



Christmas 2017

Newsletter

A Word from Anna

Tenants have been showcasing their creative talents with the 2017 editions of the Christmas cards. Estelle the art tutor supported tenants to come up with new seasonal designs and they have been selling well. Thank you to all who have supported the sales of the cards.

It has been a great year for fundraising, as you will read in the newsletter. We received a kind donation from the Soup Kitchen charity for Estelle's art and music group resources, and will match this for Caroline's textile group which will start again in January when Caroline returns from maternity leave. Fundraising for the group resources means that the classes themselves are more affordable for the tenants who choose to attend them. I look forward to seeing what they all design and make next year.

Tenants have also been using the funds raised through the year to pay for transport costs to different disability events. Some tenants went on a fun day out to Blackpool and we hope to plan another outing for other tenants who prefer a more sedate outing than rollercoasters!

It was lovely seeing everyone who attended the Christmas party and we were so pleased with the success of the raffle. Thank you to tenants who took letters requesting prize donations to their usual cafes and shops. Lesly did an amazing job of organising the raffle and the party, and also packing up Christmas card orders.

Best wishes to you all,

Anna

Alison

Alison Jones Woman of the Year at Slimming World



Alison was voted Woman of the Year at slimming world.

Alison is proudly holding her certificate.



Alison enjoying the fun fair at CILAD day in Northwich this summer.

Graham

Graham's Holiday to St Anne's

I like St Anne's and went with my keyworker Angie.



On the Tuesday we had a look around St Anne's.

On the Wednesday we had a ride on a tram to Fleetwood then onto Blackpool.

On the Thursday we went for a walk on the prom at Lytham.

On the Friday we got the train home.

Trip to Glasgow with Ben





I enjoyed Glasgow but I wouldn't go again.



Ian



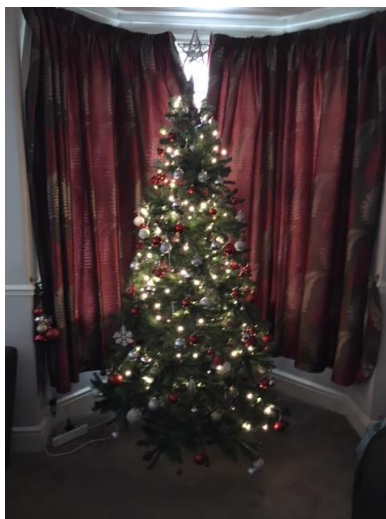
I have started a Joinery Course at West Cheshire College on Tuesday evenings. I am really enjoying this and I have made a toolbox.

Me and Chris got on really well on the tenants' trip to Blackpool, we have met up once since at Chris' house and plan to meet again.

I have started sessions with a personal trainer at Anatomy. I go every Tuesday and I plan to go back to the gym when I feel ready.

I am staying at my mum and dad's over Xmas and I will be coming back the day after boxing day.

I have put the Xmas tree and lights up at The Gables and I have also put the inflatable Santa up outside.



Adam



Adam enjoyed his day trip to Blackpool recently and his tour of the illuminations.

Adam now has a zoo pass which he enjoys using, he has been to visit the zoo a few times this month.



Sian's News

Sian enjoyed her summer holiday to Croatia with Chrysalis holidays.



I have started a new job at New Scene which I like.

I am looking forward to spending time with my family at Christmas.



Anne

This year I have been to Blackpool twice, I really enjoyed going there with the other tenants.



For Christmas this year I'm taking part in a Nativity play through New Scene I shall be singing in the chorus. I have been to a few shows and concerts I love musicals and shows.



Chris

Chris enjoying his football course run by Chester FC

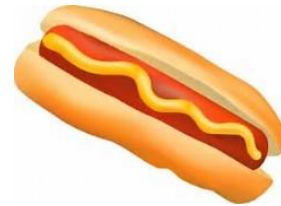


Diane

I went to the Halloween Disco at the Deaf Centre. I had my black cat mask on. I enjoyed it and had a nice time. I also went to a Halloween party at the Gables. I had my ghost hat on.



I have been to the Disco more now and I went to the hot dog party. I had a big plate of chips and hot dogs and took a big piece of cake home.



