



The Chester Link

Independent Supported Living for Adults with Learning Disabilities

Welcome to the
2024

Chester Link
newsletter.

The Chairmans words

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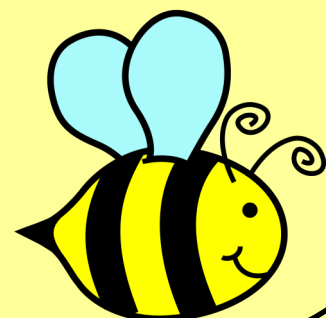
It feels like quite a period of time since my last newsletter article.

As a trustee board we have had no changes in trustees and continue to meet regularly. Following a refresh of our sub-committee structure and meetings we have introduced a new finance sub-committee of two experienced trustees with a financial background to strengthen the scrutiny and support for this element of our day to day business. In the 2023/24 financial year we made small surplus which was set against a loss from the previous financial year. We continue to closely monitor our financial position.

On behalf of all my trustee colleagues our continued thanks to the service users, staff teams and families and friends for your continued support.

Finally, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Roger



The Chief Officer's words

It was lovely to see so many people at the Christmas party this year. Service users, families, staff, trustees and friends of Chester Link gathered together to chat, eat, drink and dance! Of course, we also enjoyed our famous raffle. Naomi has worked hard for months to encourage local businesses to donate prizes, and we had a really impressive display.

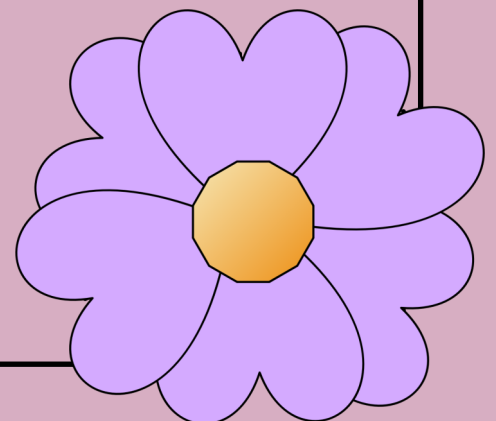
I hope you enjoy looking at the photos from the party. We tried hard to get all service users together for a photo and managed to get most people in. We will try again next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped to plan, set up and run the event, including the big tidy-up at the end when all the dancers went home to rest their feet!

Thank you to all the staff across the teams and office who work so hard all year to provide a responsive care, support and housing service 24/7 for our service users.

I would like to wish you all a happy New Year.

Anna



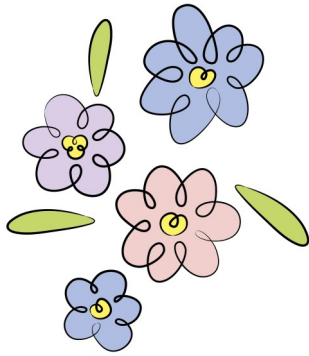


Oh what a year.

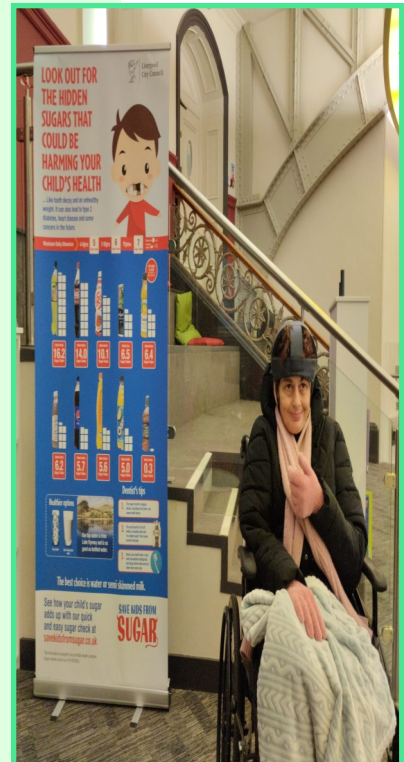
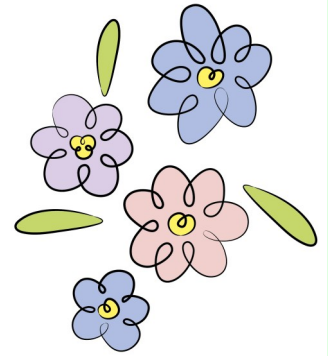


*Since the last newsletter, we have
celebrated some big birthdays with
Anne turning 60
and Paul turning 50*





DAYS out & about



From sunny days in the park to games of Uno at a cosy café, we've all been enjoying days out in Chester and beyond.



