

Dame Hannahs News – September 2020

Welcome

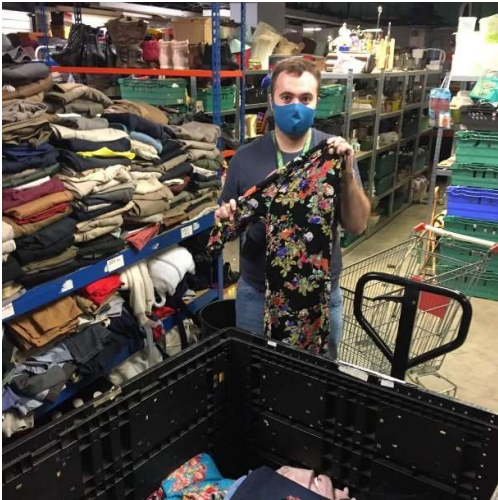
Our young people have had a fun and active few weeks making the most of the last of the summer sunshine. We have welcomed four newcomers who have settled in well. Our care staff have continued to cope brilliantly with all the COVID restrictions and have been going above and beyond with new ideas and activities to ensure our young people still live their lives to the full.

Our Shops and Volunteers



Following the phased return of our charity shops, they are all now open. For your nearest store opening hours click the link below. Since reopening we have been inundated with donations thanks to the overwhelming support of our local communities. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our shop staff and volunteers, all these donations continue to be sorted and processed in line with government guidance. Please remember to Gift Aid your donations as this allows us to reclaim an extra 25p in the £1 on all goods sold. A big thank you to the entire team for all that they continue to do.

We are always looking for new shop volunteers, and now more than ever due to Covid, as we have not seen a full return of our volunteer base to date. If you or someone you know is looking for a volunteering opportunity in one of our shops, back room or warehouse please click on the link below or contact Daniel Burke at daniel.burke@discoverhannahs.org



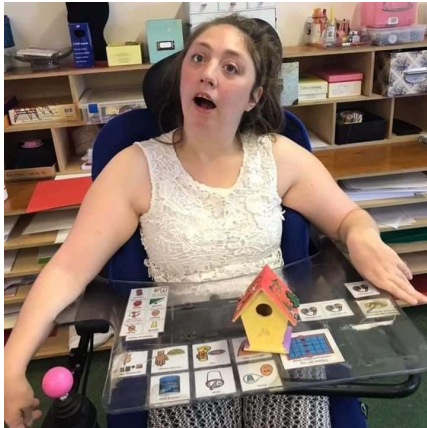
Newcomers

We are delighted to see our newcomers to Hannahwood settling in so well. LJ has joined us along with Freddie, Zach and Ella. They have enjoyed getting to know their new housemates and getting involved in all the activities.



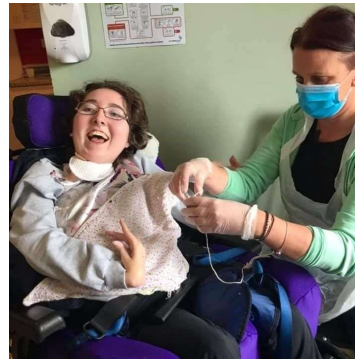
Bird Boxes

Our young people have been doing some wonderful bird box decorating. This is part of their wildlife and conservation project in the gardens. Our activities coordinator Bex Marshall is driving this project forward and we are very grateful to all the supporters who have purchased from our Amazon Wish List. If you would like to make a donation or purchase an item for the project please click on the links below.



Feeding the Birds

Once the bird boxes were ready it was time to make fat balls for the birds. Our young people then hung them up in the gardens along with the bird boxes and bug hotels. Over the winter months they will continue to replenish food for the birds and monitor increasing activity in the gardens.



Outdoor Activities

Everyone really enjoyed making the most of the late summer sunshine with outdoor games and tea parties!





Pampering

Among all the fun activities were pamper sessions which the boys enjoyed just as much as the girls!



Glow Parties

When the weather is less favourable everyone loves the glow parties. It is difficult to know who enjoys them most - the young people or the staff!

Gift Aid Emergency Relief Fund

We have signed up to the #GiftAidRelief campaign calling for a temporary increase to the rate of Gift Aid so £100 donation from you = £133 for us. This would make a huge difference to Dame Hannahs and all charities alike so please spread the word. This campaign is supported by those in government and our local MP Gary Streeter, and we hope an announcement will come with or before the next budget.



Will Week

We are delighted that nearly 40 people took part in our 2020 Will Week which has raised £3355 to date. A big thank you to all the solicitors who took part - Kitsons, Roper James, Start Point Law, SW Law, Tozers and Woolcombe Yonge - as well as our supporters who signed up. Will Week will return in 2021 and more details will follow. In the meantime, if you would like to make a Will and support Dame Hannahs you can access a Free Will Service through our website.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers and fundraisers for all their dedication and hard work. If you would like to get involved please contact supportus@discoverhannahs.org

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