I won a competition at the shop Sea Salt. It was a design your own Christmas card competition and my card was picked as the winner. I won a £50 gift voucher. I have got some new socks and a new bag.



This is Chris Matheson our local MP. I met him earlier this year at the Gables. I would like to meet him again one day.

I am looking forward to go to all the parties, Chester Link one and Dial House and the Deaf Centre one and looking forward seeing my family.



Julia's News

I took part in a sponsored walk in October. It was very muddy and I had dirty tracksuit bottoms after finishing it! It was good fun though and we stopped for a drink of fresh orange juice on the way. I raised over £100 for Chester Link. I would like to do it again if there was another one.

It was my birthday in September. In Shirley House I had a Chinese takeaway with all my friends here. I also went out for a drink with my Mum and Dad. I got lots of nice presents like a new jumper from Emily and Nicolas, Ali and Elle gave me some nice new pjs and Mum and Dad got me some lovely new bedroom furniture! I had a great time on my birthday and had a lovely, big chocolate cake with a candle on it!



I went to stay in the Lake District over night for my Dad's birthday. We went for a nice pub meal and I had fish and chips. On my Dad's birthday we went for a walk around the lakes it was very nice. I got Dad a nice blue jumper for his birthday he liked it very much.



Fiona

It was my birthday on October 13th. I had lots of cards and presents. I went out for a nice meal with my family and during the day I went shopping and bought a lovely new dress from Next and I had a nice lunch in Marmalade. When I got home I had a take away pizza in Shirley House with all my friends.

I took part in the Chester Business Club walk with Julia and Cathie. We raised lots of money. I was very tired after my long walk.

I went on a trip to London. I went by train with Kathy and then met my sister Karen. We spent the afternoon in London. We joined a picnic and dance group in the park. It was lots of fun.

The next day it was hot and sunny! Me and Karen had a busy day we helped her neighbour with his garden, went for a swim and a bike lesson.



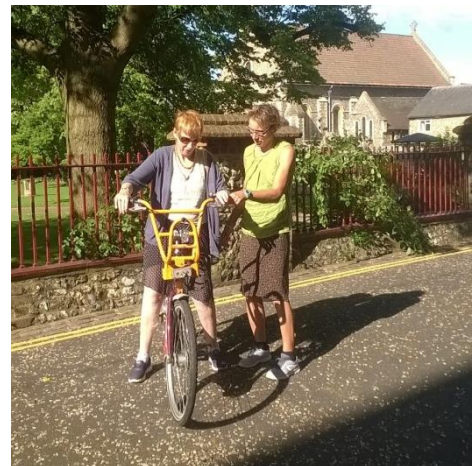
Then in the evening we relaxed at a beach bar in the sun listening to music with an ice cream.

One day me and sister Karen went to the Sherlock Holmes museum and shop. I enjoyed it, I like Sherlock Holmes.



This is me having a walk by Caversham Lock looking at all the boats.

Here is a picture of me and Karen trying out one of her bikes! I enjoyed riding the bike, I was a bit wobbly but Karen held me.



I enjoyed seeing Pudsey at the Children in Need Deaf Centre disco. I had a hug from Pudsey and lovely party food tea and some nice cake afterwards.

I am going to see Paddington Bear at the cinema with my mum. I am very excited to see it. I saw the first film and loved it!



Paul

I WENT TO SEE JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOURED DREAMCOAT IN THE LIVERPOOL EMPIRE THEATRE WITH MY SISTER HELEN. IT WAS VERY GOOD I ENJOYED MYSELF. WE GOT THE TRAIN THERE AND BACK TO LIVERPOOL. WE HAD A LOVELY DINNER IN PIZZA HUT. I HAD A GREAT DAY OUT!



I WENT TO PETTY POOL IN AUGUST WITH CHESTER SPORTS CLUB. I WENT FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND DID LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES. WE WENT TO THE WELSH MOUNTAIN ZOO MY FAVOURITE ANIMAL WAS THE SEA LIONS. WE ALSO WENT FOR A TOUR AROUND MANCHESTER CITY FC'S GROUNDS CALLED THE ETIHAD. WE ALSO WENT TO LLANDUDNO AND HAD FISH AND CHIPS THERE FOR DINNER. WE ATE THEM OUTSIDE IN THE GARDEN. IT WAS VERY NICE.





