



# LOCKDOWN

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# HORIZON↑NEWS



Hello again!

It's been quite some while since we were able to put together a newsletter. Not that there hasn't been any news - quite the contrary!

As 'lockdown' is beginning to ease and both our staff and the people we support are once again able to visit their loved ones and extended families, we thought we would take the opportunity to have a look back at all that we have been doing over the past 18 months.

It seems an age ago now since we were all advised to 'stay at home' and little did we realise in March 2020 that that advice would remain in place as long as it has. So, it is with immense pleasure and a huge amount of pride that we are able to highlight in this newsletter the efforts, achievements and generosity of the staff and the people we support across all of Horizon Healthcare Homes.

For those of you who have missed receiving your copy of the newsletter over the last few months, these will commence again with regular 'seasonal' updates starting with 'Summer 2021' which will be issued at the end of August.

Best wishes to all

*The Editor*

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- Investors in People review in full
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## We did it! And It's Gold!

**WE'RE  
GOLD**



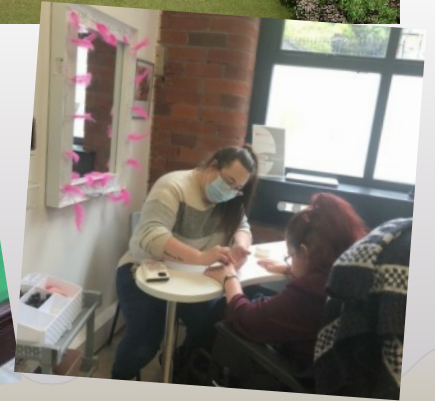
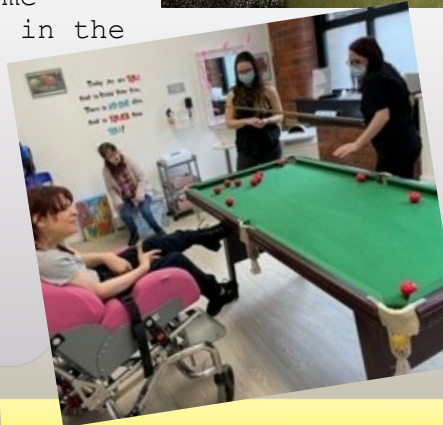
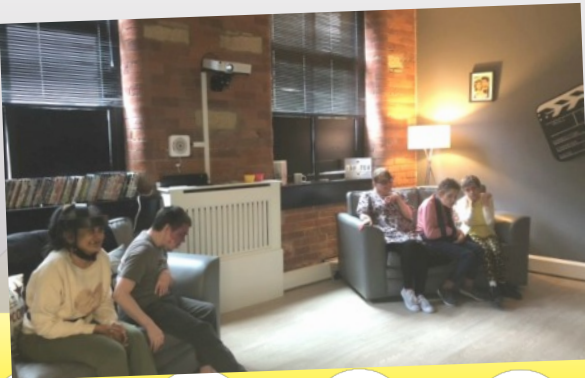
We all work incredibly hard to embed Horizon's core values into our daily practises so it is with pride and satisfaction that we can announce our Gold Award following our Investors In People review which took place in May of this year. This award demonstrates how good we are at what we do - not just in supporting and developing the people we support but the massive amount of effort that goes into supporting and developing our staff at each of our homes. Needless to say, our staff and the people we support will be celebrating this achievement together in their 'own unique ways' - and I'm sure we will hear more from each of the homes in our 'Summer' newsletter.

# We've opened new homes!



Roxburgh Lodge in Bradford and Sandhurst Court in Dewsbury became Horizon's eighth and ninth homes. Both welcomed their first staff teams and people supported in the Spring of 2021.

And we didn't stop there ... as the people we support were unable to attend their usual day centres, we thought why not provide our own! Honley, which is near Holmfirth, is now our 'go-to' destination for fun and games; where we can do a little 'crafting' eat some lunch and then finish with movies in the afternoon.