Now, lets take a
look at what everyone
got up to this year...





Welcome
to
Shirley



Diane J



Diane and a staff member hopped on the train to Liverpool. They had a wander around the Albert Dock area and visited the Beatles Story gift shop, where Diane purchased some new notebooks and pens. Then they walked into town and had some lunch. Had a look around some of the shops before getting the train back - a good day.



Diane has a had a wonderful time dancing at discos this year.



Enjoying yummy food



Diane and John enjoyed a nice trip to Llandudno together. They stopped off for a Costa before they got on the train.

When they got to Llandudno they took a lovely stroll along the promenade with an ice-cream. It was VERY windy.

Afterwards they went into some shops to buy little gifts before having a bite to eat. Diane enjoyed some scampi and chips before getting the train back home to Chester.



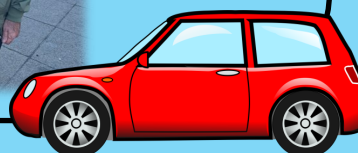
SLOthtastic.



John P



This year John took an exciting trip to Portsmouth. He visited the Southsea model village where he towered over all the buildings.....He got to go on an ENORMOUS boat, and also stood next to a cannon.



John visited the Grosvenor museum in Chester. It was very interesting.

John and Diane enjoyed a nice trip to Llandudno together.

John enjoyed some fish and chips before getting the train back home to Chester.



John also spent a lot of times doing activities with his friends this year





Dan A



Dan has enjoyed dressing up this year. Oh sorry, I meant Bond....James Bond

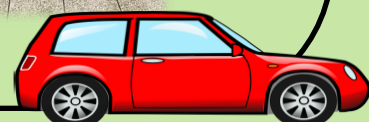


Dan has enjoyed some lovely trips into Chester City, enjoyed spending time with his friends, and dancing at discos.



Dan took an exciting trip to Cardiff this year. He visited lots of lovely scenic places. He even saw a castle.

On this trip, Dan purchased a record called 'Party Party' by Black Lace. Dan purchased it specifically for the song Agadoo. This song is one of his favourites. Dan enjoys putting on the record on and listening to this song.





Fiona R

Fiona performed Patchwork Choir for the Kaleidoscope Festival at Storyhouse, The Live!Summer festival, and at a wedding at Chester Lakes.



Fiona exhibited hers and Julia's artwork named '**Making a Splash.**' in Story-house. Fiona and Julia created this picture as they both enjoy swimming at

Centre Parcs and remember winning medals from the Terrapins Gala.



Fiona had an overnight stay to Manchester. She did many fun activities whilst there....



Watching 101 Dalmatians at The Manchester palace Theatre, Fiona said the dalmatians were brilliant



Pulling pints at Coronations Streets very own Rovers Return Inn.



Visiting Manchester's Central Library



Fiona's pizza from Giorio's Italian restaurant. Fiona said the pizza was **Bellissimo.**



Enjoying a sweet treat from Pret



Exercising her legs



Digging up the houses home grown potatoes



Enjoying strolls around Chester historic walls with John



Enjoying bike rides with Ellie



Enjoying some delicious gelato

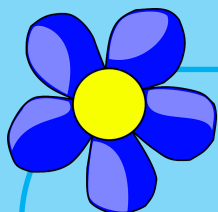


Other things Fiona has been up to this year....

Julia D



This year Julia was the poster girl for a performance at Storyhouse. Julia was pictured on all of the promotional material for the show.



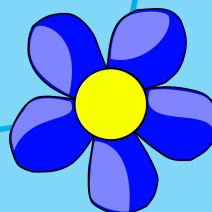
Julia took some lovely trips this year.



Julia enjoying a couple of days in Llandudno.



Julia with Amiee, Fiona, and a red squirrel at Centre Parcs



Julia went to mini golf with Ellie and really enjoyed it. Tiger Woods needs to watch out.



Julia exhibited hers and Fiona's artwork named 'Making A Splash' in Storyhouse. Julia and Fiona created this picture as they both enjoy swimming at Centre Parcs and remember winning medals from the Terrapins Gala.



Julia had some fun dressing up as different characters

Paul celebrated a big birthday. He turned 50. He celebrated at Panda Mami with family & friends and some yummy cake.



