



Paul's Place news

The end of our staycation...it's been a blast!

For the last 4 weeks, we've been taking members (the people supported by Paul's Place) on day trips to Wells Cathedral, Bristol Harbourside, Westonbirt Arboretum and The Willow Trust. We've had a fantastic time and made some amazing memories to treasure together.

For some, this was their first visit to these places - others had been there before and happy to return.

A big thank you to Team Leaders Heather and Andy for organising all this, as well as the support staff for making sure everyone could enjoy their days out. Also, thank you to all the people we support who came and made it so special.

A letter from our members (those supported by Paul's Place) about the staycation trip to the Willow Trust

8th September

"We had to leave Paul's Place early (9 am) to get to Saul Junction to catch the boat. The Willow Trust is a canal boat that has been specially adapted for people with disabilities.

We each had a turn at driving the boat and we had to wear a life-jacket for that. The weather was lovely. When it was lunchtime, we could get off the boat and have our lunch at the picnic tables.

We all had a really lovely day. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who came with us on the staycation trips."

Jess and Annie

A quick reminder for people at Paul's Place. Shorts breaks will be back in 2022 and everyone should have received their offer letter by now. Please get in touch with Andy or Heather if you have any questions you can call the office on 01454 777236.



Image descriptions: 1. 8 people are in wells cathedral stood together or in their wheelchair posing for the photo. Behind them are big stained glass windows. 2. Driver Lloyd and two people supported by us, Sam and

Paul are on the bridge at Westonbirt Arboretum. 3. A service user is sitting in her wheelchair next to a fake life size cow. It's part of an exhibition at We the Curious to simulate milking a cow. 4. Dean is on the top deck of the willow trust narrowboat. He uses an electric wheelchair. There are green banks either side of the river they are driving down and a flag at the tip of the boat.

The big reveal...

For how much was raised by Darren Sims at the Celebrity Football Match Fundraiser



Number on image: £1,843.90

A BIG heartfelt thank you from all of us at Paul's Place to Darren and his supporters for raising a phenomenal amount. The last time Darren hosted this fundraiser we reached £1,500, so to exceed that during the recovery from Covid-19 is a big achievement!

To all those who came, donated and helped Darren make this the successful event it was, we hope you know the real and tangible difference you have made to the people at Paul's Place.

Thanks to you, Paul's Place can continue to provide social activities that connect

people, reduce isolation, improve health and wellbeing and give people the opportunity to develop new skills, enjoy new experiences and live life to the full.

A special thank you also goes to our Patron Louis Carey who helped get the city players involved as well as playing himself on the day. Not only that, he had the current Bristol City team sign a shirt that went up for auction, selling at £250!





Image descriptions: 1. Louis Carey is wearing a pink top and yellow shorts, holding a football ready to start the match. in the background is pomphrey hill pavilion. 2. Miche, Sean, volunteers Deb and her husband Adrian are stood in front of the pavilion changing rooms. The volunteers are wearing the blue paul's place t-shirts with our logo and holding orange collection buckets. 3. a football player wearing a white and green horizontally striped kit is ready to kick the ball. In the background is the bouncy castle, blow up giant slide and zorb balls.4. staff member alex is with trustee Nicole at the Paul's Place stand. Our banner is behind them with pictures of members and a sentence describing what we do. there is a big lottery board which is part of the fundraising stand as well as raffle prizes on the table. 5. the whole football team is posing for the group photo. 32 players took part that day. 6. organiser Darren is singing

and playing his electric guitar. in front of him are his keyboard and a microphone. next to him is a big speaker. 7. people are watching the football game in their camping chairs. Along the rails at the edge of the pitch is the Paul's Place banner.

Current volunteer opportunities at Paul's Place

Still open: Day Care Volunteer – Coalpit Heath, Bristol

Paul's Place AGM

We successfully held our AGM. The updated annual accounts will be published in the next few weeks.

Our Board of Trustees were re-elected and new ones welcomed during the AGM.

Re-elected:

Steve Howells - Chairmen

Azeem Haroon

Jill Jefferies

Richard Fackrell

Jane Hill

Mary Jones

Gill Sutcliffe

Welcomed:

Kate Francis

Nicole Beebee