

STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Spring 2025



Due to high demand, we are extending our vital range of Play and Social Clubs – supporting families in their every day journey with Learning Disability.

Stockies: an Ofsted-regulated, weekend Play Club for children with learning disabilities. The Club offers a rare chance for children to relax with their peers. On Saturday mornings, children aged 5-11 play in the garden, or with interactive toys and IT programmes, or they can even opt for a face paint! The afternoon sessions are for older children, 11-16. It's the coolest place to be on a Saturday!

There are so many benefits of Stockies - it is a chance to make friends and also allows families to have a few hours to themselves, or to focus on other siblings. But that's not all; parents and teachers liaise with our Stockies Care Team to provide a structured approach to play time, supporting progress across a range of targets, from improving emotional regulation, and feeling more comfortable in groups, to toilet training.

"When our son is around you can't take your eyes off him. Stockies gives us 2 hours that we can spend with our daughter – her special time. We've met other parents through Stockies, too. It's a great support system."

The Hang Out Hub: Our newest service is an afternoon club for children to socialise, increase friendships and feel supported.

Like all our Community Services, the 'Hang Out Hub' takes place at our Community Services centre - a specially adapted single storey building, on Navigation Road, in Altrincham. The Hang Out Hub is open Monday to Friday from 3.30pm – 6.00pm during term time, and provides a great selection of activities, including: homework support, craft and baking, and lots of games – plus the best drinks and snacks in town!

The Freshers Club: 'Freshers' is a social club for young adults with learning disabilities between the ages of 16 to 25. The idea came from requests from

families whose children had grown older since lockdown but had not been able to find a way of reconnecting with young people of the same age. The club takes place on the first Tuesday of every month, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Stockdales Adult Social Club - is a highlight of the week for adults with learning disabilities – and a fantastic opportunity for people to get together and catch up. A trip to the pub is also a regular event on the social calendar!

Our Clubs are an important support to families on their lifelong journeys with learning disability.

If you would like to make a donation to support our work please scan the QR code here >



See page 8 for details of our upcoming events...

A wonderful Christmas Fair

We are beyond grateful for the incredible support and generosity shown at our much loved Christmas Fair in November. It's always a very special event and thanks to our amazing community, we made the holiday season brighter for those in need.

- Countless gifts and decorations were purchased
- Santa's visit brought joy and excitement to children and families

- Guests enjoyed an array of delicious festive treats
- Live music and carols created a magical holiday atmosphere
- Our tombolas and games helped to spread the cheer

With your generosity, we raised £2700 for Stockdales. What a difference this will make! A heartfelt thank you to all attendees, volunteers and supporters, who made this event so special. We can't wait to celebrate with you again next year!



Thank you John Lewis and Waitrose

It was so great to have a visit from Carole from John Lewis and Tracy from Waitrose. And we are so grateful for the generous donation of £1600 for our Community Services groups. Thank you to all our friends and supporters at John Lewis and Waitrose.



The Rock Choir Christmas Concert

Thank you so much to The Rock Choir and The Trafford Centre for putting on a fantastic Christmas concert in aid of Stockdales. We all went along for the afternoon and it was great fun, dancing and joining in with the songs.



Thanks to the generosity of Christmas shoppers, we raised £1040 which is just amazing. Thank you so much to everyone who sang, volunteered to bucket collect and donated! We are back at the Trafford Centre with the Rock Choir on Friday 13th June 2025. We hope to see you there!

Stand Out 4 Stockdales

What a great day we all had on the 3rd December, raising awareness for #InternationalDayofPersonswithDisabilities by Standing Out 4 Stockdales!

In true Stockdales style, we had the Grinch, blow up unicorns and even visits from the local Llamas!

Thank you to all the businesses and schools who took part and helped raise awareness and funds.



We will be doing the same again this year on Wednesday 3rd December. The prize for standing out the most is already causing a lot of competition and excitement!

Please do get in touch with the fundraising team, if your business or school can get involved this year.

Trafford Centre support continues

We are very pleased to announce that we can continue with the coin counts from the fountains at The Trafford Centre. These have been a huge success and with the help from all our wonderful volunteers, we have collected just over £10,000!

