



Christmas 2019

Newsletter

A Word from Anna

It was lovely to see everyone who attended Chester Link's 20 year anniversary party in September. We all enjoyed sharing the old photographs, the new art projects and lots of delicious cakes with service users, families, friends and Trustees old and new. We have made a new friend in the Mercure Hotel who hosted the event and has donated a hotel stay and two spa passes to our Christmas raffle this year.

In October, we welcomed three new service users, their families and eleven staff to Chester Link. We are enjoying getting to know everyone and the updated staff list at the back of the newsletter shows our expansion in both management and support staff. I struggled to fit everyone on one page!

As well as welcoming the Winsford staff joiners, we have also completed our management restructure and have recruited contract staff from the relief bank to fill the vacancies caused by our internal promotions and retirements of long term staff. We have welcomed back three staff returners this year and the service users have been very pleased to see them back at work. Our three student placements from May this year have all joined the relief bank and we have already had students apply for our placements in 2020.

As always, I hope you enjoy this entertaining read and thanks as always to Lesley who has the challenging job of putting it all together.

Diane

My Year 2019

I went to the PettyPool Music festival in July. It was really fun.



Chester Pride Parade in September. Even though it rained we had a great day.





I took part in some of the Kaleidoscope events celebrating diversity.



Julia

Since the summer newsletter I have done lots of fun things.

In August I went to Pettypool with my friends and I had lots of fun. We went on a canal boat trip, went shopping and visited Llandudno. I am so excited to go again next summer.

I also went to London in August with my keyworker Kayleigh, to celebrate my birthday. We went to see The Lion King musical, went for afternoon tea and toured London by bus.



Most recently I have been to Talacre for the weekend with my friend Fiona and our keyworkers, Kayleigh and Helen. We stayed in a nice lodge that has its own hot tub! We went to see an Abba tribute act. They were Amazing! I danced and sang the whole night. We also went to Llandudno for shopping, visited the beach and had some nice meals out.



Dan's News

In September me and Mike went to Centre Parcs. We did lots of walking. I enjoyed having a swim and relaxing in the Jacuzzi.



We went to the different restaurants; my favourite was 'Hucks' diner.

I went away with my Dad to Yorkshire in October. We stayed in a nice hotel. The weather was lovely and we had lots of nice meals.

I really enjoyed the Halloween party we had at Shirley House. 71 Hoole Road came too and we had lots of nice food and then played some games. I was turned into a mummy!



John

I enjoyed the Halloween party with number 71. I wore a crazy surgeon outfit for fancy dress. Brett organised lots of decorations and fun activities.

I also went to the disco on bonfire night, it was good and we had hot dogs and chips to eat.

I went to Raymond's birthday meal at the Little Owl, it was good.

We also went out for a meal for Fiona's birthday.

I enjoyed the Chester Link 20th anniversary afternoon in September, my parents and myself had a good time.



Sian

I have been to Scotland twice this year to visit my brother and his family. In September and November. Both times to celebrate birthdays. I have been on walks and had meals out while in Scotland.

I enjoyed a day out in Llandudno with Ruth. We walked along the pier and had ice cream at the end of the pier.

I had a great time at the Chester link 20th anniversary afternoon tea. My parents came as well.



I have been on an overnight stay in Blackpool with Ruth. I enjoyed going on the tram and seeing the Blackpool illuminations.

I went to the Storyhouse to see the Take That concert live on the big screen with Ruth. I had a great time.

Here is a photo of Sian with a frame of her needlework.



Paul

I am looking forward to Christmas and doing my Christmas shopping which I will do soon with Mike, I like shopping it's one of my favourite things to do.



In the New Year my bedroom is going to be decorated, while this is being done I am going on holiday to Centre Parcs with Mike. Hopefully the weather will allow us to travel as I know it can snow heavy at times, so Mike said.



