

## Hannahs News – February 2019

### Welcome

Even though February is well under way it still feels very much like the start of the year. Maybe we need the Spring sunshine to really feel we're on our way! Sadly, the unavoidable decision to close Seale-Hayne has meant that many colleagues and many of our community have lost, not just employment, but a real connection with Hannahs. It has been a difficult time for all involved. But, just as we wait for Spring to arrive, we are looking forward to a bright and active year ahead at Ivybridge. Our young people are thriving and have lots of exciting plans. Our young adults in Hannahwood are continuing to enter into a variety of activities and to explore the most beautiful parts of Devon. Meanwhile our children are working well in school and staff across the organisation are giving huge commitment to maintaining and delivering the highest quality services – just as they have always done. Our supporters are more important to us than ever. We intend to celebrate our achievements and the ambitions we have for Ivybridge and our fundraising team has been working with our supporters on exciting plans for a variety of forthcoming events and challenges. We hope you will join us in those. Thank you to all for your continuing support.

Professor David Coslett  
Chair, Dame Hannah Rogers Trust

---



### **Valentine's Day Bake Off**

The Hannahwood bakers had a wonderful time taking part in the Valentine's Day Bake Off. And they had even more fun tasting all the delicious cakes! The winning cake was baked by the residents of Park Street. Everyone in Hannahwood is always keen to celebrate special days of the year and really enter into the spirit of the occasion.

---



### **Hannahwood Big Knit**

Our Hannahwood community projects group has chosen a big knit project as their first of the year. Their aim is to make and collect as many knitted items from local groups and individuals, then give to local organisations Barnados, PDAS, Trivi House and the neo-natal and childrens' wards at Derriford Hospital. They are looking for knitted or crocheted items to donate as follows: knitted clothing for babies, knitted or crocheted blankets for babies and young children, knitted teddies, animals, comforters. They are also looking for wool-making supplies to give to their volunteers who would like to help but don't have supplies. If you would like to help in any way please get in touch with Bex Marshall at [bex.marshall@discoverhannahs.org](mailto:bex.marshall@discoverhannahs.org)

---



## Charity Shops Survey

Hannahs is one of the leaders in a national survey of charity shops published by Civil Society and supported by the Charity Retail Association. The definitive annual survey of the charity retail market shows that after two years of declining profitability across the sector there has been a significant increase in profitability this year. A total of 71 charities with 6482 shops from all over the UK, including 451 in the South West, took part in the survey. Hannahs features alongside major national charities such as the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and Oxfam.



Following the success of Hannahs first ever Make Your Will Week last year, we have teamed up with a group of local solicitors to run our second Will Week 11th-15th March. The solicitors are to waive their Will-writing fee in return for a donation to Hannahs. Get peace of mind by taking care of your family and finances, avoid unnecessary stress or upset for your loved ones, save money on traditional Will-writing legal fees, choose a trusted local solicitor to advise you and support your local charity. Simply make an appointment with your chosen solicitor and let them know that you are making your Will as part of the Hannahs Will Week.



### **Science Day**

A group from Hannahwood had a fascinating day at the Bristol science museum, We the Curious. There were 250 exhibits to explore including some excellent light, sound and sensory experiences. They also had a wonderful time stargazing in the 3D planetarium.



### **Hannahwood Adventures**

The Hannahwood dog walkers, Minnie's Movers, have started the New Year with trips to some beautiful parts of Devon including Exeter Quay and Paignton.



### **Wing Walks**

This is the ultimate fundraising event and we have 7 very special wing walks for 7 very special fundraisers this year. This unique event will take place at Bodmin Airfield in Cornwall on the 2/3/4 July 2019. Each Wing Walker will be asked to pledge and raise a minimum of £2,000 for Hannahs. The Boeing Stearman used for this event is owned and flown by an experienced wing walking pilot, Mike Dentith, who has worked with celebrity wing walkers such as Philip Schofield. To be in with a chance to gain this fantastic once in a lifetime opportunity please contact the fundraising team on [charlotte.nicholls@discoverhannahs.org](mailto:charlotte.nicholls@discoverhannahs.org) or 01626 325835. You will be asked to complete a short questionnaire on why you think you should be one of Hannahs amazing wing walkers for 2019.

---





### **Sahara Desert Trek**

Are you up for a challenging and life-changing experience? Join Team Hannahs on this amazing adventure in the awe-inspiring Sahara Desert 17th-21st February 2020. The five day trek covers 100km passing through Morocco's incredible landscape punctuated by peaks, gorges, dunes and oases. At night, sleep under Africa's star strewn sky and enjoy traditional Berber hospitality. If you are interested please contact Charlotte Nicholls at [charlotte.nicholls@discoverhannahs.org](mailto:charlotte.nicholls@discoverhannahs.org) or on 01626 325835.

---

---

[Read more online!](#)