

# STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Spring 2022



## Welcome!

**We couldn't have hoped for a better and more exciting way to start the new year. Four years after starting the project, our house on Fownhope Avenue is now open! After what's felt like an eternity, we're finally at the next part of the journey and we are so happy. Thanks to everyone who has made this happen.**

For several months, the team have been busy working on lots of referrals and assessments. When there are so many people and families that need support, deciding who will live there needs a lot of thought. In an ideal world, we would be helping everyone! But we're over-the-moon that people have moved in now and are settling in well to their new home.

Before the big move, we visited everyone to get to know them better. Plus, visits to Fownhope were also arranged. Everyone had fun playing games, doing puzzles and watching favourite films, as well as going to the park and local cafes to get familiar with the local area.

Such a big change in life and environment can be challenging, but our wonderful team is making sure this is going as smoothly as possible. We're looking forward to seeing how everyone gets on this year as they grow their roots in the Stockdales family.

None of this would have been possible without our fabulous supporters, partners and team for making this life-changing project a

reality for us. To see the end result, people moving in and the difference it will make to them and their families makes the hard work all worth it. Thank you!

## Watch our film!

With the help of BrightSky Films, we put together a short film about our new care home to say thanks to our supporters. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/YSKajPyGv3A>. Big thanks to BrightSky Films who kindly donated the costs of the film to us. We can't thank you enough!

See page 3 for details of our upcoming events...

## There's no business like snow business

After a year of no in-person events, we were so pleased to have our Christmas Fair back on the calendar. And at a new venue too! In the lead up to the fair, we were busy getting things ready so we could all enjoy some festive magic. And magical it was too... it even snowed. We'd like to take the credit for that one, but we can't! We welcomed lots of people at The Rowans on Navigation Rd in Broadheath and were lucky to count on an army of volunteers to help us before, on the day and afterwards. Guest performances from Wellfield Infant and Junior School Choir and the Salvation Army were just superb as always. And our resident Father Christmas excelled himself again with his elves. There were lots of stalls selling decorations and gifts. Plus we were joined by other independent stallholders from outside Stockdales selling gifts, jewellery, jams and chutneys and giving away free books. All of this was enjoyed with countless bratwursts, mulled wine and mince pies.

**We raised £2,165 for Stockdales - our best ever fair. Special thanks to everyone who helped and supported us - either on the day or by giving donations or lending us stuff. It means so much to us.**



## Skiing snowman wins the race

Well done to Viv Brooke for winning the Knitted Snowman Competition with her amazing Skiing Snowman. We had some brilliant snowmen again this year. Thank you to everyone who knitted and thank you for taking the time to vote.

The Snowman Appeal raised over £450 for Stockdales, which is just brilliant! Thanks again. We're looking forward to seeing your creations later in the year.



## Lucky winners at Christmas!

There were lots of lucky winners in our 2021 Christmas Draw.

With prizes ranging from a fabulous 40" HD TV to hampers, restaurant vouchers and much more, this was a competition worth entering. Massive thanks to everyone who bought tickets. You helped to raise over £3,400, which is amazing! And the biggest congratulations to our winners. A lovely treat for you just before Christmas. Thanks for your support.



## Events calendar

We'd love to see you at our events. If you're interested, please get in touch with Natalie or Sarah: email [fundraising@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk) or call 0161 973 2296.

### Quiz Night

Sale Conservative Club

**Friday 18th March**

7pm - late

Teams of 4 - £10 per person (including food)

### Golf Day

Sale Golf Club

**Wednesday 22nd June**

11.30am - late

Teams of 4 - £350 (includes lunch, golf, evening dinner and entertainment)

### Autumn Ball

The Lowry Hotel

**Saturday 8th October**

6.45pm - late

£700/ table 10; £75/ individual  
Early bird price £650/table;  
£70/individual if paid in full by  
June 30th



## Charity of the year

**Nicholls Solicitors in Timperley village have chosen Stockdales to be their Charity of the Year.** Sarah Birdsey from Nicholls said, "We are delighted to have chosen Stockdales as our charity of the year 2022. Keep your eyes peeled for fundraising events throughout the year as we support this great charity!" Thank you so much to Sarah and everyone at Nicholls Solicitors for choosing us. It's so great to have your support and we can't wait for everything this year will bring. Nicholls are a well-established firm of solicitors and offer a range of legal services. Visit their website: [www.nichollssolicitors.com](http://www.nichollssolicitors.com).

## New vehicle boost

**We were thrilled when the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund told us they were giving us a grant of £5,000!**

This will be towards the purchase of a smaller wheelchair accessible vehicle. These vehicles are vital to what we do as they help people with disabilities to travel around independently, not just on minibuses. It was even better news when old friend and Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Eamonn O'Neal visited us to deliver the cheque. It was great to catch up with him and show him round our new house on Fownhope Avenue. Thanks so much to the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund for their invaluable support and for making a difference to people with learning disabilities.





