

# STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Autumn 2023



**TRAFFORD** CENTRE  
MANCHESTER

## We Are The Trafford Centre's Charity!

**We are thrilled to announce that Stockdales has been chosen to be a charity partner of the Trafford Centre for the next 12 months.**

The Trafford Centre Fountain Fund is a charity initiative which divides all coins thrown into the Centre's Fountains between three specified charities each year. It is a huge honour for Stockdales to be chosen – and our focus for the year will be Stockies Juniors – our vital weekend social club for children with Learning Disabilities.



In addition to gifting the coins in the fountain, the team at the Trafford Centre are keen to host and participate in a range of fundraising events and challenges – so we are putting together a diary of fun ways to raise money and promote Stockies Juniors.

Our first event at The Trafford Centre is on Sunday afternoon 3rd December, to celebrate National Disability Day.

**Calling Volunteers:** One of the ways you could help us is with the process of cleaning and counting the coins.

We are looking to put together teams of volunteers who are able to join us occasionally at the Trafford Centre site – for a day at a time. We will provide refreshments and cheery company, So, if you would like to know more – please get in touch. Your help would be very much appreciated!

For more info please call Maggie on 0161 973 2296 option 4.

Emma Morris, CEO, Stockdales, said: 'We are delighted to be working with the Trafford Centre. Our work with Stockies is so vital to children and their families. Having a presence within the Trafford Centre will mean we can fundraise directly with shoppers – and who knows, we may even be able to find new families who would value a Stockies place!'

Richa Patel, Community Development Manager, for the Trafford Centre, said: 'The Trafford Centre Fountain Fund is a wonderful opportunity for all of us at The Trafford Centre to support charities in Trafford and Manchester. Stockies Juniors is a fantastic resource for families. We were so moved to hear of how valued it is as a club for children who rarely get to socialise at the weekend. Every child really does deserve to play! We can't wait to work with the team at Stockdales – it's going to be a fun year!'

**So, don't forget, the next time you visit the Trafford Centre – throw a coin into one of the fountains and make a wish... it just might come true!**

See page 8 for details of our upcoming events...



## Improving homes – changing lives!

Having only recently completed a major capital project at our new home on Fownhope Avenue, you might think we would be taking a break from this kind of thing! But, as you know, there are always things to be done and improvements to be made.

Our recent home improvement projects are much smaller than Fownhope Avenue, but will make all the difference to the people we support, their families, visitors and the running of the homes.

Our 6-bedroom home on Ashton Lane has had a full refurbishment and it looks fabulous!

An installation of an outdoor garden room for the residents to enjoy in all weathers; reconfiguration of the Orangery Room providing a larger, brighter space and full wheelchair access into the garden; and a laundry room extension, which has created a suitable and safe space for staff and residents to do their laundry.



We've started work on the new garden and downstairs extension at Hayling Road. The back garden is going to be fully decked to maximise the space and be fully accessible and wheelchair friendly. This extra space inside and outside of the house, will be great for the residents to enjoy in all weathers and will provide additional visiting spaces for friends and families.



Our fundraising team have worked extremely hard to secure enough funding to complete these projects.

**Thank you to everyone who has helped, supported and donated. We couldn't make these improvements without you!**

## On our holidays!

In early October, we visited Bendrigg Trust in Kendal - an inclusive holiday centre close to the Lake District.

Everyone enjoyed a range of activities, including archery, rock climbing, tube slides, kayaking and orienteering. In the evenings, there were some light sports on offer and a chance to explore the sensory room.

Ben Dean-Grady, Assistant Manager at Fownhope, explained the value of the holiday, 'The whole thing about holidays like these, is to promote positive risk taking - something that we all do in our lives. It's one thing using a wheelchair everyday - it is a whole other experience using it to zip-line. And to see the enjoyment and the whole sensory experience is incredible, it really is.

'There were so many great moments – but just being away from the day-to-day routine, trying new things, and having fun are really what every holiday is all about.'