I WENT FOR A LITTLE HOLIDAY TO THE ISLE OF MAN WITH MY MUM, DAD AND SISTER HELEN. WE GO TO THE ISLE OF MAN QUITE OFTEN. WE STAYED IN A LITTLE COTTAGE. IT WAS NICE. I HAVE FISH AND CHIPS IN THE ISLE OF MAN TOO! I HAD A LOVELY TIME THERE AND WE TRAVELLED BY AEROPLANE. I LIKE GOING ON AN AEROPLANE.



John



I have been going to all the different themed disco nights at the Deaf centre every Tuesday. I have really enjoyed them! The last one I went to was the Children in Need disco. We met Pudsey and had a really nice party tea and lots of puddings!

I have also recently been to the hotdog and bonfire night disco as well as the Halloween disco! They have become very popular with lots of my friends going every week. It is a lovely way to socialise, chat, dance, laugh and have a drink.

I am still enjoying bread making and am bringing home lots of different loaves and buns every week.

I am looking forward to Christmas and the Chester Link Christmas party. It will be nice to see all my friends and their families before Christmas.

Dan

My Trip to Llandudno

In October I went to Llandudno with Lisa. We travelled there on the train.



We stayed at the Cae Mor hotel, it was right next door to the theatre! We went to see a show about the Beatles, it was brilliant.



We walked along the promenade, it was very cold! We had fish and chips and walked along the pier to the café at the end.



I really enjoyed riding the tram up the Great Orme. It went really high and was very windy at the top!



We had Italian on our last night, my pizza was lovely!



Trip to Blackpool



The Gables and Chris from Newton Lane went on a trip to Blackpool recently to see the illuminations and pleasure beach. The train fares, pleasure beach tickets and tram rides were paid for from the fundraising pot.



Comment from one of our parents

When Anne came to see me the other day, telling me all about her trip to Blackpool, I was pleased for her but just accepted it as another day out. It wasn't until I mentioned the outing to a member of staff that I learnt how a lot of people had worked very hard, raising funds to give all the tenants this wonderful day.

I would like to say a big thank-you to all these people, your efforts are very much appreciated, and help to make Chester Link such a happy place to be.

Joan Tipple

Children in Need Disco



Alison, Adam and Anne enjoying themselves at the Children in Need disco



UK Parliament Week



As part of UK Parliament week, tenants from Shirley House met their local Newton Councillors.

Councillors Gill Watson and Richard Beacham chatted with tenants and answered any questions that tenants had about their roles as local Councillors.

Chester Link Raffle

Many thanks to the following businesses for their kind donations. Also to families, staff and friends for donations too.

Our raffle this Christmas has raised £503

A huge thank you to everyone.



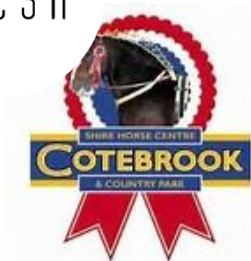
Bricklands



Sainsbury's



fresh



Our Christmas Party

We held our Christmas party on Wednesday 6th December at the Cheshire County Sports Club. Everyone had a great time and especially enjoyed the disco provided by Mark from Deva Entertainment who makes the evening extra special: a big thank you to him.

Here are some photos taken on the evening.