## We want your unwanted items!

With our events back up and running, we need items to help us with our fundraising. It's that time of the year when people like to have a declutter and get rid of the things they don't want. Remember those gifts that may have got filed to the draw never to be seen again? Yes, we mean those. They might make a good raffle prize or we could sell them at our gift stalls at our Christmas Fair. And what about any leftover alcohol from Christmas? Have a look in your drinks cupboard to see if you have anything you don't want. That unopened bottle of Campari might just be the ticket!

### Items we need are:

- New gifts
- Toiletry sets
- Bottles of anything unopened and in date
- New or good condition soft toys and kids' games

Space is pretty tight here, so we can only take the things we will use. Please don't send us CDs, DVDs, books and bric-a-brac/used household items. Thank you!



## Lovely local support

The Co-operative Food Store in Ashton-on-Mersey help Stockdales out in so many ways.

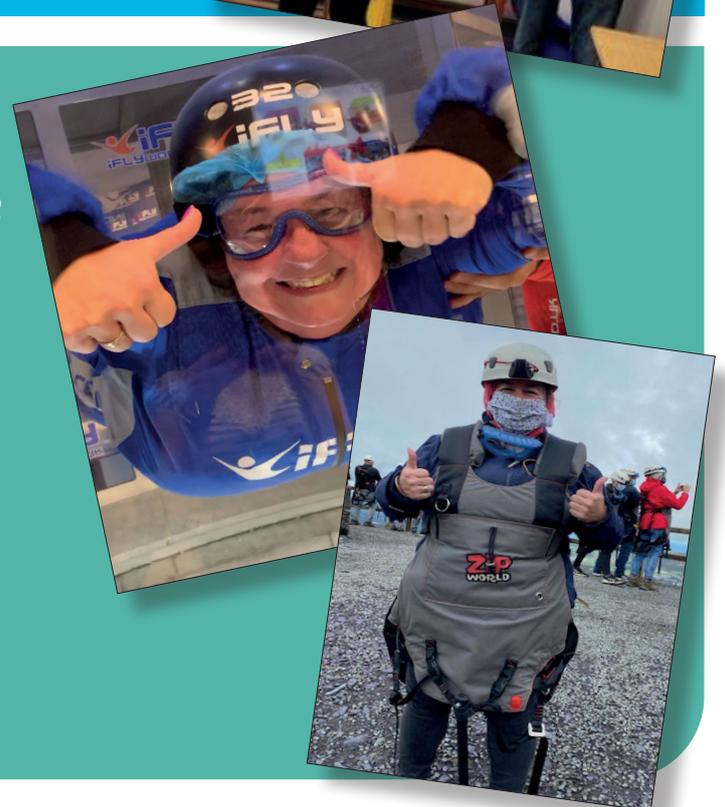
They sell our knitted snowmen for us and have got involved with some of the kids' trails we have done in the local community. And recently, they went the extra mile by kindly donating a smashing hamper full (and we mean full!) of treats! They also donated £350 from their Community Fund that went towards funding the Christmas parties for the people we support.



## The sky's the limit for daredevil Justine

Office manager, Justine, is our resident daredevil. You name it, she's done it.

Justine likes to visit new places as often as she can and is always up for a hair-raising challenge. She has been paragliding off the side of a mountain in Turkey, on a helicopter flight (with no doors) over New York, done the fastest zip wire in Europe, been indoor skydiving and has been swimming with baby sharks. This year, Justine is doing a skydive from a plane to raise funds for Stockdales. We think she's going to need nerves of steel for that one! You can show your support by sponsoring Justine and help her raise lots of much-needed funds for Stockdales here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/justine-maxted-stockdales>



# Holiday fund appeal: can you help us?

Holidays help us to get away from it all and recharge, don't they? It's something the people we support look forward to each year. But for the last couple of years, it's just not been possible for us to take people away.

We're hoping this year will be different as everyone needs a change of scenery. And we know we'll have to think creatively about how to do this to keep people safe too. Plus, the changes we'll be making will mean bigger costs for us. Can you help us? It will make an important and much needed difference in what continue to be especially challenging times for Stockdales.

You can donate by bank transfer to the account details below or send us a cheque to 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH. Don't forget to send the form below if you're a Gift Aider.

To donate £5 / £10 or £20 text 5HOLIDAY / 10HOLIDAY or 20HOLIDAY to 70560:  
Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.



## 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.

If you don't already subscribe to our news and would like to, contact us on 0161 973 2296 or email fundraising@stockdales.org.uk and we'll put you on our mailing list. To unsubscribe, please contact us on the same telephone number/email address.

## Look at what we've been up to...

It's been a busy time at Stockdales as we've continued to navigate the pandemic. While it's not been easy at times, we're doing all we can to keep people happy and healthy. 2021 was a better year and we're hoping to see even more improvements in 2022. Let's all keep hope in our hearts and our fingers crossed for better times.

