't follow the instructions properly and left them in their pots for too long. The result? Small, spindly flowers not worthy of a photo. But our team at Harboro knew exactly what they were doing. Their magnificent sunflower grew to a huge height. Support worker Leon in the photo is 6ft 6in and we reckon their flowery friend overtook him. Congratulations to the gang at Harboro for their efforts. We wonder who will win next year?



# Our Stockies Junior James is full of fun!

**James ran through the door of our Stockies Juniors club in May 2019 with a huge smile on his face and he hasn't stopped smiling since!**

He goes to Acre Hall Primary School, who provide specialist support for children with autism and he comes to Stockies on a Saturday. In his spare time, James enjoys swimming, cycling, days out with mum and dad, going to the cinema, reading and playing on his laptop.

James loves coming to Stockies Juniors and always asks to bake. But his favourite thing to do is play 'Monster', a game of Tig and when the person is "it" they have to pretend to be a monster and chase the others. As you can imagine, it's noisy, loads of fun and is also a firm favourite with the staff!

James is a very happy boy who loves being with others and playing games. And he has loads of friends at Stockies Juniors. Everyone always wants to play with James!

We asked James' mum, Melanie, what Stockies Juniors means to their family.

*She said, "As a family, we get a lot from James coming to Stockies Juniors. It means we have some much needed respite at the weekend. It is just James' Dad and I who care for James, so a couple of hours where we can spend a bit of time together and go out for a coffee and chat is really welcome."*

*"We are happy to leave James at Stockies Juniors because it's well organised, safe and he enjoys it. James particularly enjoys the baking! He can go somewhere other than school where he is with other children his own age. James also likes to spend some time with other adults who are aware of his needs in an understanding environment."*



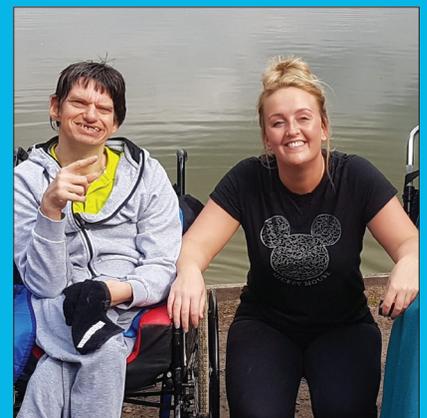
## Do you have time to care?

**Are you or someone you know looking for a new career? One where you can make a difference every single day?**

We are looking for caring people to join us as support workers. You will play an important part in people's lives, helping them to live like everyone else. We guarantee no two days are the same. And you will most definitely increase your skills in this worthwhile role.

You don't need to have experience in care as you'll receive lots of training. But you do need to be friendly, patient, empathic and willing to learn the ropes. These are essential ingredients to being an inspirational support worker.

**Are you interested? Then call Alex Daly on 0161 973 2296 or email: [alex.daly@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:alex.daly@stockdales.org.uk) today!**



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

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