I am going to have a new shower and new tiles put in my en-suite I've discussed this with Lorna, Barlows who have been out and looked at the job.
I think the new shower will be better for me and won't cause me as many problems as my old shower.

Ruth

I went to the lake district with my parents during the summer. I enjoyed going for walks and having meals out.

I went to Llandudno on the train with Sian. I had a lovely time walking to the end of the pier and looking in the little shops along the way. We had a meal in Weatherspoon's.

I went for an overnight stay in Blackpool with Sian. We went on the train. I enjoyed going on the tram and seeing the Blackpool Illuminations.

I went with Sian to the Storyhouse to see the Take That concert live on the big screen in the theatre. It was really good.



Here are some photos of my 40th birthday party



Anne

I have had a great time at many parties, including the Halloween party at Shirley house where we had lots of fun. The Chester Link 20th Anniversary was a great celebration as well and I enjoyed making our crafts to put on display. I also went for a Chinese meal in the Slow Boat in town for my friend's birthday party, the food was delicious.

I went to Knowsley Safari Park in August, it was fun seeing all the different animals up close.

I like the new karaoke machine we have here at 71 and having karaoke nights.

I am looking forward to seeing Snow White in the theatre in Liverpool in December and going to London with my mum on holiday!



Alison

I've been very busy these past few months. I attended Chester Link's 20th anniversary party and really enjoyed celebrating with family, friends and staff while having afternoon tea. The cake was delicious. I also loved my time on holiday in York with Steph, seeing all the sights and doing loads of walking. While in York I went to see Joseph and the technicolor dream coat and went to a chocolate factory where I got to see how chocolate was made and I created my own lollipop; yum !



I loved the Halloween party at Shirley house. I dressed as a witch and did loads of crafts including painting pumpkins, making my own cotton wool ghosts and lanterns, I also played a game where I was wrapped up as a mummy in toilet roll. I couldn't stop laughing all night.

I'm really looking forward to Chester Links Christmas party and my birthday.



Adam

Adam has had an enjoyable year. In May Adam went on his last holiday with Peter B. They went to York and had trips on the tour bus, visited the Railway Museum, the Yorvic museum and the Dungeons and had some great meals out too. It was a non-stop but fun holiday. Adam is also making full use of his zoo membership and has enjoyed many trips with staff this year

Adam has also started a new day service called Ambito on Fridays. Adam is always keen to go and seems to have made some new friends. Adam also caught up with some old friends when he attended Kenzie's birthday party. Kenzie is the nephew of Adam's friend Tess. Adam also enjoyed Sian's 40th birthday party and Ruth's 40th meal in the Summer. It really has been a very social year as Adam also enjoyed Chester Link's afternoon tea at the Mercure Hotel and the Halloween party at Shirley House.



Adam is now looking forward to Christmas and went to see the Hoole lights being switched on last Saturday. Adam's social calendar continues to be busy as he not only has his invite to the Chester Link party but several events at day services.

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PRIDE 2019**



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KALEIDOSCOPE FESTIVAL

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CHESTER FORUM



SHARE SHOP

CLUB NITE AT STORYHOUSE



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CHESTER LINK 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



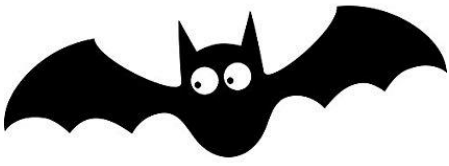
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A 51st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT DOUGH DOUGH WITH FRIENDS