**More holidays are planned over the coming months... So look out for more stories of exciting times!**





## What we've been up to...



Let's go fly a kite - Community Services get crafty making kites



When it rains, we make chocolate! Anna + Daniel, Stockdales Chocolatiers



A Back to Hogwarts night for our Harry Potter Fans



A sunny trip to the beach



A sensory walk at Tatton Park



Cheering on the Lionesses



Lots of birthday celebrations too! Including Michael who turned 50 in September. Michael's lived at Stockdales since he was 4 years old. And he's still as smiley and full of life as he was back then.



# Jingle all the way!

Christmas is just around the corner and we have lots of ways you can support us this year:

## Christmas Fair

Sunday 26th November. 12.30 – 3pm.

At The Rowans, 100 Navigation Rd, Altrincham, WA14 1LL.

Expect all the usual fun; with our Santa's Grotto, choirs, stalls, gifts & decorations, and so much more. We can't wait to see you there.

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



## Christmas Draw

We have some fantastic prizes this year, many kindly donated by local businesses.

1st Prize - 40" TV

2nd Prize - £150 cash

3rd Prize – £100 Love to Shop voucher

4th Prize – Boozy hamper

You can see the full list of prizes on our website.

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

Please can you help us and sell tickets to your friends and family? This will make a huge difference to the amount we raise!

Call the fundraising team on 0161 973 2296 (option 4) to get more tickets, or email [fundraising@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk)



## Christmas cards

Please choose Stockdales to buy your Christmas Cards from this year. We have a lovely selection, including our special edition 70th Birthday card.

We raised £1150 from our Christmas Card sales in 2022. It would be great if we could do the same (or more) this year!

Either complete the order form enclosed or go to [www.stockdales.org.uk/how-you-can-help/charity-christmas-cards/](http://www.stockdales.org.uk/how-you-can-help/charity-christmas-cards/)



## Snowman appeal

Our popular knitted snowman appeal is underway with lots of busy knitters!

You can support this by either knitting snowmen, donating chocolates for their tummies or buying a snowman from your local shop.

If you would like the knitting pattern please email [fundraising@stockdales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stockdales.org.uk).

Please drop off chocolates at our main site on Harboro Road and look out for the snowmen near you soon!



# Christmas Appeal: Let's create magic this Christmas!

We always strive to make Christmas a really special time for the people we support and their families. They face unique challenges every day, and like everyone, deserve a season filled with joy, opportunities and love.

So, as we approach the festive season, we're reaching out to you our supporters, to help us create magic here at Stockdales! Your kind donations might go towards presents, a Christmas party, a special trip or even new equipment.

Our mission this Christmas and always is to give people with learning disabilities the same experience as everyone else. We simply make the kind of life most people take for granted, accessible for the people we support.

You can donate here (scan QR code) or send a cheque or bank transfer (details below).

So, whatever you can donate to Stockdales this Christmas, you can be sure that your donation will make a real difference to the people we 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.



## #Cycle4Stockdales Success!

We had some cycling fun at Wythenshawe Parks Athletics Track back in July. Our service users, staff, friends and families all #Cycled4Stockdales.

Simply Cycling put on a whole range of bikes and at 2.00pm the Stockdales cyclists were off!

We all got our friends and families to sponsor us and the aim of the event was

to do as many laps as possible.

There were some stars on the day, who never stopped, including our Support Worker Becky who cycled 25 laps!

We were joined by our sponsors Nicholls Solicitors who ran a tombola and 10 volunteers from Kier, who helped on the stalls and around the track! All the help was so appreciated.

Everyone had a fabulous day in the beautiful July sun and were very pleased to get a 70th Birthday medal at the end. It really was great to all be together and we raised a fantastic £2400!

**Thank you to everyone who joined in and supported the event.**



## Michael's Ultra Marathon

Supporter Michael Fogg took part in the Ladybower Reservoir 50K Ultra Marathon in October to raise money for Stockdales. Thanks to his amazing efforts, he managed to raise £415!