Paul C



Doctor Paul

Paul took a trip to Liverpool. He explored the Liverpool Docks, enjoyed a delicious Pizza Hut, and bought a teddy he called Mo-Salah. He named this teddy after a player on his favorite football team Liverpool.



Paul has also enjoyed exploring Chester, drinking hot chocolate and spending time with his friends



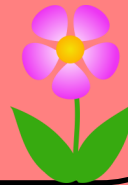


Welcome
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Hoole

Sian B



This year Sian went on a very exciting trip to Disneyland with her friend Alison. They enjoyed going to the theme park and saw the Eiffel Tower.



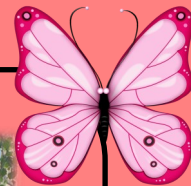
Sian has enjoyed dancing at a lot of discos this year with her friends.



Sian and her two friends Anne and Alison enjoyed a lovely trip to Hoole park where they had a picnic. It was a beautiful sunny day.

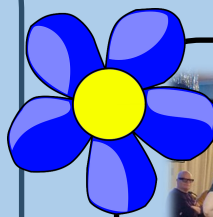


Earlier this year, Sian travelled to Manchester to watch Take That in concert. Sian has followed Take That since she was in college and has always wanted to see them perform live.

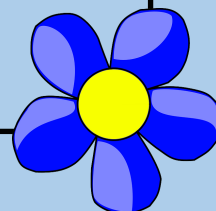


This year Alison went on a very exciting trip to Disneyland with her friend Sian. They enjoyed going to the theme park and seen the Eiffel Tower.

Alison



Alison has enjoyed dancing at lots of discos with her friends this year.



Alison enjoyed a lovely trip to Hoole park where she had a picnic. It was a beautiful sunny day.



Alison enjoyed celebrating her friends birthday. She attended her party along with their other friends.





Anne T



Anne has enjoyed spending lots of time with her friends this year

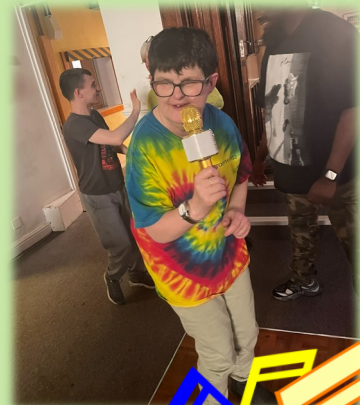


Anne and her two friends Alison and Sian enjoyed a lovely trip to Hoole park where they enjoyed some yummy food.



Anne was invited to her friends birthday party. She had a lot of fun celebrating her friends birthday.

This year Anne celebrated a big birthday. She turned 60.... Anne celebrated her birthday with a party alongside her friends.



Anne spent a lot of time in the theatre this year. She has seen Grease, The Sister Act, and Hairspray Anne enjoys going to the theatre and watching musicals.



Adam A



Earlier this year Adam took a trip to Prestatyn. Whilst there he visited Welsh Mountain Zoo. He got to see lots of animals whilst here.



Having fun with arts and crafts.



Adam took a relaxing boat trip along the River Dee in Chester. After this he tested one of the staff members literacy skills as they read some challenging but engaging books.



Enjoying beautiful views.



Adam enjoyed celebrating his friends birthday.





Welcome
to
Lavender

Laura C and Ruth D



Laura and Ruth have enjoyed having fun celebrating together this year. They have danced, laughed, and enjoyed spending time with their friends.



Rocking different hairstyles.



Ruth and Adellade enjoying bowling





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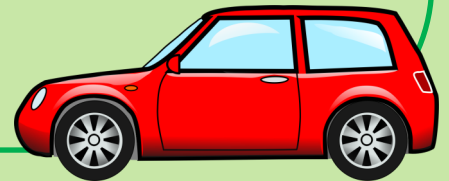
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Tom S



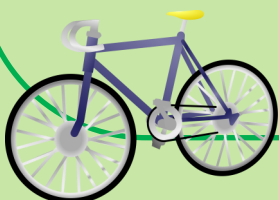
Tom has had a lovely year going on walks, shopping and enjoying himself at parties



James



James has enjoyed taking lots of nature walks along the beach and in the forest.