A SPOOKY PARTY FOR HALLOWEEN



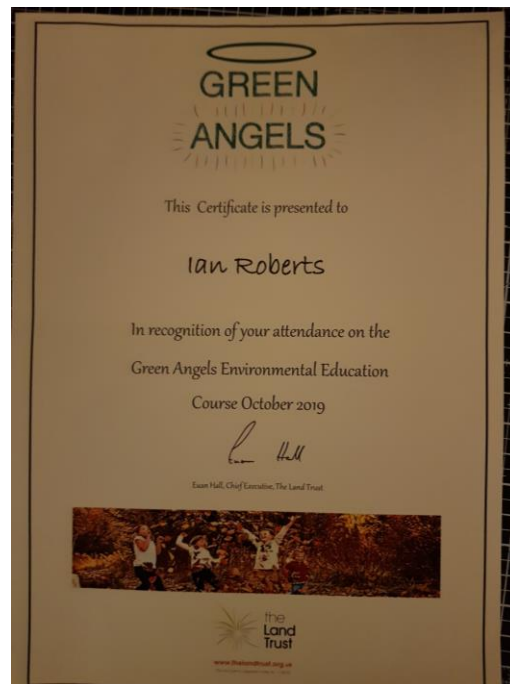
A HOLIDAY TO TALACRA



Ian

Ian's certificate for the Green Angels 'Environmental Education' course he recently completed.

Ian learnt of key ways to teach aspects of the environment in a group, including lesson planning, and then in the final week, put them into practise with 3 primary school groups. He did really well and ran the classes with his group and said he enjoyed the course.



20th Anniversary Celebrations

We held our 20th Anniversary celebration at the Mercure Hotel Chester on the 5th September 2019.

There was an afternoon tea for all and some lovely artwork completed by our tenants with the help of Caroline our textiles tutor.



This lovely cake was kindly baked by one of our Trustees.

Greville Drive

Trevor



Trevor went to Clarach Bay in Aberystwyth with Heather, he went for 3 nights 4 days. They did a 10 mile coastal walk on one day to Aberaeron. They went into town, out for food and to the Marina. They went to Borth Zoo on the last day and saw loads of different animals.

Both were both exhausted when they got back.

Christmas Raffle

A huge thank you to local businesses that have generously donated to our raffle. Thanks also to friends and families for their donations and everyone that has enabled us to help us with our fundraising.



Trustees and Board Committees as at December 2019

Trustees

Roger Causer – Chairman
James Dick – Treasurer
Karen Robertson – Company Secretary
Helen Caley
Rebecca Causer
Kate Sinclair

Management Sub-Committee



**Management
Sub-Committee**
Roger Causer
James Dick
Helen Caley
Rebecca Causer
Anna Maclese

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Chief Officer Anna Maclese
Care Co-Ordinator Cate Glover
Staff Co-Ordinator Kayleigh Parry (P/T)
Team Leader – Winsford Heather Wilkinson
Assistant Team Leader – Winsford Ann Bentley(P/T)
Housing Co-Ordinator Lorna Cooper (P/T)
Administrator Lesley Causer (P/T)

Shirley House & Newton Lane

Phil Beare
Lorna Cooper
Mike Hayes
Cathie McGuinness
Kayleigh Parry (**Senior Support**)
Lisa Parry
Helen Parry
Elaine Sinkinson
Kathy Waters

71& Benton Drive

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Steph Cooper (**Senior Support**)
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Jo England, Arian Ghobadi, Megan Jones,
Alison McAvoy, Dana Roberts, Gemma Shaw,
Caroline Thomas

Chairman's Chat

2019 has again been a busy and exciting times for the company. The Gables is still owned by the company and we are very hopefully that the property will be sold in the first few weeks of 2020.

I would like to welcome on behalf of the Trustees the service users and the families of Greville Drive in Winsford to The Chester Link. Three services users joined us this year following the transfer from their last provider.

During the year we have seen some of our longer standing members of staff retire that includes more recently Judy and Pete Bethell, Trustees would like to thank all of our staff for their continued hard work and commitment to provide great support to all our services users.

December again sees our annual Christmas party, after positive feedback from 2018 it is again at Upton British Legion. We have had lots of prizes from many local, regional and national companies along with private individuals who are kind enough to support our raffle. The Christmas party continues to be an important event in our year's activities.

The Trustees are appreciative of the efforts of families, service users and staff who continue to support the event and provide the extras on the food table, our 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