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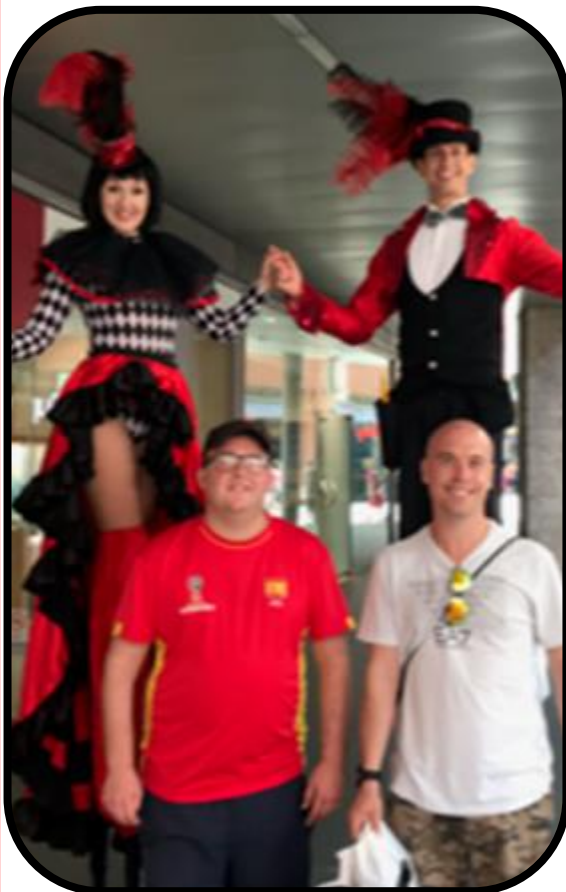


We are OUTSTANDING! Find out more on page 44

Blackpool Rock

Jenny Tarry spent a few fun filled days in Blackpool, visiting the sights, thrill seeking at the pleasure beach, mingling with the stars at

Madame Tussaud's, playing bingo and enjoying time in the arcades. Jenny tells us she had a wonderful time.



GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Tom Nelson and Paul Baker met a pair of real life Gullivers when they went shopping in Liverpool.

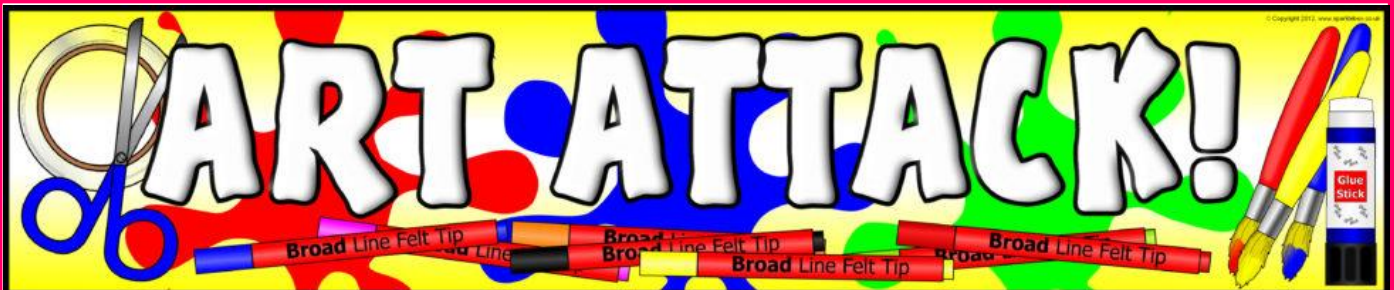
Des & Des



Our friend, Des O'Connor recently retired and the chaps at Salisbury Court threw a party to wish him well in his retirement.

Hilariously, our resident magician, Jonti Sparrow came dressed as Des himself!

Here we see the two Des' side by side, can you tell which one is which?



Here we see two beautiful landscapes painted by the talented [Stella Joseph](#).

Spectacular!





Chester city centre was awash with colour for the Pride festival.

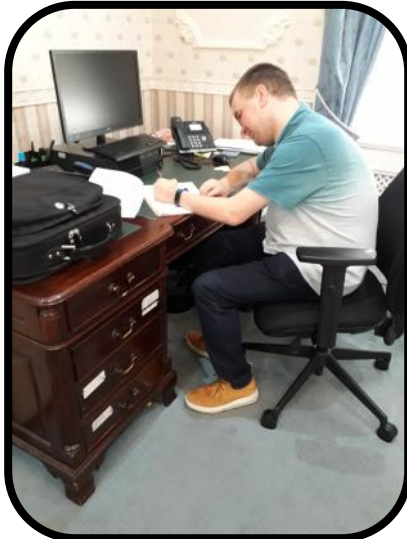
James Claxton, Elio De Julio, Roy Cheetham and Julie Bebbington were there to join in the celebration of diversity and the LGBT community.



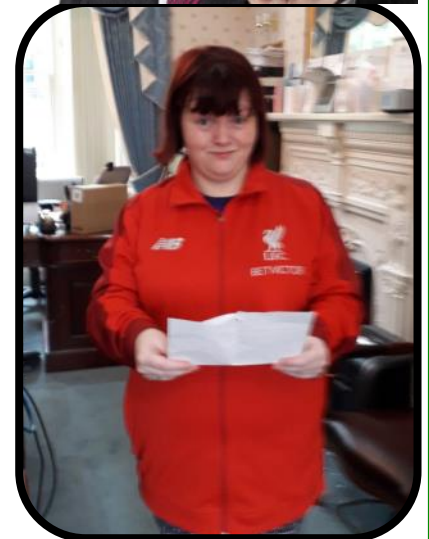
They met up with some fabulous Drag Queens and Julie even met up with Marcus Collins of X-Factor fame.



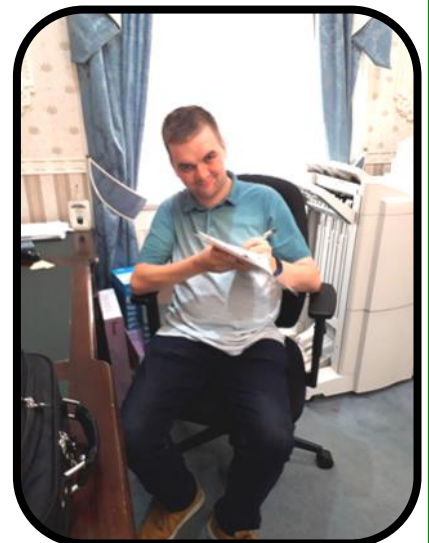
You're hired



Rob Ellis and Kerriann Woolley joined Brian Marsh and Angela Ward at the Italian Lodge when they were interviewing new staff.



