

## December E-Newsletter

### Welcome

Everyone has been enjoying a number of festive events and outings in the lead up to Christmas. We have welcomed families and friends to Dame Hannahs and our residents have enjoyed some lovely festive experiences. We are now looking forward to a busy 2026. In the meantime we would like say a big thank you to all our supporters for your ongoing support and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



### Christmas Appeal

Please consider supporting Dame Hannahs with a gift this Christmas.

Each pound we receive continues to help us improve our residential accommodation as well as the communal areas, which allow everyone here, as well as those who attend our day placements to have a welcoming and enjoyable space to carry out activities, therapy sessions or just relax.

Please remember, no matter how small the gift you give this Christmas, it will be used to continue to enhance the lives of those we support.

### Christmas Coffee Morning

We were delighted to welcome so many families to a Christmas Coffee Morning. Events like this are such a good opportunity for families to meet up, exchange news and hear all about how their loved ones have been doing over a coffee and festive treat.



## Eden Project

Several groups have been to the [Eden Project](#) recently to be immersed in their Christmas experience. The Eden Project is well suited for all of those who are attending to be interacting with so many types of sensory experiences from the smells of the plants; changes in temperature; textures of different foliage and at Christmas there has also been a fantastic array of lighting displays.



## Mutley Plain Charity Shop

We are excited to have just opened another new charity shop on Mutley Plain in Plymouth. Tara and Paige will be leading the team and driving the donations, Gift Aid and sales into the new year and beyond. They are excited to recruit new volunteers and engage with the local community to spread the word of Dame Hannahs and continue to raise the profile of the Trust.

You can find full details of all our [shop locations](#), arrange a collection or read more about becoming a [volunteer](#) by visiting our website.

Our team are now busy preparing the next retail expansion which will include further new shops in Tavistock and Roborough in the New Year - Watch this space!



## Ivybridge Christmas Festival

A group of our adults went to the Christmas Lights Switch-On in Ivybridge. Despite the rain they had great fun and enjoyed the festive atmosphere in the village. There were lots of Christmas stalls and music as the whole village came together to mark the start of the Christmas period.



### **Plymouth Christmas Market**

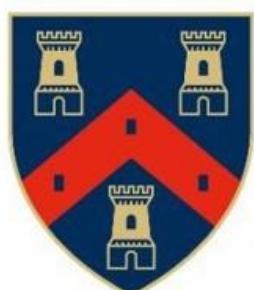
Attendees of our day service provision enjoyed a great afternoon at the Plymouth Christmas Market. Here they were able to view and buy lots of lovely Christmas decorations, enjoy the lights and treats while listening to the festive music in the background. Thank you to all of the support teams who enable these vital trips, and create such memorable experiences.

### **Mount Kelly Singers**

Children from Mount Kelly Prep School came to Dame Hannahs to give a Christmas concert.

They sang their favourite Christmas songs beautifully and they did some wonderful signing too.

After the performance the children and our adults really enjoyed meeting each other.



## Arthur Christmas

The Arthur group have had a busy and festive time. Not only have they decorated their bungalow beautifully but they also helped decorate the tree in Ivybridge and visited [Winter Wonderland](#) in Central Park. Dame Hannahs residents are so much a part of the local community and it is amazing when we are able to be so involved in local activities like these.



## Glowstick Party

We have celebrated several birthdays this month and one particular favourite was the Glowstick Disco! Everyone had a such a fantastic time, and enjoyed making different light shows with their glowsticks to the music. We always make sure that we mark each birthday with some form of celebration, with the theme being chosen by the birthday person. It is a perfect excuse for friends, family and staff to come together and celebrate!



## Bingo Nights

We are looking forward to hosting our monthly Bingo Nights at Dame Hannahs in 2026. They have become increasingly popular over the last year and it has been lovely to welcome people from the local community and to see regulars coming each month. Our next date will be **Friday 9 January** and we will announce all of the 2026 dates in the New Year.

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