



Kingwood Annual Celebration 2016



The outstanding work that takes place across the Kingwood Trust was once again celebrated at this year's Annual Celebration, which took place at the Cholsey Great Hall on the 8th July.

An undeniably successful evening saw all those involved in Kingwood from staff to the people we support, alongside welcome guests, enjoy a range of speeches, awards and a very popular buffet.

Co-hosted by CEO Kate Allen alongside Jack Wellings, the event showcased the immense work that takes place every day across the Kingwood Trust, with a number of achievements recognised through ASDAN certificates and even some wonderful prizes.

Celebrity Food Critic Prue Leith was on hand with our own Chairman Lady Sonia Hornby to present certificates, along with the difficult task of choosing the winners of Kingwood's Food Design Competition, which was won by Amber Bratby, 2nd place went to Tosha and 3rd place to Lucy Skuce.

Preparations for the night had begun well in advance, but a massive thank you must go to the staff who set up a delightful venue for this year's occasion, complete with balloons, baked goods and a purpose-built music track.

A wide range of second-hand DVDs kindly donated to the Trust were on display in the main foyer, raising funds alongside our cake sale, which unsurprisingly became a huge hit. A total of £126 was raised through the cake and DVD sale.

Kingwood's Director of Services Estelle Christmas was delighted with the turnout of the event, saying "it was fantastic to see so many people we support and families coming together to celebrate the awards."

2016's Annual Celebration proved once again that there is plenty at Kingwood to cheer about.

Our next event is the Christmas party on the 8th December at Millets Farm.



Zurich Charitable Day at Path Hill

A large team of about 50 volunteers from the Swindon Zurich Office came and donated their time and effort for Kingwood and Path Hill Outdoors. The team helped Kingwood start the building of a sensory herb garden with materials that Kingwood had provided using a design from our Horticulture coordinator Paul Fuller and Becky Pinniger.

There was also much painting and drilling of some of Path Hill Outdoors structures. It was a brilliant day and both Kingwood and Path Hill are very grateful to everyone at Zurich who took part in their charitable day.



Kingwood Runners

Following the success of the runners in the Reading Half Marathon. A team from Oxfordshire have taken the baton and will run in the Oxford Half Marathon on the 9th October. A mixture of Managers, staff and even a family member will be donning the Kingwood colours. Mr Palfreyman will be starting at the back and would like donations for each person he overtakes. You can donate to the team

via our just giving page, find it via the Kingwood Facebook page or website.

Come and support the team as they run through Oxford—route map <http://oxfordhalf.co.uk/route/>.

Please donate generously and share the just giving information from Facebook with your friends.



Team of the Month

Since the end of May 2016 Kingwood have had a monthly team recognition award for any team that demonstrates positive change for the people we support, coping with difficult circumstances, consistent low

agency use or low levels of incidents.

The first team to win was Beeching Way, they go above and beyond to provide meaningful activities for the

people we support and have organised holidays for those at Beeching Way and in other services.

The next team of the month award went to Kingwood College, who have embraced the new sensory equipment for the people we support and there has been a positive impact felt among everyone at the college.

And finally the last team of the month in this quarter was the ASPirations team, they have achieved many of the targets set out in the project and over

the last 12 months have supported nearly 150 adults in Oxfordshire who are not FACs eligible.

If you would like to nominate a team contact Liz Sandith liz.sandith@kingwood.org.uk.



Kingwood Fundraising Committee

On the 17th August the Fundraising Committee for Kingwood met and discussed how to raise funds for Kingwood. The group comprised Kingwood Area Managers Danielle and Anna, the Director of Services, family members of the people we support and several enthusiastic people we support are keen to chip in too.

The fundraising team will focus on sporting event bucket collections, and pub quizzes with raffles of donated items. There is a letter writing campaign for raffle prizes and also to ask local supermarkets to become one of their chosen charities. The group have also put together a wish list for all the items that Kingwood could use to provide better support for everyone and we are

making it easier to donate to Kingwood.

If you would like to join the committee please contact Danielle.Beaumont-orr@kingwood.org.uk.

The next meeting is on the 23rd November at Preston Road Community Centre between 6-8pm.

Kingwood are looking for items to raffle off either in a silent auction or via our eBay page, if you have any work or celebrity connections that we might be able to contact to get items please get in touch ASAP.

Staffing Changes at Kingwood

Kingwood is keen to keep everyone updated on the staffing arrangements across the areas, since January 2016 there have been a number of changes that we would like to tell you about.

Firstly a sad farewell to Katy Whitehead and Kirsty Hallwood originally from the Abingdon area who have both moved away to pastures new, they will be greatly missed by all.

A BIG welcome to Kirsty McSherry, Liana Filimonova, Marco Bevenuti and Vicky Shaw.

