

September E-Newsletter

Welcome

Over the last month we have seen the final days of summer come to a close but we have been fortunate to hold a variety of events here on site as well as attending those within the community. Each of these events have allowed us to further increase people's awareness and understanding of the work undertaken at Dame Hannahs as well as raising much needed funds to support not only our mission, but our ongoing renovations here in Ivybridge.

Now as we head into the Autumn months we are gearing up for our annual Autumn Lunch, our Christmas Fayre in November as well as all of our other planned activities which we hope to see you at. Please read on for full details of what is coming up.



Last chance to buy Autumn Lunch tickets

There are still a few tickets left for our very popular Autumn Lunch on Tuesday 30th September at Boringdon Park Golf Club, Plymouth, PL7 4QG.

This year there will be a fascinating talk by author Pam Vass - Reason or Rebellion? The Suffragette Story in the South West.

You will enjoy a delicious two course lunch and there will be a variety of stallholders selling beautiful gifts.

Festival Fun Day

It was good to welcome friends and families as well as visitors from the local community to our Festival Fun Day.

There was a good selection of gift stalls alongside activities and stalls being run by our adults and staff. The event really helped raise awareness of the amazing work we do as well as give visitors the opportunity to meet those we support.





Kingsbridge Show

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to our Refreshments stand at the Kingsbridge Show and helped us raise an amazing **£1432.45**.

It was fantastic to welcome so many visitors into our marquee where they enjoyed many delicious home-made cakes, pastries and savoury treats. Special thanks is given to our Fundraising Volunteer Team and the other wonderful volunteers and staff who baked so many scones and cakes which made the event such a success.

While it is a very long day for everyone involved this wonderful team pulled together and enjoyed every moment of a very busy day!



Tennis Fun

We are very lucky to have weekly visits from tennis coach Fiona from Double Bounce Inclusive Tennis South West CIC. Our adults gain so much from her tennis sessions and learn new skills each week.



Shops Update

Our eight existing charity shops are thriving and we are excited to be planning the opening of four new shops in the coming months. Watch this space for details of the new locations.

We are so grateful for all of the donations we receive which allows the retail arm of Dame Hannahs to thrive. To find your nearest store or to arrange a collection please [click here](#)

We recently relocated our Ivybridge shop to the top of Fore Street. This new location has seen an ongoing boost in sales and increased interaction with the local community. Long standing volunteer shop manager Sue and her husband Dave, who have both volunteered for a number of years, are absolutely thrilled with the new shop. The improved layout, increased footfall and boosted sales which the team on site have generated has been amazing!

Meanwhile we have been catching up with another Sue, one of our volunteers in our Newton Abbot shop. You can read more about Sue's story by clicking on the link below.

We rely heavily on our wonderful shop volunteers and are eternally grateful for all their hard work and contribution to Dame Hannahs fundraising. If you would like to get involved please contact our fundraising team.



It is always lovely to hear from parents whose children are leading happy and fulfilled lives at Dame Hannahs.

This is a recent quote from Roger about his daughter Helen:

"So 15 years ago a then 19 year old Helen first arrived at Dame Hannahs. So much has happened in the intervening years, lots of fun and adventures but sadly, too many lost friends. To everyone who has played

any part in the care and development of Helen, and there really are too many to thank individually, a big thank you. No doubt more adventures and fun lie ahead in the future and we are both looking forward to whatever it may be."

Autumn Events

We are looking forward to a busy Autumn programme of events with our popular Christmas Fayre on November 15th as well as our monthly Bingo Night on October 3rd and our next Quiz Night on October 22nd. We always welcome friends, families and the local community to these events.



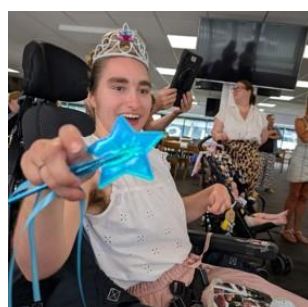
Made-Well Visit

The Marchesi group recently visited Made-Well, which is a vibrant, inclusive, not-for-profit community in the heart of Devon. They offer meaningful opportunities for people of all abilities through outdoor learning, animal care, horticulture, creative sessions, and supported volunteering. Our adults really enjoyed making use of the facilities in the playground and garden.



Princess Millie

Millie had the best time at the Princess and Hero party at Plymouth Argyle Football Club recently. She had so much fun dancing along with the Disney Princesses and Spider-Man! It was one of many events organised by the Argyle Community Trust which uses the prestige of football and the reach of the club to inspire, engage and help people of all ages and abilities to achieve their full potential.



Plant Shopping

Our adults have been visiting different gardens over the last few weeks to get some inspiration for our sensory garden here at Dame Hannahs. Each bungalow visited a different garden using smell, touch and visual senses. They were able to make their own choices and will be able to enjoy and benefit from the sensory essence of the garden.



Ivybridge Activities

Although our adults love going on outings there are plenty of activities they are able to enjoy in Ivybridge. This ranges from Boccia and Connect 4 to the Ivybridge Scavenger Hunt. Our Activities Coordinator Louisa plans a busy schedule of activities every month. The activities enable them to interact with each other and make choices.



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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