In the meantime, have a look at what we've been up to...

### Horse riding



*Kenzie is a natural at her after-school horse riding lessons.*

### Sports session



*Our community services sports session starts curling. Will we be ready for the 2022 Winter Olympics?*

### Quiz whizz



*Van has been a whizz in the music rounds at our very own Stockdales Quiz.*

### Glittering globes



*We enjoyed making these snow globe jars for Christmas. How beautiful are they?*

### Winter walks



*Claire enjoyed the sights of Sale on our winter walks. The houses looked fantastic!*

### Jump space



*Tabby's huge smile says it all about being back at jump space!*

### Getting arty



*A visit to the Van Gogh experience.*



## A lovely partnership

**Our partnership with Mencap (Altrincham) started in 2019 when we started to hire their premises, The Rowans, on Navigation Rd to run some of our Community Services activities.**

The service continued to grow and we found we needed more space. The Rowans gave us plenty of room in an easy to reach location. It was the perfect fit and we jumped at the chance to use it. What started off as a few days a week has turned into us having full use of the building every day. This has proved invaluable, especially over the last couple of years when social distancing and space has been so important.

We've also been able to use the building for other activities as well. In 2021, we were delighted to hold our Christmas Fair there too as

we couldn't do it at our main site because of care home restrictions. This proved to be a great move with it being our best fair ever with plenty of indoor space for our stalls. No more shivering outside for most people!

For the past 2 years we haven't held our big Christmas party. Last year we had parties for each residential service in the marquee at our main site. It was chilly, but it worked. This year, we held them in the evenings at Navigation Rd for each house. And our Community Services did four separate parties for the people who come to the sessions, social clubs and Stockies Juniors to keep things safe.

**We're delighted with our partnership with Mencap. It's helping us to develop the way we do things.**



## Ready, steady, cook!

**It's no secret that we love food and cooking at Stockdales.**

They are firm favourite activities and feature a lot in a Community Services sessions to help with skills development. So, the gang decided to put together a recipe book to share the dishes they love to cook with you! If you like super savoury dishes or you're looking to satisfy your sweet tooth, then this is the recipe book for you.

The book is a bargain price of £2 for our supporters and you can get one by contacting the team in Community Services on 0161 972 0668 or by emailing [enquiries@stockdales.or.uk](mailto:enquiries@stockdales.or.uk). The gang will be delighted to have your support!



## Dancing on ice

**It's not every day you bump into a star at the local ice rink.**

But on a trip to Planet Ice in Altrincham, we got chatting to Corrie's Sally Dyvenor. She was getting some practice in before putting on her blades for this year's Dancing on Ice. Sally was lovely and kindly had a photo with us before gliding off to perfect her moves. It looks like Sally's hard work has paid off as her first appearance on the show was amazing. We're looking forward to following how she gets on and wish her the best of luck.



# Making dreams come true

**When we first introduced Dream Days in 2015, our aim was to help as many people as possible have their dream experiences. At the time, we couldn't find anyone offering this to people of all ages, particularly to adults. We set about changing that and our lovely Dream Days project was born. Since then, we have supported lots of people and their families to tick stuff off their bucket lists.**

Dream Days give people with learning disabilities something to look forward to. They get to have a magical experience they can cherish for many years to come. We also welcome family and friends to come along too. It's a time when they can be together without the usual everyday pressures of life, as we take care of the support side of things. And we meet the cost of every Dream Day from our fundraising as well.

We were thrilled to take Ashley and his mum away for a London City Break in 2021. This was our first Dream Day since early 2020, so we were more than delighted

to get back in the memory making saddle.

Ashley's dream was an overnight stay in the big smoke as he'd never been. He wanted to take his mum, Debbie and soak up the hustle and bustle of London. We wanted to make things extra special for the pair and arranged for a limo to take them to Piccadilly before they travelled in style by first class train.

While in the city, Ashley and Debbie packed a lot in before taking a much needed rest in a fancy 5 star hotel. A trip to Buckingham Palace, shopping at Hamley's and Harrods plus a West End show were just some of the things they did to make their dream come true. The grand finale was a trip on an open-top tour bus to see London in all its glory.

**Ashley and Debbie had such a fantastic time and this was so heart-warming to see.**



# Could you be our next Gaby?

Gaby started as a support worker at Stockdales with no previous care experience. She is enjoying working with us and is doing an amazing job with the people we support. We asked Gaby how things are going and she said:

“On my first day I was nervous as I hadn't done anything like this before. But the team made me feel so welcome and went through everything with me. And the training

is great too. Working at Stockdales is like walking into a family that you didn't know you needed or have. I love going into work. It's made a huge difference in my life because it makes you feel like you have achieved something.”

**Apply to be a support worker today. Call Alex Daly on 0161 973 2296 or email: alex.daly@stockdales.org.uk**



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

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