Thank you so much, Michael, for completing this incredible challenge. It means the world to us all at Stockdales.

## Bodmin Road Health Surgery reaches the Summit!

Whilst we were getting 'glammed up' for our Autumn Ball, the same day a group of motivated and energetic clinicians, team members and patients from Bodmin Road Health Surgery were climbing Snowdon.

They took on the challenge to raise money for 3 local charities and we were lucky enough to be one of them! Everyone reached the Summit.

Thank you for choosing us and congratulations to all who took part.







## Birthday Ball Bonanza!

Our 70th anniversary year has been so special. We've had many wonderful celebrations and our recent Autumn Ball has been the icing on the cake.

The ball is a cherished tradition for Stockdales and our headline fundraiser. This year our friends, families and supporters came together to celebrate our 70th birthday and the night was nothing short of magical!

The ball was held on Saturday 7th October at the stunning Lowry Hotel, and it exceeded all expectations. Thanks to your unwavering support, this year we

raised an astounding £14,000.

We were delighted to have the support again from our generous sponsors. Thank you to Hydro X, Sanderson Imobiliare, Eric McPherson, M & G Investments and Blue Octopus for your continued support.

Our 186 guests enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal, whilst being entertained by the brilliant table magician Darren Brand and extremely talented electric-acoustic string group, String Infusion.

The fantastic host Darren Proctor kept everyone engaged and enthralled,

ensuring a memorable evening for all and we danced all night to the superb band, Urban Intro!

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported the ball. All the donations from the night will make a huge difference to the people we support and their families.

You can see the photos from the night on our website. Our 2024 Autumn Ball is set for Saturday 5th October 2024, so please put the date in your diary and look out for more details!



## A visit from the Lord Lieutenant

We were very happy to have a visit from the Lord Lieutenant of Manchester, Mrs Diane Hawkins. We've received support from the Lieutenantcy for many years and it was a privilege to show the Lord Lieutenant around Stockdales. She got to meet the residents at Harboro Road and enjoyed chatting to Charlotte whilst she baked.

Thank you for taking the time to visit us and see what we do.



# Smiling through!

“Kirsty always has a smile. She loves to be involved...” And Kirsty has been involved with Stockdales Community Service for over 8 years.

Kirsty’s Dad, David, said, “When Kirsty was 2.5 years old she attended Pictor House. Since then, Kirsty has been to a number of different places, but Stockdales has always stood out. The facilities are good, but it is the people that make all the difference.

“Kirsty has very little communication but she is a watcher. She loves to be involved

and will push her own wheelchair to get the best view of what’s going on.”

Sandie Champs, who runs our Lifeskills Day Service, at Navigation Road, in Altrincham, said, “Kirsty absolutely loves music, particularly the band that come every Monday – she sings along at the top of her voice, and will even dance in her wheelchair.”

David added, “Life Skills has a sense of community, everyone joins in and Kirsty hates to miss out if she can’t come. When Kirsty broke her leg, a little while ago, it



was Sandy and the team at Stockdales who stepped in and secured the right transport.”

Sandy said, “Kirsty’s smile lights up the room, and her laughter is so infectious. She’s a little ray of sunshine.” We think so too, Kirsty!

## Do you have experience as a Senior Care Worker?

We are looking to recruit Care Practitioners to work in one of our five small care homes or busy day service.

If interested please contact Alex on 07801577353 or alex.daly@stockdales.org.uk



## Events calendar

We have some fabulous events coming up. Please join us if you can – we’d love to see you. To book or for more info call Sarah on 0161 973 2296 Option 4.

### Bowling Night

Wednesday 8th November  
Atlantic Bowl  
Altrincham  
£20pp incl. 2 games + food. Teams of 6.



### Christmas Fair

Sunday 26th November  
at The Rowans  
Navigation Road  
Altrincham



### Quiz Night

Friday 19th April  
2024  
at Sale Conservative Club



### Golf Day

Friday 14th June  
2024  
at Northenden Golf Club



We’d love to hear from you!

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