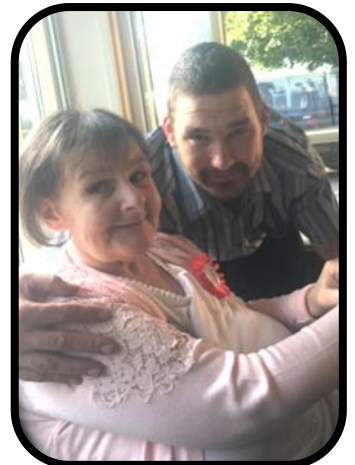
They had written their own questions to ask the interviewees and Angela tells us "I was incredibly impressed with Rob and Kerriann's professionalism in the interviews. Their questions were well thought out and perfectly suited for the interview process"





When [Sharon Blythe](#) celebrated her Birthday, the guys from Traynor took her out for dinner to The Birch tree pub. They also decorated her walker in Birthday balloons and banners.

[Chris Smith](#), also known as the guy with the golden heart, went that extra mile and ordered a bunch of flowers for [Sharon](#) as an extra surprise. What a lovely gesture!





As you already know, we recently had a visit from our friends Jonny and Tracey from The National Autistic Society. The guys from Salisbury and Overpool made them welcome as only we here at S2I know how.

The tenants at Salisbury prepared a delicious buffet and made beautiful bunting out of handprints which they used to decorate the lounge.



Our very own MasterChef, [Rob Jones](#) manned the barbecue, ably assisted by his Sous chef, [Leon Pendergast](#). Rob also made some pretty hanging baskets to decorate the front of Salisbury Court.

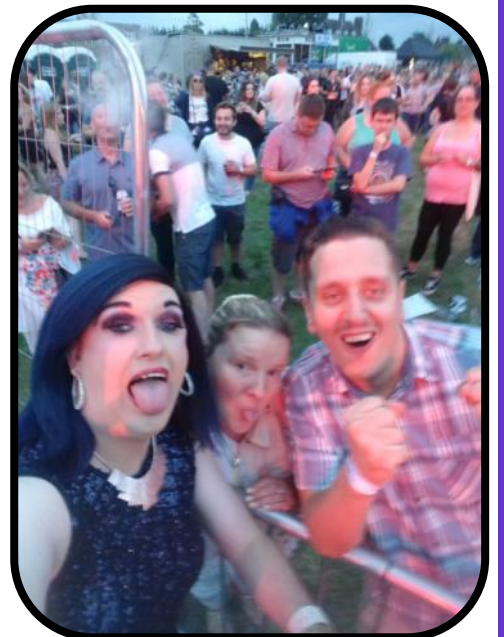
Over at Overpool [James Claxton](#) helped with the barbecue, [Kieran Mahon](#) manned the decks as the resident DJ and Paula McCabe gave a talk about Autism.



SUMMER JAM

The Ellesmere Port Summer Jam was a jam packed festival of music featuring a Pink and Lady Gaga tribute. Headlining the festival was Nineties boy band 5ive. And who was there, right at the very front to see them?

Only our very own Julie Bebbington!

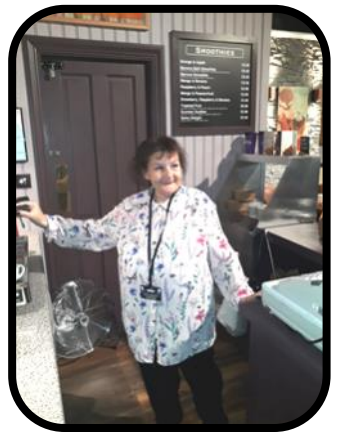


EMMERDALE



Stella Joseph, Sharon Blythe, Judith Hill and Emily Jones spent a dramatic day down in the Dales, when they visited the Emmerdale studio tour.

They enjoyed seeing the sets from the soap, Emily and Stella served coffee in the café, they visited The Woolpack and Sharon became an honorary Dingle for the day by wearing Zach's flat cap.



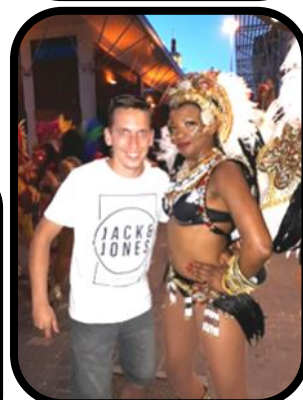
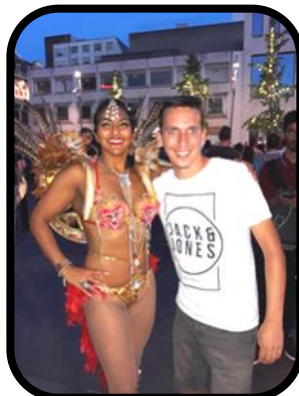
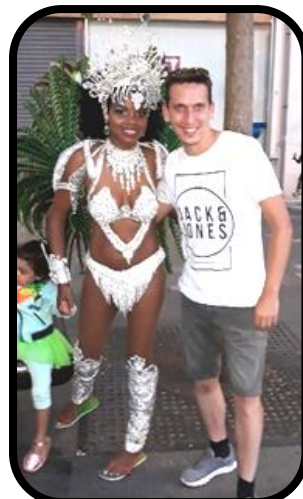


Brazilica



The whole of Liverpool was alive with the sound of Samba as Liverpool Carnival Company's annual Brazilica Festival returned to the city with an epic Carnival extravaganza!

James Claxton was at this Brazil-iant event, amongst the bright colourful feathers and sparkly costumes.



Chasing Waterfalls



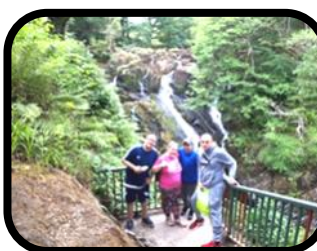
Tom Nelson, Rob Austin, Julie Bebbington and Paul O'Connell spent a lovely day exploring Betws-Y-Coed in North Wales, where they visited the famous Swallow Falls.



This was the first time that Rob had ever seen a waterfall and we are told he was mesmerised by the beauty of the falls.