We do these monthly and need 15 volunteers each time to help us count and bag the coins ready to take to the bank. Please get in touch with the fundraising team if you would like to volunteer - fundraising@stockdales.org.uk

Our relationship with the Trafford Centre

has brought us lots of great connections and support. Last month the fantastic 99th Garrison (an independent Star Wars costuming group), paraded through the malls collecting donations for us. They collected a brilliant £675! Thank you so much to them for giving up their weekend to help us and to everyone who threw in a donation.

All the money raised through the Trafford Centre goes towards our Stockies Club. And now we can support more children and families than ever before. How amazing is that! Thank you Trafford Centre.



Christmas draw

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Draw and Thank You to everyone who bought and sold tickets.

Special thanks to all the local businesses who donated the prizes -- we could not raise the money without your help! It was our biggest draw yet and together, we raised £3800!

Do you have any unwanted Christmas Gifts or Unopened Bottles?

Please donate them to us to use for our fundraising events. They really do help so much! Drop off at our main site on Harboro Road. Thank you.

CAN YOU SPONSOR A HOLE?

CHARITY GOLF DAY JULY 2025

Your company name & logo
on a display board at your
allocated hole on the course

&

In the Golf Brochure

&

In our Newsletter & Social Media

&

You will help your local charity
raise lots of money!

£100

Pay here



They did it!

Well done and a huge Thank You to our Stockdales Skydive team. Due to bad winds, the jump got cancelled a few times, but they weren't giving up! Such a brave thing to do and they've raised an incredible £2103. What a difference this will make. Thank you from all at Stockdales.



Altrincham Inner Wheel

Thank you so much to the Altrincham Inner Wheel for holding an afternoon tea in aid of Stockdales and raising a brilliant £250!

Your support means the world to us.



Not only do our team members make a difference every day working for Stockdales, they also want to take on challenges to help raise money in their spare time!

Please support them and donate to their page if you can.



Lisa's running the Manchester Marathon!

Sponsor her here:



Noreen's doing a 300ft bungee jump!

Sponsor her here:



Zena's running the Altrincham 10K!

Sponsor her here:



Can you take on the challenge?

Can you do a challenge for Stockdales this year? Walk, swim, cycle or jump – there's so much to choose from!

We have signed up with Run for Charity, which means we get charity places at some fantastic events across the UK.

Wherever you are whatever the distance, we have options for you to get involved, have fun and make a difference.

Perhaps you fancy a bungee jump? Or a 5k? Or even a half-marathon? There are lots of challenges to choose from and the sponsorship process is easy. Go solo or get a team together for a great teambuilding event!

You can view the event list here www.stockdales.org.uk/challenges or contact the Fundraising team for more info: fundraising@Stockdales.org.uk or call 0161 973 2296 option 4



HOW YOUR MONEY HELPS

All these things made possible because of you – our compassionate donors. Thank you!

New equipment and sensory items

We're so proud of the new sensory area at Ashton Lane and the happiness it brings to the people we support! And with the hoist tracking system, it means everyone can use this new relaxing space.



Sensory items are really important for people with learning disabilities. They help with self-regulation, focus, stimulation, engagement, and communication.



A good night's sleep for Claire!

Comfort and dignity go hand-in-hand at Stockdales. So, when the side rails on Claire's bed became too stiff to move, it was time for a new one! We were able to purchase a brand-new, fully adjustable bed.

This has made a world of difference to Claire and the people who support her.



Go, Grace!

Grace has made incredible progress with her walking. With the help of this new specialised harness and the amazing team, there's no stopping her!



Supporting more people and families

Welcome Maria!

Maria has settled in so well at Ashton Lane. She loves music, sensory fulfillment, and has made great friends with her housemates. She is inquisitive and mischievous and really enjoys being entertained by the team. Her smile lights up the whole house!



Two new clubs

Freshers Club – an evening social club, specifically designed for young adults with learning disabilities.

Hang Out Hub – a weekly afternoon club for children to socialise, increase friendships and feel supported.



HOW YOUR MONEY HELPS

So many trips, days out and fun times!

A visit to Bents Garden Centre at Christmas time. We really enjoy our trips here, the displays are wonderful for sensory stimulation.



