



Paul's Place news

The big news this month is how we are adapting to the changes and government guidelines.

The biggest change is the end of social distancing and bubbles while in our day facility.

We understand that there will be a very mixed response from those we support in regards to the end of the restrictions. Some feel nervous about the end of social distancing, others can't wait to get close again. Whilst we will no-longer be enforcing social distancing during the day, we are introducing a **temporary** and **optional** 'traffic light system' to try and meet the needs of everyone. Members (who want to) can let others know how they are feeling with regard to social distancing. By telling those around you how you feel safe, we hope it will create an environment of mutual respect and understanding that not everyone feels safe enough to completely end social distancing.

Anyone coming into the day facility will be given the **option** to choose and wear a coloured dot to indicate how they are feeling on that day.

Following a traffic light system, the colours tell those around you how feel:

- **Green** - I am happy and comfortable with physical contact
- **Amber** - I am happy when you keep some distance and ask me before coming too close
- **Red** – I am happy when there is lots of space around me, please respect this and keep your distance

For those who are visually impaired Support Workers will help with letting them know how others are feeling on any given day.

The other main change is that we are allowing visitors again.

We are delighted to welcome back visitors to Paul's Place and just ask that people adhere to the charities policies whilst on site. The need for a lateral flow test will depend on the nature of the visit and will be risk assessed on a case-by-case basis.

All other restrictions remain the same. Face masks and coverings are here to stay when indoors, unless exempt.

We continue to keep the increased cleaning schedule and have sanitising stations placed around the day facility. We are also still doing temperature checks on the door and staff are continuing to test 3 times a week. For our members, we also recommend regular lateral flow tests and ask those who feel unwell to stay at home.

Activities to look out for this July and August

We've created a "Staycation"!

For the month of August and into September, we're planning day trips and hosting fun events at our day facility.

We'll be sending out a letter to all those we support with all the day trip options as well as the activity schedule for our day facility. For example, at the end of the month, we'll host a BBQ plus we've arranged a sports day!

We work with people who, some, have complex needs. This shouldn't limit their ability to enjoy days out. We take the stress out of days out for those we support as we research facilities nearby, check that routes are accessible and our team of support workers ensure everyone is well cared for.

Thanks to our team everyone can live life to the full.

It's going to be a fun summer, so watch this space as we share pictures from days out in our next newsletter!



We're getting to grips with the latest Accessibility tools on Smartphones and tablets

As part of our Paul's Place at Home project, we're teaching people digital skills. Leonard Cheshire has been hosting IT sessions with the members, tailoring the knowledge to each individual. Starting from the basic controls of smartphones and tablets, to using accessibility features and accessories.

For those who don't have a device and want to test what's out there right now, Leonard Cheshire bought in some of their devices for people to try.

These sessions have only been running for two weeks but the positive impact they are having is phenomenal.

It's opening up a whole new world to the members and seeing their smile as they get to grips with it, is pure joy!

Here's to more productive sessions!



Current volunteer opportunities at Paul's Place

Still open: Day Care Volunteer – Coalpit Heath, Bristol

Volunteer Collection Box Coordinator

Paul's Place is looking for a volunteer to join the Fundraising team. The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic, motivated pro-active individual hoping to get experience working in community fundraising.

The role will help you to develop fundraising skills and really boost your CV.

We will help improve your employability with on-the-job training.

To find out more about being a Volunteer Collection Box Coordinator, get in touch with our team.

What do our volunteers say?

“I have given the members a special gift of my time, my talents and my skills. In return, I have gained friendships and much satisfaction in helping this charity. I have shared in their laughter and their tears during our incredible journey together. From the weekly onsite small group activities, supporting individuals to achieve their goals, to helping during short breaks and holidays, every moment spent together is creating special memories for us all.”

Susan Weaver, Volunteer for 11 years.

What to look forward to this Summer

Charity Football Game and Music fundraising day

Daz's Rocks for charity is hosting a celebrity football match, live music and more!

For £30 you get the chance to play on the Paul's Place team against professional celebrity football players.

Book your space to play for Paul's Place in the football match quickly, as there are only 22 spaces on our team!

Confirmed celebrity players include Louis Carey and Marc Ford!

Entry to the general event is free with a suggested donation of £2 to watch the match.

Bring your friends and families for a fun summer day out this September!

Venue: Pomphrey Hill Pavilion, BS16 9NF. Starting at 1pm and finishing at 6pm.

This event is raising funds in aid of Paul's Place. To book your place on the team, contact Clair at fundraising@paulsplace.org.uk or give us a call on 01454777236

For any questions about the event, contact Daz the organiser at dazdazzle@live.co.uk.



Sunday 12th September 2021

Celebrity football match, live music, food, a
bouncy castle and more!

Venue: Pomphrey Hill Pavilion, BS16 9NF. Starting at 1pm and finishing at
6pm.



In other news...

There is still time to become a Paul's Place Charity member!

What does it mean to become a 'charity member'?

Becoming one means you can become a little more involved in Paul's Place, even if you are not directly supported by us. You would have a number of important rights, including being able to vote on resolutions at the Annual General Meeting (either by person, or by post) and on the appointment of the Board of Trustees.

Service users can pay to be a 'Charity member', although some chose not to be. 'Charity members' come from all walks of life and as well as our service users, Paul's Place family members and carers, volunteers, supporters and those with an interest in the charity can all choose to join.

The cost of becoming a 'Charity member' is **£8.50** and this membership fee, contributes to the fundraising of Paul's Place. If you are interested in becoming a 'Charity member' you have until the **31st July 2021** to apply and can do so by emailing info@paulsplace.org.uk for a 'Charity member' application form.

That's all from us this month. Wishing you a safe and fun summer!