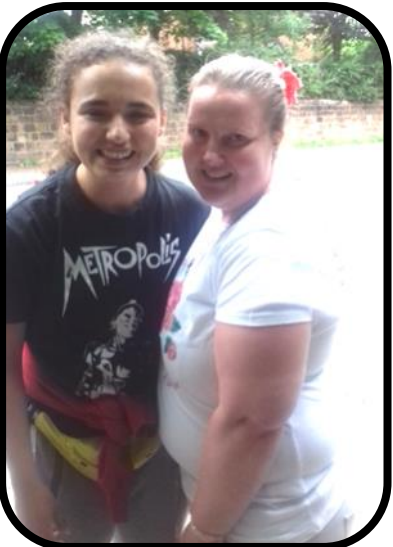
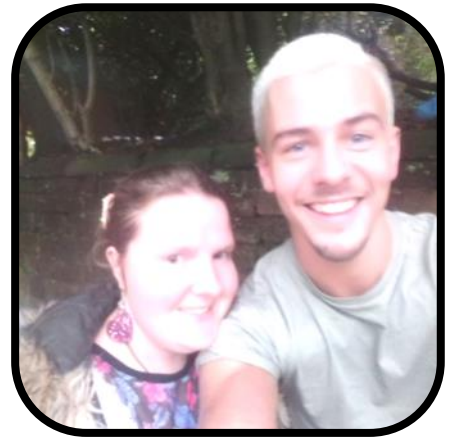
Whilst going for a drive in the stunning countryside, they came across a lake, where Paul braved a bracing dip in the cool water.



HOLLYOAKS



Julie Bebbington is a huge Hollyoaks fan and has been to visit the set many times, where she has been lucky enough to meet a lot of the cast members.





Dancing QUEEN



Stella Joseph, Sharon Blythe, Emily Jones, Mark Stockton and Amanda Graham spent the evening dancing in the aisles and singing along to the Abba Dancing Queen show at The Floral Pavilion.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The chaps from Salisbury Court surprised Anne Edwards on her Birthday with a Birthday cake with candles.





Morrisons have introduced a 'Quieter Hour' in all stores - designed help customers who currently struggle with music and the other noise associated with supermarket shopping.

Their 'Quieter Hour' takes place every Saturday in all stores from 9-10am

This new initiative has been created with the support of the National Autistic Society. Many people who have Autism can find shopping in a supermarket an anxious experience.

"Around 700,000 people are on the autism spectrum in the UK. This means they see, hear and feel the world differently to other people, often in a more intense way. Morrisons 'Quieter Hour' is a step in the right direction for autistic people who find supermarket shopping a real struggle."

Daniel Cadey, the from the National Autistic Society

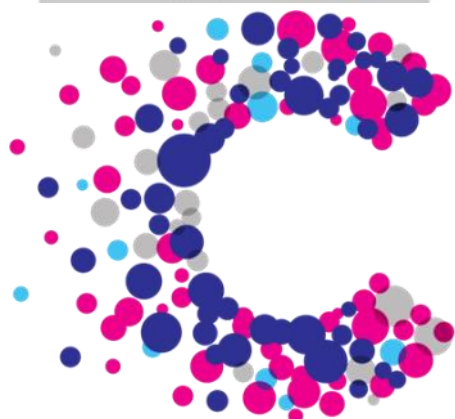
During Quieter Hours, the stores will:

- Dim the lights
- Turn music and radio off
- Avoid making tannoy announcements
- Reduce movement of trolleys and baskets
- Turn checkout beeps and other electrical noises down
- Place a poster outside to tell customers it's Quieter Hour





Carrie Thomas completed a sponsored walk with her Slimmer's World group and raised a fantastic £40 for Cancer Research UK.



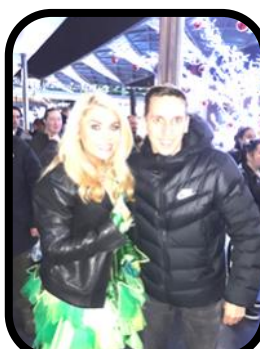
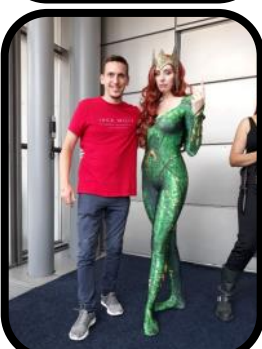
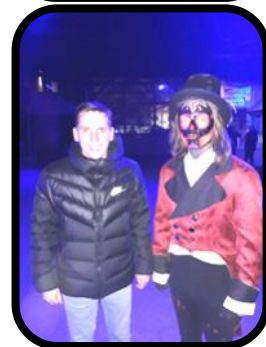
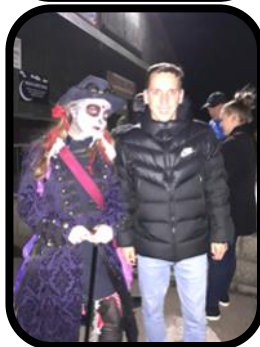
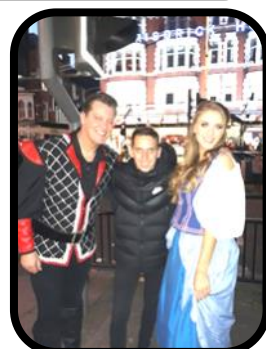
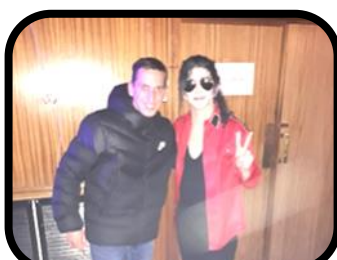
CANCER
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To celebrate Paul Baker's Birthday, the chaps from Talbot House went to their favourite restaurant Bollywood Lounge for a slap up meal and a slice of Birthday cake.

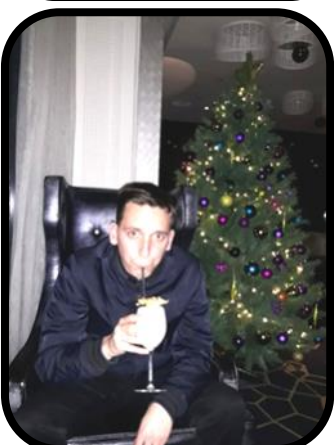


Our Intrepid Explorer, James Claxton has been on his travels again.





