

MORE NEWS

We have received pledges of £4,000 from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, £2,000 from the Hobson Charity, £7,000 from the Percy Bilton Charity, £2,500 from the Beatrice Laing Trust and a grant of £5,000 from the Baily Thomas Charitable Foundation. As mentioned on page one, full funding is now in place for a new specially adapted minibus.

We are so very grateful to all of these wonderful organisations for their generous grants and donations and our thanks must also go to Nick who tirelessly seeks out and makes numerous, very detailed applications to the different Trusts and Charities. Bear in mind that very few such applications are successful.

Virginia House has approved a grant of £1,000 which will go towards some new laptop computers for our advocates to take to service user meetings at their homes. This is to comply with the new Data Protection Legislation.

Looking ahead:-

- *Prize Bingo is Thursday 19 July at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, still just £5 for an evenings play of six games. A raffle and light refreshments available.*
- *Plymouth Lions are holding their annual 10 mile Dartmoor walk on Sunday 15 July. We understand the course is not so arduous this year. More details from Derek on 01752 773333.*
- *The Day Service has resumed their Tuesday Coffee mornings, scheduled for the following dates:- 24 July, (when the new Plymouth Lord Mayor has been invited to attend) 11 September and 27 November all 10.30am to 12 noon. Refreshments and Raffle.*

**SUMMER EDITION**

Welcome to our Newsletter for July through to September 2018

Our newsletter for this period highlights the fundraising taking place to finance a new minibus for the day service. We anticipate the cost to be in the region of £35,000. The price reflects the modifications needed to carry wheelchairs and allow easy access for our clients.

Also in the pipeline is the prospect of a community café being sited at the front of Highbury House. The plan is to convert a shipping container with food preparation and serving areas, incorporating a small indoor table area. Additional seating will be provided outside the café. Some conversions of these containers are quite amazing, even being used to provide housing.

We have submitted an outline planning application for the café to Plymouth City Council, so watch this space!

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LATEST FUNDRAISING NEWS



We have received a cheque for £100 from Jennifer Holmes, chair of Oddfellows organisation, with grateful thanks, picture also shows, from left to right, Paul D, Nick Bennett and Hayley B.

The Sound Stitchers Quilters ladies group held a coffee morning and sale of work on Saturday 16 June, in aid of Plymouth Highbury Trust, raising approximately £650, very grateful thanks, pictures below.



As mentioned in our last newsletter, Susan Turner ran the Plymouth Half Marathon on our behalf and raised nearly £500, thank you so much Susan.



Our Swimathon team raised £290 at the Plymouth Lions sponsored swim and as is customary 50% is given to the partaking team's charity and the remainder is donated to the Lion's charities of the year, these were St Luke's and Newlife.

PARENT ADVOCACY VOLUNTEER AWARD

We are absolutely thrilled that the Parent Advocacy Volunteers have won the prestigious Inspiring Volunteer of the year award, presented at an Oscar style ceremony at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth during Volunteers week.

This year, the winner of the award was voted for by the public and the competition was fierce, so we were pleased to be shortlisted but delighted to have won!

The team was also shortlisted in the Volunteer team of the year category in which 33 teams had been entered.

We would like to thank everyone who voted, recognising that working with parents with a learning disability is not the easiest choice when it comes to volunteering, and we would like to reiterate how proud we are of our incredible volunteers.

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