



Latest Covid Update

Visitors are always welcome in our homes, masks no longer have to be worn. However, we still have to be cautious, so please be mindful and do not visit the home if you have any Covid-19 symptoms and always test before hand if you do show any symptoms. It would be appreciated if you feel unwell that you wear a mask when you visit.



Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of our Newsletter. I cannot believe we are already more than half the way through this year, which as you will see, has already provided some really exciting and fun opportunities for people supported to engage in different activities, and for the staff teams to enjoy facilitating these.

It's wonderful to see so many people's smiling faces doing things that they really enjoy, which is what Horizon Healthcare Homes is all about. It does require lots of hard work and dedication to make these things possible and I would like to thank all of the staff that work in the company for their commitment and of course to the family members, friends, advocates and professionals that support us to achieve this.

In the background we continue to work hard to improve our services and your feedback is always welcome. You can do this in a variety of ways such as through formal compliments and complaints, or simply by talking to someone. I will also be rewriting our company Development Plan early in 2024, so I would be really happy to receive any comments or suggestions that you might have in order to improve the quality of the services that we offer – please email me at russelleese@horizoncareservices.co.uk

Russ Leese
Director

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Training and Development News

We recently had cause to celebrate six of our talented staff members who successfully completed the Aspiring Team Leaders Development Programme. All six applied for a place on the programme last summer and since then have not only gained experience and confidence in the role, but the majority have now secured permanent leadership positions. They have worked incredibly hard and fully deserved their day of celebration, where they presented their journeys to some of our senior management team and were awarded certificates by Russ Leese, Director. Well done and congratulations to you all.



Photo reference from left to right; Kirstin Dean, Leona Barrett, Ellie Oldroyd, Kath Howitt (Programme Lead), Meg Lumb, Brigita Bullock and Jade Moore.

Information about how to apply to join the next cohort of aspiring team leaders will be circulated in July to all services. We are looking for people who are motivated, have a positive attitude towards their own development, have the will to learn and push themselves to achieve, and who live and breathe our values every day. If that sounds like you then we look forward to receiving your application!!!

Kath Howitt, Learning and Development Manager

Just in case If you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter and would like to find out more please visit our Twitter page or You Tube channel so you can see what is happening in all of the homes. Both can be accessed through our website www.horizoncareservices.co.uk We are now on Facebook under Horizon Care Services



In April Cranmer Court held a Super-hero day, great fun was had by all as the smiles in the photos indicate, and everyone who participated looked absolutely amazing. *We all know our staff do not need to wear capes to be Superheroes!*



Hampton House have had a busy May and June. The team held an Elvis themed birthday party, with Elvis music and cake toppers for Pam; her sisters attended to celebrate with her. They celebrated National fish and chip day, luckily it happened to be on the menu that day, Pam, Beth, Helen, and Nancy all enjoyed celebrating. Karen, Avtar and Billy went to Hornsea for the day with Aileen, Patsy, Brigita and Kevin. The weather was lovely, they enjoyed fish and chips, a walk on the front and ice cream before heading home.



Chloe Johnson held a Dementia Fundraiser afternoon on 3rd May at Fixby Lodge, those who attended enjoyed coffee, cake and were invited to purchase a raffle ticket or two! Both Mandi and Chloe were overwhelmed by the support with a total raised of £213, which far exceeded the £50 target. The event left Chloe "buzzing" and she is already planning her next fundraiser, Race for Life in June.



Windsor Court prepared for the Coronation weekend by decorating the home and inviting the King to come and survey the land from our own Windsor Castle



The whole of Horizon came together to create a flag made out of individual crowns the People Supported had made. The flag was sent to the king. There is still enough to make a second one to display at The Day Centre. Kathryn, from Becksde Lodge, wrote a letter to the King explaining to him that everyone from Horizon had contributed a crown and that everybody's name is also on the flag. She told him that she was sorry he had lost his mother but that she wished him all the best for his reign. She also invited him to her 50th Birthday Party in October and is eagerly anticipating a response!



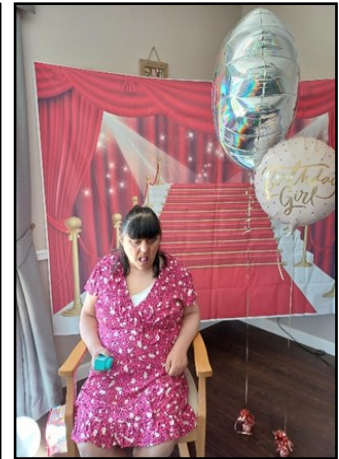
Ferndale Lodge organised a Coronation Party which was held on Monday 8th May. All services were invited to attend and those who did thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As well as a Coronation buffet fit for a King, there was Coronation Bingo, Best Dressed King and Queen, music and dancing, and find all the pictures of the King around the home, prizes were awarded to the winners. Michael who attended spoke on behalf of everyone when he commented what a fantastic party it had been, it was so wonderful to see the amazing attendance, particularly from other homes and families. He also said that that everyone at Ferndale Lodge should be so proud of themselves, especially Cheryl, for arranging such a brilliant time for the people we support; and how it reminded him of the old days, when we used to have a summer party. Huge thankyou and well done to Debbie and Cheryl and your staff team who were amazing.



On the 10th May Becksidge Lodge remembered Helen who passed away a year ago. As a gesture the team have added a cat to the garden in memory of her.