Emmerdale Tour

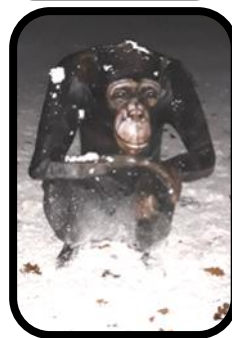
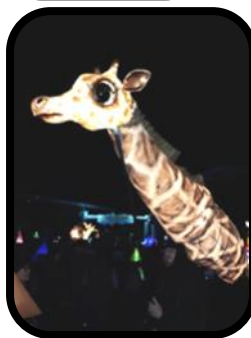
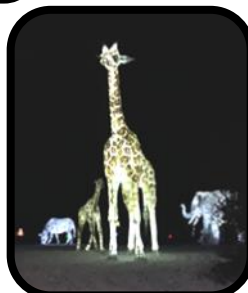
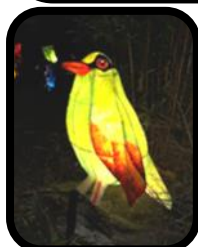


James Celebrated his 31st Birthday with a delicious meal at Restaurant

Bar and Grill, and then decadent cocktails at Cloud 23, a bar which is situated at the highest point in Manchester.



James visited the magical Chester zoo lanterns and had an illuminating time.

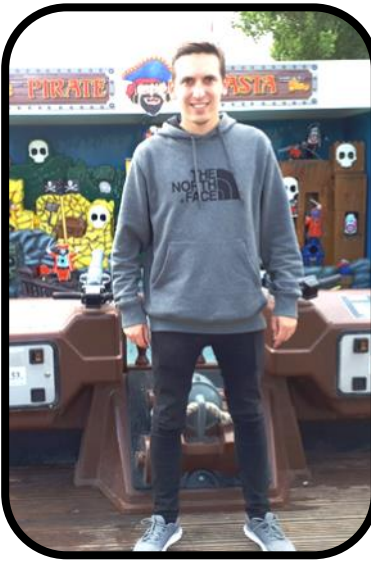
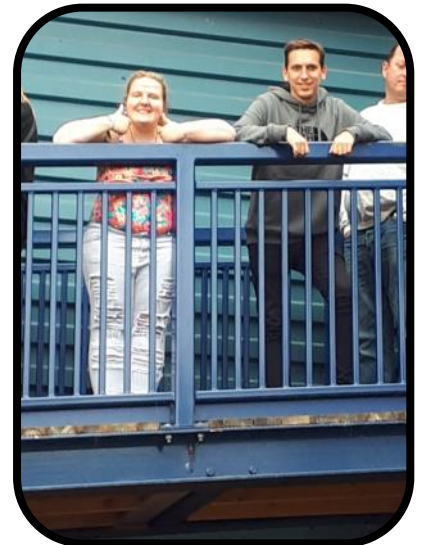
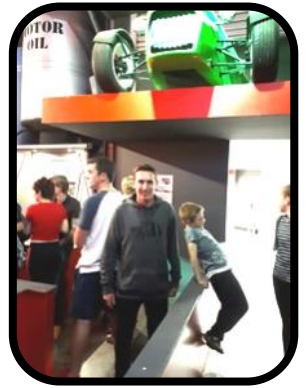




Drayton Manor Theme Park is home to a variety of exciting attractions with roller coasters, zoo and Thomas Land.

Thrill seekers Rob Jones, Paul O'Connell, James Claxton, Paul Baker, Rob Austin and Julie Bebbington spent the day there, riding the rollercoasters and thrilling rides galore.







Tom Nelson went to Preston for the weekend to watch Preston FC play Queen's Park Rangers





LIVERPOOL'S Dream



The Giants returned to Liverpool and this time, Wirral in the three day spectacular "Liverpool's Dream". Julie Bebbington and James Claxton joined the crowds to see them on their epic journey.

Julie travelled over with her friends and this was the first time that she had seen the Giants.

Whilst at The Albert Dock, she bumped into Anne O'Connor, the Newscaster from Granada Reports.

The crowds were delighted with a surprise visit from the Little Girl Giant and Xolo the dog was up to his usual naughty tricks. Julie tells us that Xolo was her favourite giant as he was so cute and funny and even tried to lick her face!



BANK HOLIDAY

Bank Holidays are always a fun time and Mario Vrlec, Paul Jennings, Elio De Julio, Roy Cheetham and James Claxton

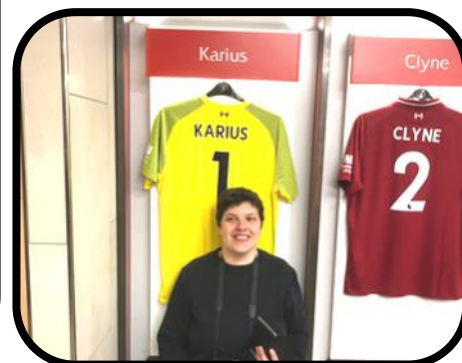
decided to have a boys Bank Holiday trip to New Brighton.

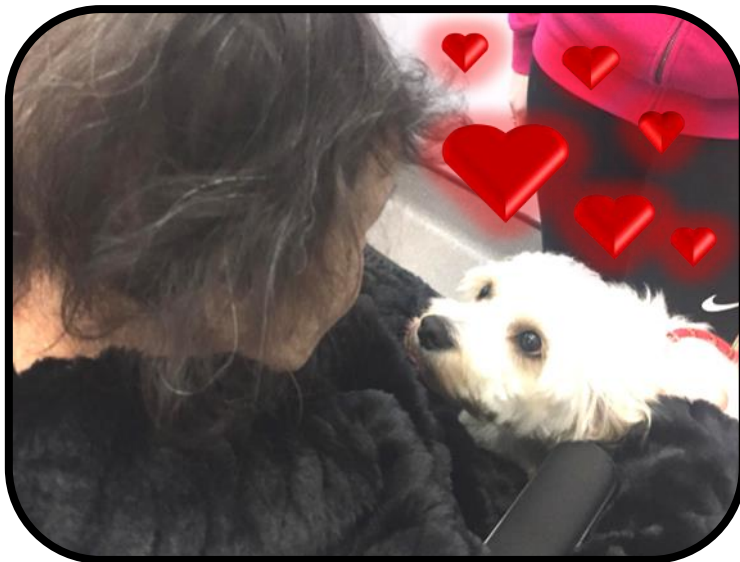
They had a fantastic time on the rides at the fun fair and visiting the lifeboat station.