Many of you will know Leanne Evans who is currently on maternity leave and we look forward to her planned return to the Reading Area when she comes back to work.

Congratulations to Eliza Gibbons who was successful in securing a Registered Managers role in a neighbouring organisation and also to Belinda Macleod who will be stepping aside from Whitebarn and taking on the challenges of a Kingwood Peripatetic Support Worker.

We welcome the return of Sarah Rawlings to Kingwood as Peripatetic Support Manager, Sarah will oversee White Barn and help set up new services.

Our Career Development Programme is also seeing the arrival of opportunities for some support staff to take on increased managerial responsibilities for agreed periods of time, this will furnish them with new experiences and skills in this area.

At our Head Office we welcome back Eleri Booth who has returned from maternity leave to continue her role as Autism Practice Manager and we have also successfully recruited a part-time office administrator to serve as additional support to both the HR and Finance Team.

Sadly Dr Rebecca Ker from our Psychology team will be leaving Kingwood in January 2017 to focus on new opportunities closer to home, the good news is that Dr Ker will remain as an associate to Kingwood and that Dr Sally Powis will increase her time with us to four days per week.

Kingwood would like to take this opportunity to thank the people we support, their families and all the staff at Kingwood for remaining supportive and committed to the organisation through the changes and to wish all the new staff the very best in their new roles.

Good News Stories

Catalin, who recently joined Kingwood, had a successful and enjoyable day at Basildon Park (National Trust).

The day was very interesting and for Catalin a particular highlight was the fact that Downton Abbey had filmed some of its series at the house.

Lunch was enjoyed in the beautiful grounds and much use was made of the National Trust shop which sold some lovely gifts and cards.

A great achievement for Catalin who is increasing his confidence in getting out and about within his local area which is still relatively new to him.



Communicating with Kingwood- We want to know the best way to communicate with you

- We want to get better at communicating with our contacts.
- We want to make sure you can read and understand the information we send you.
- If you find it hard to read our letters or if you need someone to support you, please let us know.
- We want to know if you need information in braille, large print or easy read.
- We want to know if you need a British Sign Language interpreter or advocate.
- We want to know if we can support you to lip-read or use a hearing aid or communication tool.

Please tell us by October 31st 2016

Kingwood Activities

Bob Horwood has been hard at work organising activities for the people we support. Over the summer there have been several boat trips including one from Windsor but unfortunately the Queen was not in to wave from the palace to everyone going past. There have also been several of the very popular ice skating sessions at the Oxford Ice Rink.

Bob has also set up a walking group in Reading every Wednesday afternoon. He hopes to inspire other areas to set up their own local groups for the people we support. The Reading group either walks at Dinton Pastures, Palmer Park or at Path Hill.

The Horticulture Project at Path Hill in Goring Heath has been going well, the new coordinator for the project is Paul Fuller he has been busy carrying on the work of Sally-Anne. Paul is at Path Hill on Tuesdays from 10am and on Thursdays he is at the Henley Allotments from 10am. The people we support can come and garden, have a picnic, meet the farm animals and go for a walk.

Paul kindly organised several fun days for Kingwood in September, there was a great BBQ for everyone, footie, badminton and swing-ball.

The Henley Allotments has plots available if any Kingwood services would like to start their own plot.

During the people we support forum in May it was requested that Kingwood set up a regular football group, there was a lot of interest and Kingwood will arrange some local kick-about in parks in the Autumn.

Coming up for Kingwood is the Halloween party at Head Office on the 31st October 11.30am—2pm.

The families and people we support meeting and party is on the 8th December at Millets Farm 5.30-9pm if we are lucky we might have Father Christmas help give out some raffle prizes again.

The Kingwood Christmas Party for people we support will be at Kingwood Head Office on the 21st December 11.30-2.30pm.

The next ice skating events are on:
17th October
14th November
12th December

Bob will send out details of any Christmas pantos that the people we support might be interested in going to nearer to Christmas.



What is ASDAN?

Asdan is a national awarding body offering a wide programme of educational courses and qualifications enabling students with a wide range of abilities to learn skills for employment, and skills for life. Kingwood became a registered Asdan Centre in May 2011 and we now have 4 trained mentors who have attended “Towards Independence” and “Transition Challenge” workshops. This has enabled them along with other Kingwood staff to provide Asdan qualification courses for the individuals we support.

Since May 2011, there have been 61 Towards Independence course modules completed by supported individuals, the topics have included Animal Care, Baking, Citizenship, Coping with People, Creativity, Engaging with the World Around Me, Getting Ready to Go Out, Horticulture, Independent Living, Meal Preparation and Cooking, Money, Sport and Leisure and Using Computer Technology. In addition 5 supported individuals at Kingwood College have completed Transition Challenge qualifications.

