

# Hannahs News – September 2019

# Welcome

As the summer draws to a close everyone has been making the most of the sunshine with sailing trips, dog walks and bushcraft. Our fundraising team has been busy meeting groups in the local community, helping at local shows and celebrating the work of our wonderful volunteers. We have also welcomed some interesting visitors including a police officer and radio presenter. We are all now looking forward to a busy Autumn.



#### Dame Hannah

September is an important month in our history as it was on September 8th over 250 years ago that Dame Hannah Rogers, wife of Plymouth MP John Rogers, left £10,000 in her will 'to provide and maintain a school for the education of poor, unfortunate children'. We are so proud that her legacy lives on all these years later and we look forward to supporting and enriching the lives of our inspirational young people for many more years to come.





#### **Murder Mystery**

Our Hannahwood young adults enjoyed a Murder Mystery recently. The Murder on the Dancefloor themed evening was brilliantly organised and performed by the Candlelight Theatre Company. The girls looked particularly glamorous as the young adults and their support workers dressed up and enjoyed a very entertaining and intriguing evening.



### **Police Visitor**

We were delighted to welcome Student Police Officer Jason Hawkes to our school recently. As part of his police training Jason chose Dame Hannahs as his Community Placement. Over several days he spent time with our young people and staff in school and with the therapies teams.





# Hannahwood Explorers

Our young adults have been making the most of the sunshine and exploring some of Devon's top beauty spots. They have had some wonderful evenings doing bushcraft at the stunning Burrator Reservoir and Stover Country Park is just one of their many favourite dog walks.









# Sailing Trips

Sailing is always a highlight of the summer months for our young adults. They have been out in all weather and they were also able to enjoy the National Fireworks Championships from the boat 'Friendship' thanks to the wonderful Horizons Sailing Charity.



# Vera celebrates 30 years

Vera Munson has been volunteering in our lvybridge shop for 30 years! Head of Fundraising Daniel Burke joined manager Dave Brown at the shop to say a special thank you. Congratulations and thank you Vera!









#### **Volunteer Thank You Evening**

We had a wonderful evening recently to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who work in our charity shops. We are so grateful to them for all their hard work and dedication. A special thank you to those who received their long service awards. We are lucky to have 130 volunteers, ranging in age from 15 to 95 years old, working in our eight charity shops in lvybridge, Plymouth, Saltash and Newton Abbot. Between them the volunteers give over 1000 hours a week and over the last year the shops have raised £506,587.

#### Sensory Walk

The dog walking group had a very enjoyable and interesting time visiting the historic Devonport Park in Plymouth where there is a beautiful sensory garden and wildflower meadow. Also known as the 'People's Park', Devonport Park was built 150 years ago and is a registered historic park (Grade II) and the oldest public park in Plymouth.





#### **Kingsbridge Show Refreshments**

Dame Hannahs played an important part at the Kingsbridge Show by running the refreshments tent. They served teas and coffees and delicious freshly baked cakes and raised £1381.32 for the charity. Members of our Ivybridge Supporter Group had been busy baking cakes which proved very popular with the hundreds of visitors who came to the tent. The team was also selling homemade preserves kindly donated by Marian and Trevor Vanstone and they ran a Name the Cow competition which helped raise funds on the day. Dame Hannahs was also supported at the show by Kettle Co Kitchens, John and Ann Brooks and Morrisons Kingsbridge.



#### **Radio Walkham Show**

Lester Jones from Radio Walkham visited Dame Hannahs recently to interview people from all areas of the charity for his show on Radio Walkham. Everyone talked about their work and life at Dame Hannahs and chose their favourite song for the show. Listen to Lester's special 2 hour show about Dame Hannahs on Sunday 22nd September 12-2pm.



#### Will Week Donation

Staff from Woollcombe Yonge Solicitors presented a very generous cheque to Emma from our Fundraising Team recently, following their participation in our Make Your Will Week earlier in the year. Every year we team up with a group of local solicitors in South Devon to run our Make Your Will Week. The solicitors waive their Will-writing fee in return for a donation to Dame Hannahs. The next Make Your Will Week will take place 9-13 March 2020. Woollcombe Yonge have already signed up. If you wish to take part please contact: emma.boulton@discoverhannahs.org



### Saltram Santa Evening

Our Community Engagement Officer Debbie Lumsdon visited Saltram Rotary Club to give a talk about the wonderful work we do at Dame Hannahs. Clive Sutton from Saltram Rotary welcomed Debbie and Andy Kebby from Shekinah. They have kindly chosen Dame Hannahs as one of the charities for the 2019 Plymouth Santa Fun Run. We are now looking for Santas to take part!



# Avid Runner? Enjoy Marathons?! We need your support!

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Please choose us for your next sponsored run.

Speak to our Community Engagement Officer, Debbie Lumsdon: T: 01752 898106 E: debbie.lumsdon@discoverhannahs.org

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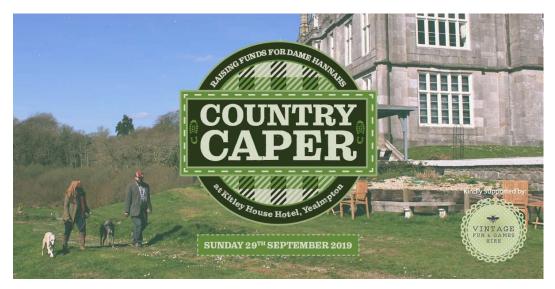
#### **Calling all Runners**

We are looking for keen runners to help raise funds for Dame Hannahs. Whether you are a beginner and want to take part in a Fun Run or 5k or an experienced runner wanting to enter a Marathon, there are so many events happening in the South West for people of all abilities and ages.

#### **Mayflower 400 Lunch**

There are still a few tickets left to our Autumn Lunch at Boringdon Park Golf Club. The illustrated presentation about Maflower 400 will be fascinating and there will be a delicious two course lunch plus some lovely gift stalls. Tickets are just £26.50. To book tickets contact Ann Brooks on 01548 550300.





# **Country Caper Countdown**

Our Country Caper at the beautiful Kitley Estate is just over a week away now. This is your last chance to book tickets to this fun family event. Tickets are just £10 and £7 for children. For more information or to book tickets contact our Fundraising Team on 01752 898135 or <a href="mailto:supportus@discoverhannahs.org">supportus@discoverhannahs.org</a>

> 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 <u>supportus@discoverhannahs.org</u>

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