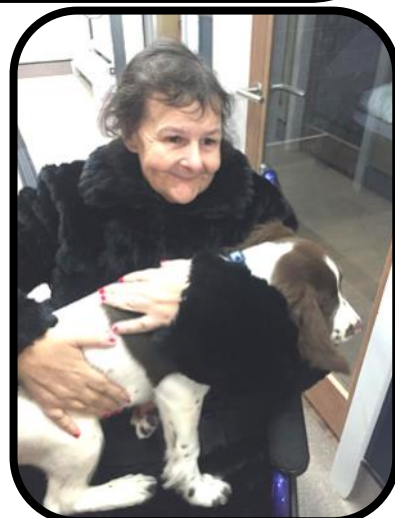


Here we see
 Beth
 Moulstone at
 Anfield where
 she went on a
 behind the
 scenes tour of
 Liverpool
 Football Club.





We have a new posh hotel just for dogs on the Wirral and Sharon Blythe has been to inspect the amenities!!



She was very impressed and made her way around each guest to say hello. They loved her as much as she loved them!

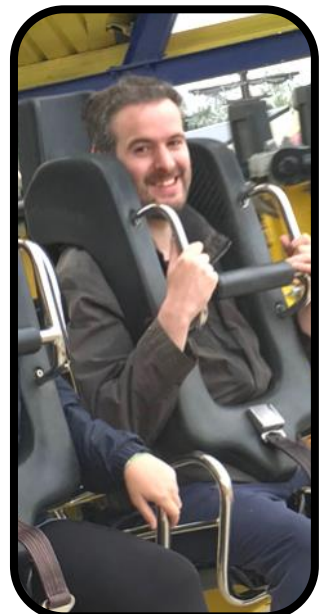
Sharon tells us it was a fantastic place.





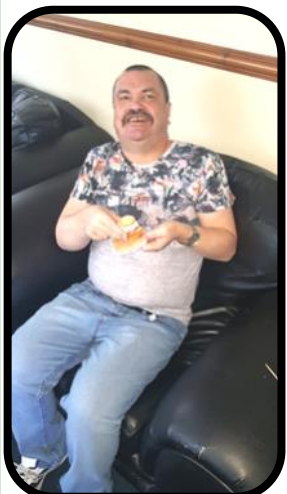
Matthew Corcoran is a big fan of theme parks, so he went away for a few days to Flamingo Land in Yorkshire.

He visited Whitby and told us it was a beautiful place and he really enjoyed seeing the sights there before heading to Flamingo Land to indulge in his passion for thrill rides.





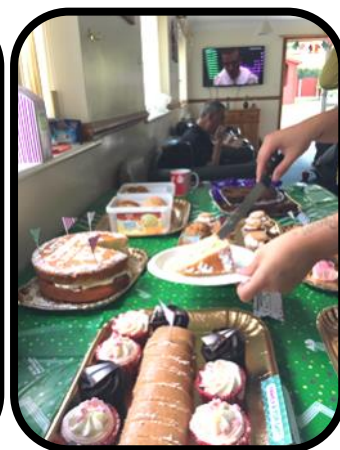
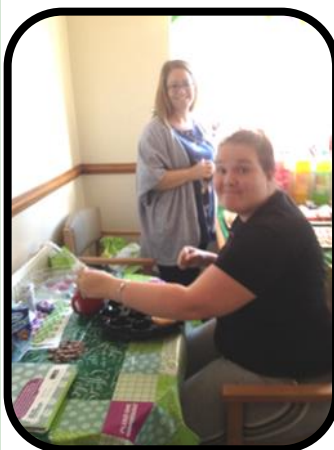
**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



Each year, Macmillan Cancer Support holds The World's biggest coffee morning. People all over the UK host coffee mornings and donations collected are made to the charity.

This Year, Salisbury Court held a coffee morning for this worthy cause. They decorated cakes and biscuits, many of which were homemade, to sell and raise much needed funds.

The morning was a roaring success and a whopping £75 was raised and everyone was left with a stuffed belly afterwards.

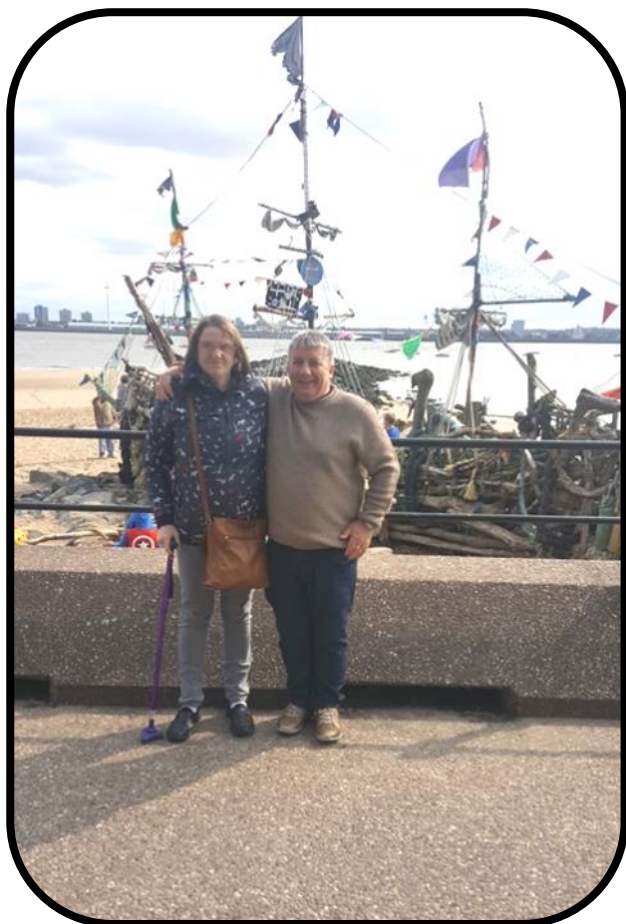




The hit TV comedy was brought to the Liverpool Empire stage in Benidorm Live, Carrie Thomas, Jennifer Tarry and Kerriann

Woolley spent the

evening in fits of laughter at the antics of the staff and guests of the Solana Hotel.



The Black Pearl

Laurie and June Bates spent an enjoyable afternoon at New Brighton exploring the Black Pearl, the world famous pirate ship, created entirely out of driftwood.

Ello, Ello, Ello



The Chaps at Overpool had a visit from their friendly local PCSOs, who introduced themselves to everyone and spent some time with them to explain their role in the community. The guys had a fab time and feel happy and safe knowing that they are about.