Van and Gavin have started back at Sale FC Rugby with their volunteering work on match days. Handing out leaflets to the spectators and then watching the game afterwards. We're so proud to help in our local community. And we do love a Rugby match!



Lots of creativity and continued learning at Community Services.



And we had an absolute blast at our Christmas Party in the fabulous Marquee at Bowdon Rugby Club



Please remember to use #easyfundraising EVERY time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Stockdales of Sale, Altrincham & District Ltd for FREE when you use #easyfundraising to shop with them, so you can support us no matter what you're buying!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Please sign up and help us raise more at:



Can you help our Vehicle Appeal?

Robbie the Minibus has retired – please can you help us replace him?

Stockdales has a small fleet of specially adapted vehicles to transport our residents and Club members around the community. They are used for a range of fun events and days out, as well as attending hospital appointments, and picking up children and adults who come to our Social and Play Clubs -- but whose families don't have their own specially adapted transport.

The vehicles are essential to extending our residents' and Club members' contact and experience of the world – and offer practical support to families. They mean trips to Blackpool, Delamere Forest, specially-adapted activity holidays, afternoon visits to cafés, choir events, and shopping trips. They allow disabled children and adults to take up their rightful place in the world – and join in, wherever they can.

We maintain our vehicles to a high standard. But there is a point when the cost of repairs and failing reliability means we must replace them. The vehicle we are currently aiming to replace is 11 years old – and has served us well.

Any donation you can give will go towards this appeal and would be very much appreciated. To donate, please complete the form below, and return in the Self Addressed Envelope. Or scan the QR code >



Help Stockdales with a donation

I'd like to help Stockdales (Registered Charity No: 509053). Please return to: Stockdales, 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH

- ☐ I'd like to make a one off donation of £..... (Cheque payable to "Stockdales")
- ☐ I'd like to make a regular donation

(a) Title First Name Surname

Address.....

Postcode

Email..... Telephone Date

(b) Standing Order for Regular Giving

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)..... Sort Code..... Bank A/c No.....

Name and address of Bank

To the Manager: Please debit my account the sum of £..... on(dd).....(mm).....(yy) and on the same day of each consecutive month.

Please send to: Bank Account: 53865169 Sortcode: 20-82-14 Account Name: Stockdales of Sale

Bank: Barclays Bank Plc, 1 Bridge Street, Stockport, SK1 1XU

(c) Gift Aid ☐ I am a UK taxpayer and would like Stockdales to reclaim tax on all of my donations before and after the above date.

Please note: you should pay income or capital gains tax equal to the tax we will reclaim on your donations (currently 25p for every £1 that you give). Please let us know if your circumstances change.

Stockdales welcomes Felicity!

Unfortunately, the truth is, there aren't many community social groups or independent life skills options available for people with learning disabilities once they have turned 18 and left school. This means that people can become isolated at home; their independence diminishes, and families and carers can hit crisis point.

That's where Stockdales Community Services steps in!

The club offers daily, social and life-skills sessions - and makes a difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our local community. Our groups provide a safe

place for people to learn, socialise and have fun.

Felicity has recently joined Stockdales, since leaving Brentwood School.

Her Mum, Heather, says: "Felicity ended her formal education last July, which I think was hard for all of us, especially Felicity. She started at Stockdales soon after and has settled in very well, considering the changes she went through. She seems very happy to go and enjoys seeing all her new friends, as well as a few she already knew from school. The care she receives is excellent, which is shown by how happy she is."



We Are Hiring!

Senior Support Workers (Care Practitioners)

Are you looking for a new start or career change? Join the Stockdales family!



Residential homes for up to 7 people with learning disabilities and complex health needs, based in Sale

Contact recruitment at: recruitment@stockdales.org.uk
or call 07801577353- check us out at www.stockdales.org.uk

Events calendar

We have some fabulous events coming up. Please join us if you can – we'd love to see you. To book or for more info call Sarah on 0161 973 2296 Option 4.

Golf Day

Thursday 10th July
2025
at Northenden Golf
Club



Christmas Fair

Sunday 30th November



Stand Out 4 Stockdales

Wednesday
3rd December



Rock Choir

13th of June and
16th December 2025
The Trafford Centre



We'd love
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from you!

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