Chris M & Joe B



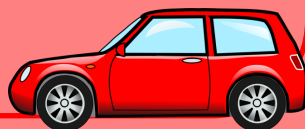
This year Chris visited the Warrington Wolves for their heritage day. He had a tour of the stadium and chatted to some ex players. He had a wonderful day, and has even been invited back in the new year to watch the first team train



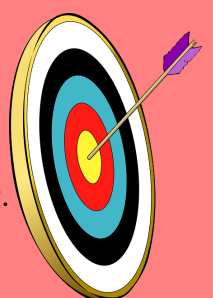
Joe has been working really hard at his job. He really enjoys work.



Joe's team were the runners up in the Down Syndrome football festival in the annual tournament.



Joe and Chris took a trip to Centre Parcs over Halloween. Chris wore a spooky mask on Halloween. Joe and Chris both enjoyed this trip and had lots of fun doing archery and exploring.



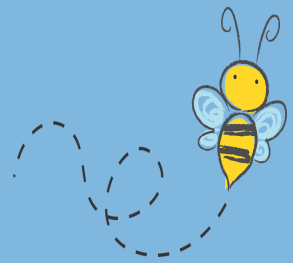


Greville drive





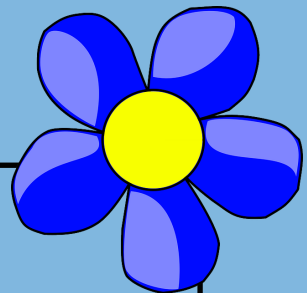
Joanne



Joanne enjoying a nice meal out.



Baking something delicious.



Joanne enjoyed some little trips out this year.

Joanne enjoys getting on the train and bus. She loves to visit different places.



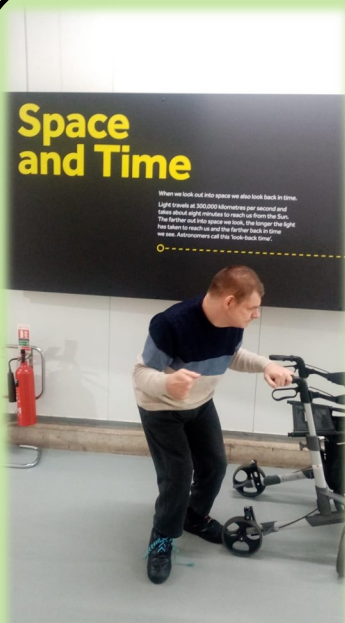
Here is Joanne at Chester Cathedral. The cathedral is 925 years old.



John M



This year John has spent time visiting sensory rooms. John really enjoys visiting the sensory rooms. He is able to explore different textures, lighting and sounds.



Here is John at Jodrell Bank. It was full with lots of fun facts and John was able to see lots of cool and interesting things.



Our Staff

Anna— Chief Officer

Lesley—Registered Manager

Cate— Care Co-ordinator

Charlotte—Housing Co-ordinator

Lorna— Staff Co-ordinator (part-time)

Hannah— Training Co-ordinator (part-time)

Danielle—Mental Health Support (part-time)

Natalie— Administrator (Maternity Leave)

Naomi— Temporary Administrator (part-time)

Shirley House



Lead Support

Amiee

Helen

Lisa

Elaine

Ade

Chloe

Ishioma

Yomi

Rayan

Hoole Road & Lavender Place



Lead Support

Adellade

Brett

Lauren P

Neyo

Esther

Jamie

Angel

Erioluwa

Tricia

Dispersed Ser- vices



Lead Support

Deepika & Jason

Marcin

Gareth

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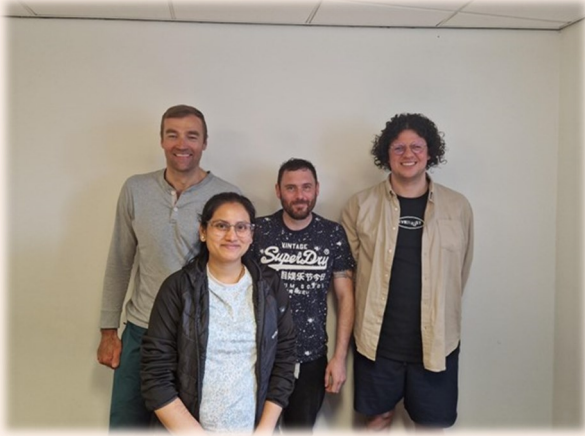
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Relief

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Ellen | Habeeb | Jo | Kayleigh | Maureen | Nancy | Ola | Oz |
Paula | Patricia | Peter | Rob | Sathish | Sophie | Susmitha |
| Whitney |

staff



Christmas Party