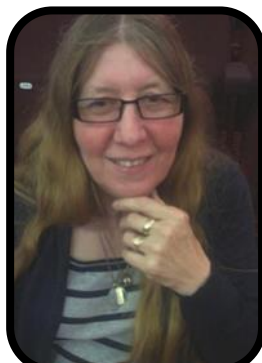


The girls from Traynor Court have been out on the town again.

Kerry Cliffe, Sharon Blythe, Emily Jones and Stella Joseph went to The Floral Pavilion to see the hit show Material Girl, which celebrated the greatest songs from the Queen of Pop, Madonna.

From the second the lights went down, the girls were up on their feet dancing and didn't stop until the curtain went down.

The girls tell us they had a ball.



Staff v Tenants



The 4th annual staff v tenants match took place at the Birkenhead Boys club amid heavy and persistent downpours, but this did nothing to dampen the eagerly contested game, which the tenants had the best of in the first half, leading the staff team 5-5 at the break.



The tenants played some great football and were worthy of their lead, but as in rec, staff rallied in the second half and fought back with the game eventually finishing honours even, with a positive goal feast of a result, finishing 8-8.





In the following penalty shoot-out, staff came out on top 7-3. Sadly, the barbecue scheduled to take place at

Talbot house had to be cancelled due to the poor weather.

Despite the weather, all who took part, thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and helped the Wirral Diamonds players prepare for a challenging but exciting season ahead.

Well done to everyone who took part.



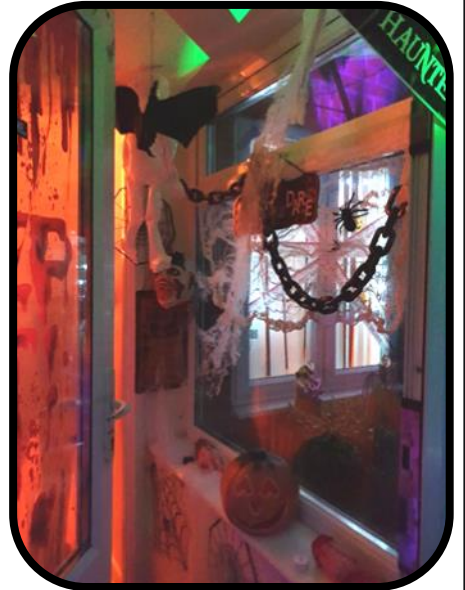
HOUSE OF HORROR



Kieran Mahon is the Halloween Master. He turned his house into a creepy Halloween Horror House for the spookiest night of the year.



The attention to detail is Spooktacular and it comes into it's own at night with an amazing light show.



Pumpkin Carving

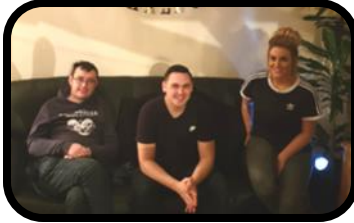


The chaps at Traynor Court certainly got into the Halloween "spirit" by carving pumpkins for their Halloween party. They look great guys!

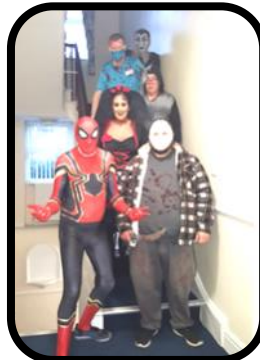
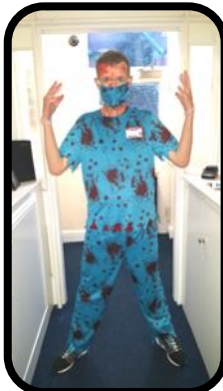


Trick OR Treat

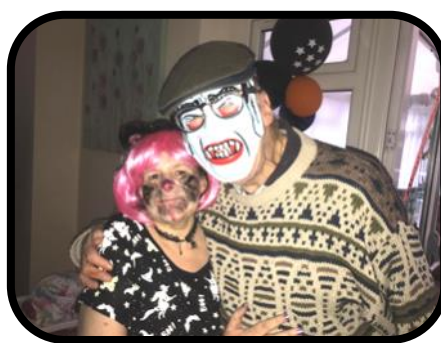
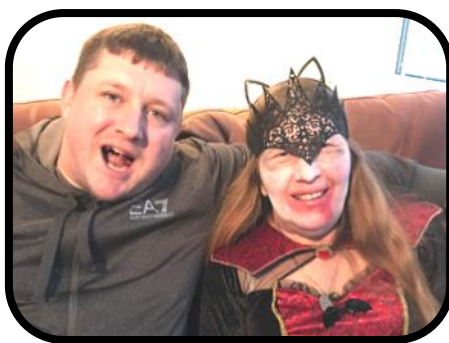
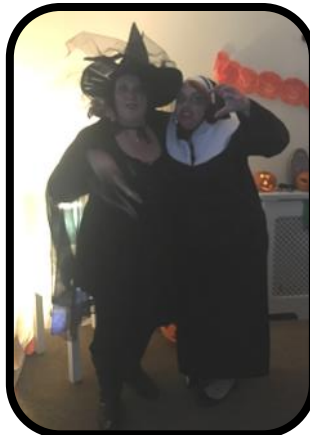
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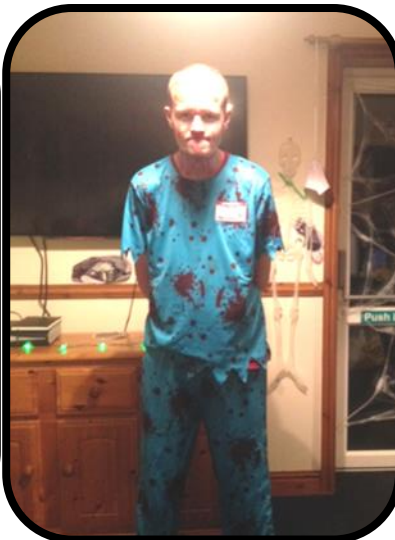
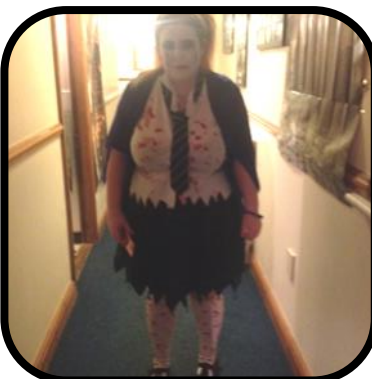
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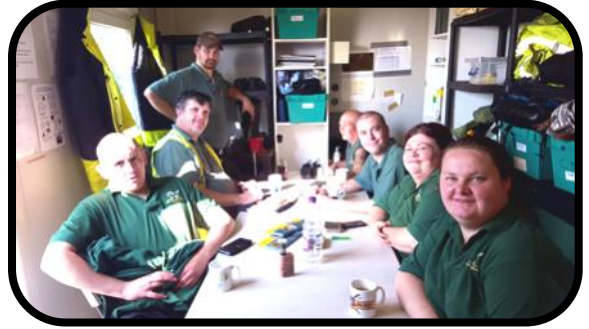
Traynor Court



Salisbury Court



Down on the Farm

Would you like to work on The Farm?