Windsor Court celebrated Katie's birthday on 2nd June with a musical themed event. which she really enjoyed. She went to the theatre, at St Georges Hall, to see Dream Coat Stars, and had her favourite musician play for her at her party followed by cake, singing and lots of birthday treats. Special thank you to Helen, Katie's keyworker who made the amazing cake.



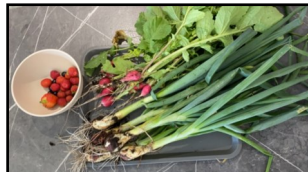
Christian from Cranmer Court went to the park recently and whilst he was there he made a new friend.



Windsor Court got to grips with the hot weather when they had a water fight.



Richard at Roxburgh Lodge surprised Rob Caswell, the part time Driver/Maintenance person with a gift and card to thank him for five year service with in Horizon Healthcare Homes. Rob really appreciated the gift, he was even a little emotional with the presentation.

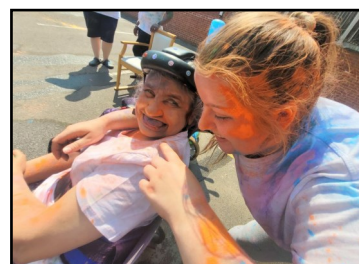


They also harvested their first homegrown vegetable crop of the season which look very fresh and tasty.

Becksidge Lodge has had some work completed on their outdoor area, making a lovely decked safe space for the People Supported to use.

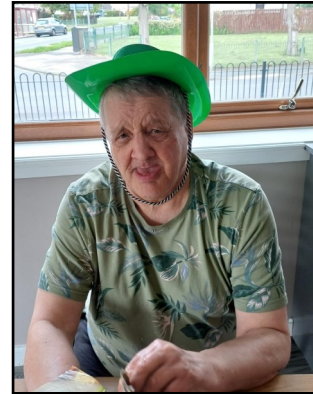


Langley Lodge had loads of fun when they held a colour run, using edible, environmental friendly paint; they also had a water bomb fight to keep everyone cool in the hot weather. You can tell by the smiles how much fun the staff and People Supported had, especially Perminda.





Thursday 18th May was "Wear it Green Day" in support of Mental Health Awareness week, many of the staff and People Supported participated. The event was another example to highlight what Horizon does to make the lives of the people we support better and the work environment a fun place to be; it all makes it worth while and shows what a brilliant set of managers and staff we have.



As part of the Kirklees Learning Disability week the Day Centre held an open day on Tuesday 20th June. It was an absolutely fantastic day, with great activities, a buffet lunch and lots of visitors. Everyone involved had such a good time. Fantastic feedback was received from those who attended; Roger, Russ and Mandi thanked everyone who helped make the day such a success. Another great way to showcase the fantastic work that goes on with Horizon.



Julie, Deputy Manager, at Fixby Lodge started to create a Wildlife Garden using logs for a pathway, plants to attract wildlife and making bird, squirrel and hedgehog houses and bug hotels; she would like to install a night vision camera to watch the foxes that come at night and to take pictures to display in the garden room. Julie has consulted with the People Supported for ideas which also include a herb garden to grow and use in their cooking. The squirrels even have their own picnic area to use!



At the end of May Roxburgh Lodge had a double birthday celebration with Paul and Zaid sharing the same birthdate. They were taken bowling for a treat and returned home for a birthday tea. Both look like they had a great time. This was a massive achievement for Zaid as a few months ago he would not leave the room, well done to all the team at Roxburgh Lodge.





Over the next few weeks Horizon are encouraging staff and People Supported to embrace our 'be kind' campaign to boost morale and wellbeing. Small acts of kindness to others are a great way of making them feel happy and appreciated, as well as being a selfless act which can release happy hormones in the giver by knowing they have made a difference to someone's day



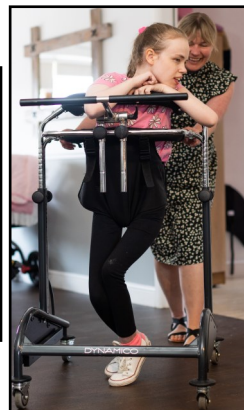
Ulinda and Brad from Sandhurst Court did a Community Kindness Walk. They helped paint some stones with a positive quote and made up a bag containing the stone and a little key ring, they went out and about to hand some out to the community as a Kindness; other People Supported will be doing this throughout the week.



A lovely gesture to spread a little kindness .



Michelle and the People Supported at Beckside Lodge have been working with Skills for Care recently to promote Learning Disability settings. As part of the work a photo shoot was completed with some fantastic results, as seen by the sample below.



On Friday 23rd June the Crafty Starz Enterprise Team took their stall to the Kirklees Learning Disability week Picnic in the Park held in Greenhead Park Huddersfield. They had a lovely day in the sunshine meeting



new people, spending time together and selling the items that People Supported had made and grown. As well as craft items they sold all the plant stock and wooden windmills making a total of £123.45. Well done team.



Race for Life—some of the People Supported, Emma and Chloe (Fixby Lodge) and Perminda, Ian, Claire, and Kelly (Langley Lodge), with the support of dedicated staff and families took part in the Race for Life, 5K, at Greenhead Park on Sunday 25th June to raise funds for Cancer Research. Well done team for accepting the challenge and raising a total of over £500, staff and People Supported from both Fixby and Langley did amazing; we are immensely grateful and proud for all the effort that staff make to allow the People We Support to achieve success both for themselves and for others through their fund raising. Truly inspiring!!!