

Dame Hannahs News - October 2021

Welcome

Despite the weather turning colder our young adults have managed to enjoy trips to the sea and countryside as well as more activities indoors. We have welcomed new young volunteers and have enjoyed preparing for Halloween. Our charity shops have performed exceptionally well in the latest national survey and we are also busy recruiting and welcoming new support workers.



Hearty Sailors

Everyone has had a wonderful time sailing over the last few months and they were happy to go out in all weather! The sailing season has now come to an end. A huge thank you to Horizons Sailing Charity for making this possible.



Young Volunteers

We are delighted to have welcomed two young volunteers to our team at Transit Way. Kelsi and Destiny from Mill Ford School have started working in our children's area sorting out toys and baby clothes. We are very grateful for their help.



Charity Shops Success

The 2021 Charity Shops Survey has just been published. We are really pleased that with the backdrop of Covid over the last financial year, we are only one of three charities to have made an operating profit for the year. The majority of charities have made huge losses including each of the four main national charities losing millions. Our profit was despite the fact that our shops were only able to trade for a maximum of 22 weeks of the financial year. We were also able to keep our retail chain the same size whereas most retail chains have experienced huge closures. The positive impact of the pandemic has shown that since reopening, our shops have been exceptionally busy and have surpassed all expectations, and based on our current performance this seems to be continuing. One of the main highlights of this period has also been the fact that we continued to take donations which meant maintaining high stock levels for all of our shops.



Country Walks

Our young adults love their outings in the countryside. Recently the Blachford group had a lovely day out at Burrator Arboretum. They had a great game of Pooh Sticks and they also had a look at their old friend Chloe's memorial tree.



APPLY NOW!

We are recruiting support workers and it is now really easy and quick to apply. Just click on the link below and there is a simple form on our website to fill in. Come and be part of our friendly and enthusiastic team and make a difference.



Beach Trip

The Gillies group had a lovely seaside trip to Paignton recently. Over the last few months they have grabbed every opportunity to visit different places by the sea.



Karaoke Night

As the days have been getting shorter our young adults have been enjoying activities inside. Karaoke nights are always very popular!



Tesco Pumpkins

A big thank you to Tesco in Transit Way for donating so many pumpkins to our young adults. Tesco Community Champion Jacqui handed over a whole trolley full of pumpkins to our Community Engagement Officer Debbie. Our young adults cant wait to start pumpkin carving!



Halloween Time

We always make sure our young adults have a fun and spooky time at Halloween and our amazing Activities Coordinator Bex Marshall has created a wonderful display this year. Our seasonal displays in our shops are always very popular too.

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