We are looking to recruit new workers to help out.

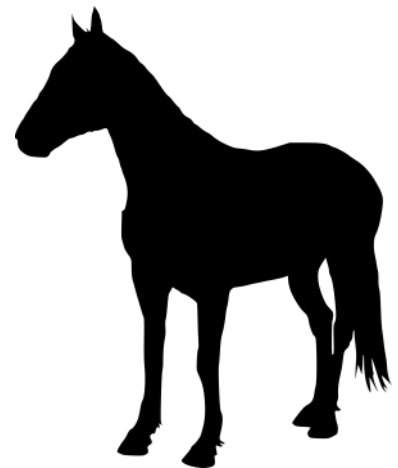
Help look after the horses and give them the happiest life they can enjoy.

Get lots of fresh air.

Enjoy the great outdoors.

Get lots of exercise in a fun and productive way.

If you would like to join the Farm workforce, let your Manager know.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM

Paul O'Connell visited the National Football museum in Manchester and had a great day





Disneyland PARIS



Sharon Blythe is a huge Disney fan, and her dream has always to visit Disneyland, one day she had a card delivered from Mickey Mouse telling her that dreams do come true and that she had been invited to Disneyland Paris.



Sharon was treated like a Queen on the flight, the Pilot himself came and greeted her.

At Disneyland itself, Sharon was greeted by all of the Disney crew and she met stars such as Eeyore, Piglet, Snow White and Dopey, Donald Duck and Minnie Mouse herself!



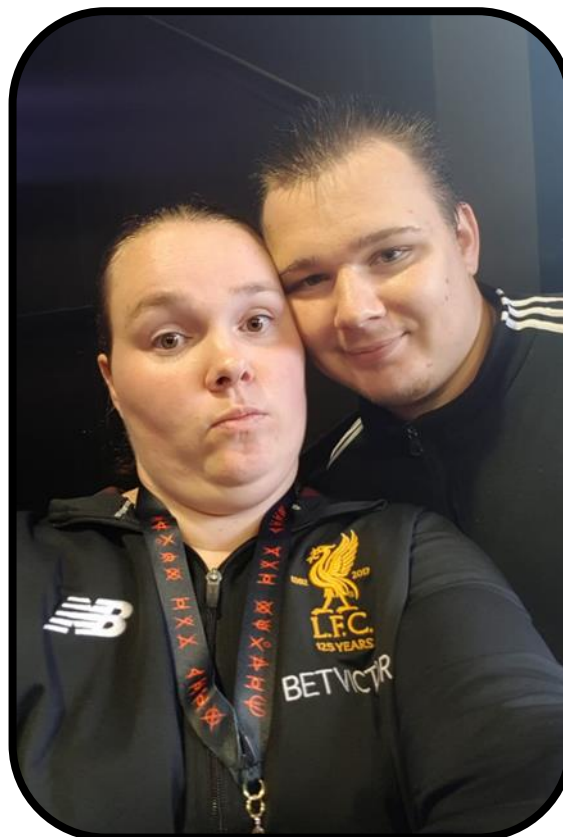
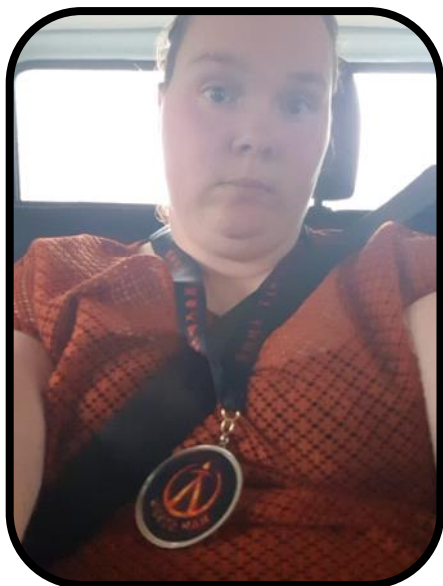


As we all know, **Chris Smith** is a kind-hearted fellow. This Christmas,

he has purchased a DVD player and is donating it to the Children's ward in Arrowe Park Hospital for the poorly children to watch Christmas movies.



An amazing time was had by all at Alton Towers, when they went for **Rob Jones'** Birthday. **Simon Smith**, who doesn't like rollercoasters, was incredibly brave and faced his fears by going on the Wickerman ride.





REUSE REDUCE RECYCLE

Recycling and reducing plastic waste is becoming so important to the World around us.

What can we do to help?

Eco Bricks

An Eco brick is a reusable building block created by packing clean and dry used plastic into a plastic bottle to a set density. Eco bricks enable us to take personal responsibility for our plastic, and can be used to make stools and tables for the garden, raised beds for the garden etc.

Find out more about Eco Bricks and their

uses at
www.ecobricks.org

Making an EcoBrick

1. Choose a clean, dry bottle

We recommend starting with a simple-shaped bottle as it won't have any tricky areas (which if left un-stuffed leave weak air gaps). It must be clean and dry because any organic matter left in the bottle may decay, which could make the brick unstable and compromise the integrity of the build, likewise for your filler plastics.

2. Collect your filler materials

Any clean, dry, unrecyclable plastics can go in. Use soft plastics at the bottom as they will fill any uneven surfaces and prevent air gaps. It is wise to cut up harder plastics into smaller pieces so you won't be left with gaps (and they fit through the opening!). Please do not put metal, glass, paper or biodegradable/compostable plastics in your bottle, or any organic materials.

3. Grab a stick and start stuffing!

We recommend squashing the plastic down as you go with your stick (wooden spoon handle, broom handle, etc.) as it's much easier than doing so once the bottle is full. Mix hard and soft plastic as you go to avoid air gaps. Try squeezing your bottle; you shouldn't be able to if it's packed tight enough!