Trustees and Board Committees as at June 2017

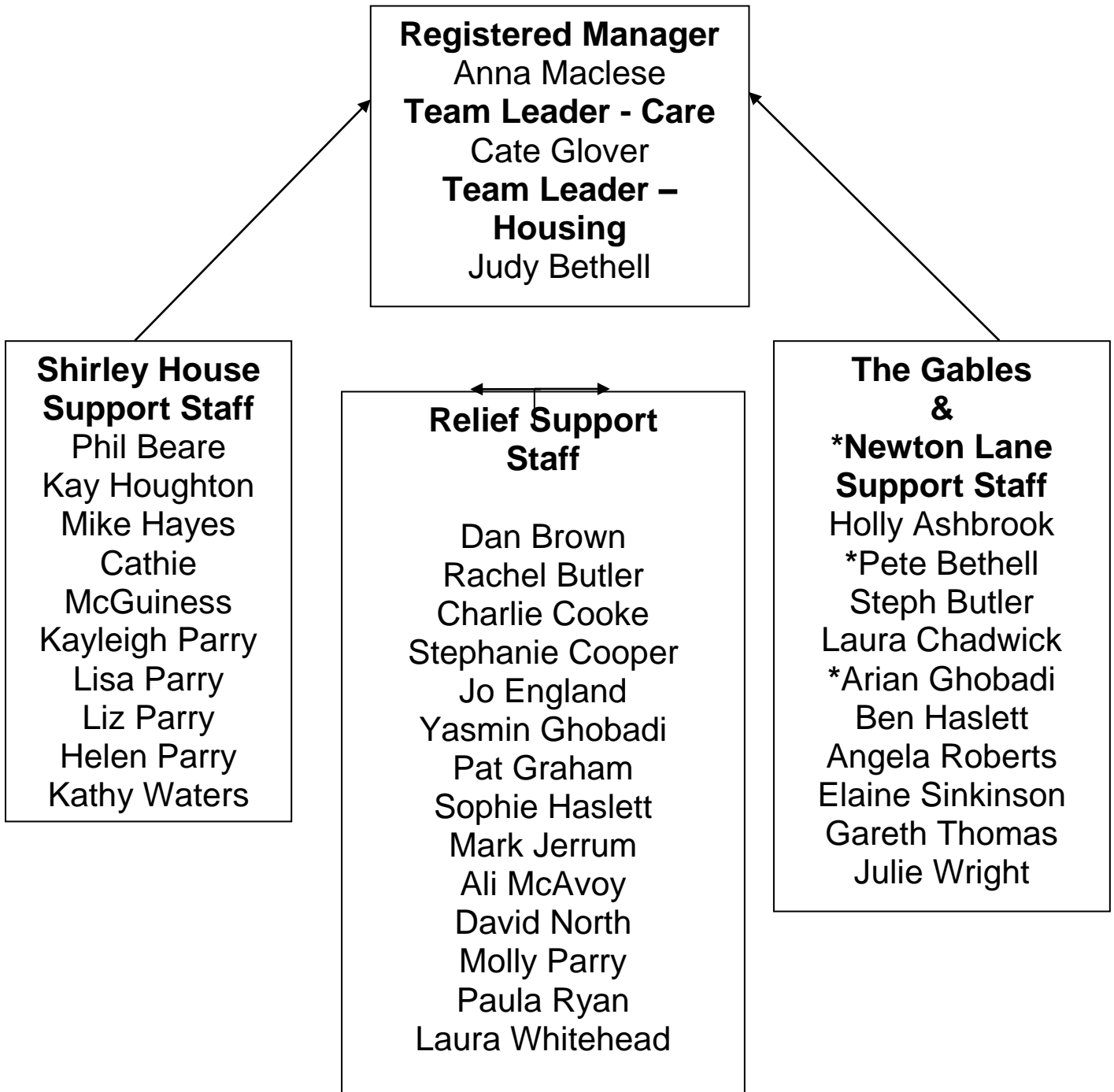
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Rebecca Causer
Anna Maclese
Judy Bethell
Cate Glover

Staff Management



Chairman's Chat

September saw our Annual General Meeting and the resignation of one of our Trustees, Dianne Phipps, my thanks to her on behalf of all the board for her time and commitment to the company. We are hoping to formally appoint a new Trustee in the very near future, more news on that in a separate family's newsletter before Christmas.

Following the success of previous years raffles, we had at our annual Christmas party in December again over 40 prizes which came from many local, regional and national companies along with private individuals who have been kind enough to offer some great prizes.

Our Christmas party continues to be an important event in our calendar and the disco is always enjoyed by the tenants and their guests. The Trustees are appreciative of the efforts of families, tenants and staff who continue to support and provide the extras on the food table, my thanks to you all.

Finally, on behalf of all the Trustees of Chester Link can I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Roger