## Improved our outdoor spaces!

All our homes now have Gazebo's where families and friends can meet safely. The Gazebo's have also been used to good effect at Christmas as Santa's grottos as well as alfresco dining areas in the warmer months. In fact, there is no limit to the ingenuity of the people who live at our homes and the staff teams who support them - and we have photographic evidence to prove it!



## Celebrated:

### VE Day

Garden Parties, dressing up and cucumber sandwiches were the order of the day! But Michael and Julie from Hampton stole the show with their matching military outfits!



### World Book Day

The people supported at Windsor Court put on their detective hats to enjoy a treasure hunt with a difference. They finished the day watching the movie 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' - they all had their 'Golden Tickets', of course





# Fundraised for various charities



Ben at Cranmer Court completed a 16 km 'memory walk', raising £100 for the Dementia Society.



Kathryn rode her bike around the gardens at Beckside Lodge and completed a 20 mile challenge raising over £700 for Chester Zoo.



Fixby Lodge have baked buns and distributed them to other homes in the Huddersfield area - all monies received being donated to the Alzheimers Society.

# Grew sunflowers

To see which of Horizon's homes could grow them the tallest - Ferndale Lodge did a fantastic job!

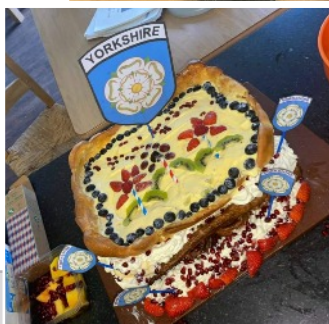


# Got creative in the kitchen



Making Yorkshire puddings for 'Yorkshire Day'

and baking lots of delicious cakes!



# And spread a little 'Halloween' happiness

as the people supported at Windsor Court made Halloween packs for each of the people who live at Willow Bank which is a Care Home close by.





# And the fun didn't stop there!

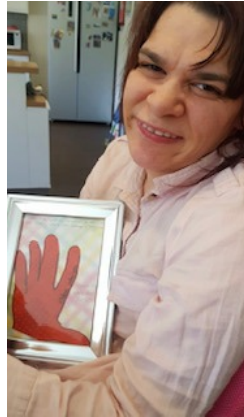
Some of our staff have celebrated amazing milestones! Patsy who works at Hampton and Mandi who is the manager at Fixby Lodge have been with Horizon for 10 years. Of course, we had parties for both!

Over the next year, we have employees who will be celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversaries - and in true Horizon style, parties are being planned already!



## We sent handprints home

to loved ones so they could hold our hands whenever they missed us.



The people supported at Fixby Lodge were entertained by staff donning costumes and having a 'Sumo Wrestling' contest! We didn't find out who the winner was though!

Fixby Lodge also had a Puppet Show - making their own puppets, and a Talent Show which featured Chloe and her disappearing act. Great fun was had by all - and we are sure it will be repeated!

## Made good use of the winter weather

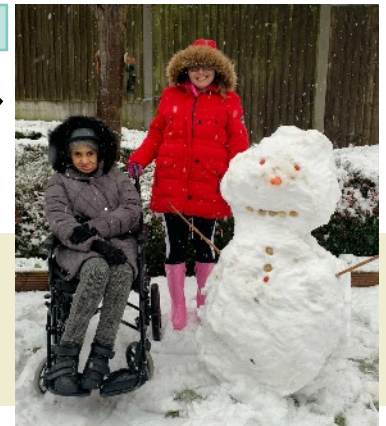
The people who live at Langley Lodge had enormous fun building snowmen in the garden.



### and had a little 'animal therapy'

Throughout lockdown, we have been promoting mental health awareness to staff and the people supported. During May of this year, we encouraged everyone to 'connect with nature' as part of **Mental Health Awareness Week**.

*Julie who is a member of our Mental Health Awareness group shares some 'quiet' time listening to the birds in the garden at Fixby Lodge.*



Can't wait for the next edition of 'Horizon News'! Why don't you visit our twitter page or view our You Tube channel so you can see what's going on at all the homes. Both can be accessed via our website [www.horizoncareservices.co.uk](http://www.horizoncareservices.co.uk)