4. Weigh your bottle

As a rule of thumb, the minimum density should be about 0.3g/ml. Divide the ml of your bottle by 3 to find your target weight. If you haven't reached it, squash more plastic in! Then look for a building project in your area to donate it to.



How Much Should It Weigh?

Your ecobrick should be about 0.3g/ml. Divide the ml of your bottle by 3 to find your target weight.

bottle volume	target weight
330ml	110g
420ml	140g
500ml	167g
900ml	300g
1000ml / 1L	333g
1500ml / 1.5L	500g
2000ml / 2L	666g



Waste Not Want Not is a zero Waste Shop situated in the Country produce section of Birkenhead Market. Providing dried food, beauty/skincare and household cleaning products which are plastic free so you take your own containers, bottles or bags or they operate bottle return/refill options. Other items are available such

as bamboo toothbrushes, bamboo/metal straws and glass jars for refilling.



Other things we can do are:

- 1 Only consume what you need. Always ask the question do I need this? Especially when food shopping
- 2 Only replace older items or appliances, when they are no longer able to perform the role they were intended to do
- 3 Reuse as much as possible, for example reuse old carrier bags either for shopping or as bin liners.
- 4 If you can no longer make use of something that someone else might be able to make use of, offer it for sale or donate it, via an online auction site or Freecycle.
- 5 Recycle everything that can be recycled in your area, find out what services are on offer in your area and make use of them. Visit Recycle Now's website to locate your local services.
- 6 When recycling, ensure that you place only acceptable materials in the containers.



BBC Children in Need

Rob Ellis completed a sponsored bike ride, raising money for Children in Need.

The ride took him from West Kirby to Tudor Court, a total of 15.2 miles. Well done **Rob**!

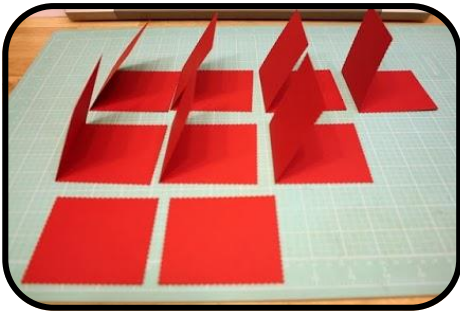


Sharon Blythe, Mark Stockton, Emily Jones and Stella Joseph took a trip over the rainbow to The Floral Pavilion to see The Wizard of Oz.

They said it was a great show.

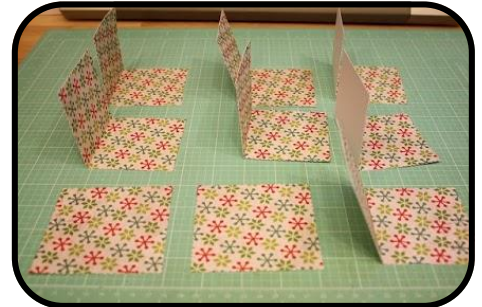


Make a mini photo album



1. Cut out seven rectangles of card, double the size you want your album to be (these will be the pages) and two rectangles of card the size of your album for the cover.

2. Next cut seven rectangles, slightly smaller than the pages out of decorative paper and two rectangles out of decorative paper, the same size as the covers.



3. Fold each of the larger rectangles in half.

4. Begin building the page by gluing the smaller page to the centre edge of the largest page.

5. Repeat step 4 until all seven of your pages are built.



6. Next place a line of on one of the outside edges and stick the second page edge to the first.

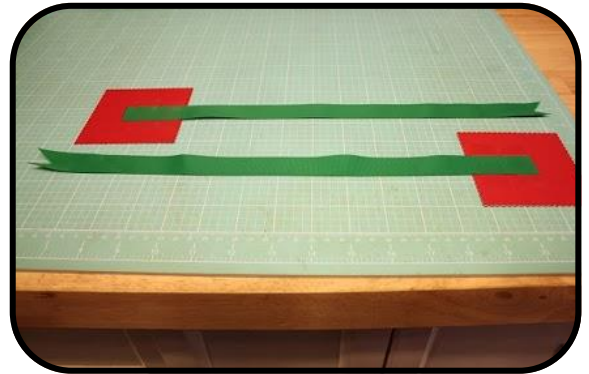
7. Continue gluing the pages until all of them are together.





8. Grab your four cover pieces. Place glue all over the cardstock cover piece then stick the decorative cover on top. Do this for both cover pieces. This image shows the bottom and top covers.

9. Cut two 10" pieces of ribbon. Glue the ribbon to the centre of the cover pieces as shown.



10. Place glue all over the cover then attach it to the front of your album

11. Place glue all over the remaining cover and attach that to the back piece, again making sure the ribbons are together so they can tie.

12. you can now decorate the pages of your album with treasured photographs, stickers, or inspirational quotes



13. If you open the album and bring the covers together your book will look like a star! You can leave it on a table or hang it from the ribbon!

Inspected and rated

Outstanding ★



Back in September, we had a visit from our friends at CQC. CQC stands for Care Quality Commission, and they check organisations like S2I to see that they are providing good health and social care to the people who use it.

They visited some of the properties and spoke to some of the people we support, their families and other professionals about the service we provide.

We are extremely pleased and proud to announce, that we were rated Outstanding, this is very hard to achieve and it is a result of all the hard work that we all put in.

Jon King, our Managing Director had this to say

"We were happy to welcome the Care Quality Commission in for an unannounced inspection to see how we deliver our services. They were very happy to look at how we evidence our service and really enjoyed going out to meet you at your homes and to listen to how you experience the service, and what you are supported to do in your exciting lives!

The feedback was very positive and the inspectors wanted to send their thanks for their hospitality. The inspectors then went to speak to social workers, parents, nurses and the people who commission and pay for the services to see how they saw the service.

Just before Christmas we got the report back that CQC rated our service as 'Outstanding'. Only 1% of services are rated as Outstanding which means that our service is the best of its kind in Wirral and Cheshire and possibly for the type of service it is, catering for the wide range of needs that people have, the best of its kind in the Northwest. The lead inspector praised the staff and said that they had found that the service was 'Outstanding' for caring as the staff worked in collaboration with the people in the service and this was only awarded in exceptional circumstances.

We were very happy that the service was rated as 'Good' for Safe and Effective, and 'Outstanding' for Caring, Responsive and Well-led. It meant a lot to us that the service was recognised for delivering our vision of social care. Well done to all the clients, staff and management for achieving this. It really is something very special."

