

Kent Charity Awards Nomination!

We are proud to announce that KASBAH have been selected as a Finalist at this year's Kent Charity Awards . We will be attending the gala presentation evening on Thursday 21st September in Maidstone. Hopefully we will have some more good news to share afterwards! We wish all the nominees good luck for the evening.

We have held another two successful events over the Summer at Princess Christian's Farm, please look on the website for details of any future events.

Christmas will soon be upon us and we are delighted to offer a range of Winter/Christmas plant sales and gifts available from PCF. Please contact pcfarm@kasbah.org.uk for further information.



****AGM Date for Diary 30/11/23****

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2023, 11 a.m. at Ebbsfleet Football Club, The Main Lounge, The Kuflink Stadium, Stonebridge Way, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 9GN .

Please confirm your attendance by emailing your name and number of attendees to admin@kasbah.org.uk by 15 November 2023, 12 noon.

If you are unable to attend, please support the charity votes by voting on: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q5L8HB5>

Voting opens 2 October 2023 and closes on Tuesday 28 November 2023, 12 noon.

Suggested Agenda items to be sent to the Hive office by 1 November 2023.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

MESSAGE FROM EMMA.....

Hi Everyone

I hope you had a great summer; we did get some sunny days to enjoy! We have been keeping ourselves busy at KASBAH; we have started developing a sensory garden at the Gingerbread site and are pleased to be developing new partnerships to expand our supported living portfolio in East Kent.

We are very proud to have been shortlisted as finalists for the Kent Charity Awards so hopefully we will be back with good news in the next newsletter.

If you need us, give us a call.

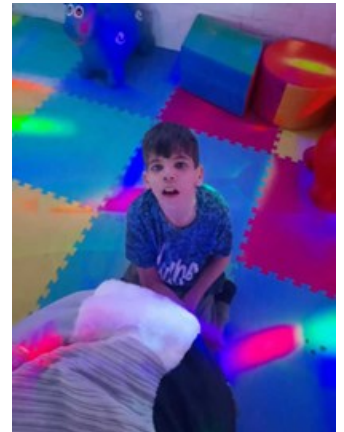
Best Wishes
Emma Carver
CEO KASBAH



Sensory Room at Princess Christian's Farm

We are very proud of the addition of the sensory room at the farm and we are pleased to be able to offer our spacious new sensory room out for bookings both for individuals and groups. Please see the PCF page on the main KASBAH website to book your place or use the link below.

<https://buytickets.at/kasbah/1004101>



HELLO AND GOODBYE

We would like to give a warm welcome to Louise P and Kathrine S who have joined the teams at Seabrooke and Maddison House and to Holly T-H at Rochester Road. We welcome back Becky G to Shortbread House and Bridget McG to Rochester Road/Hattie Webb House.

We have sadly said goodbye to Sam Pitcher (Maddison House) after 4 years of working at KASBAH and we wish him the very best for the future.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Gingerbread House have had an amazing time these past few months! We went to Allhallows for a holiday which was enjoyed by all service users (and staff). There were so many fun things to do. They even had an outdoor cinema!

We have also been doing fun things in-between such as picnics in the park, trampolining and nature walks alongside water fights in the garden.

We have had a lovely summer this year.



Relaxed performance of Aladdin at The Central Theatre, Chatham December 2023

This year, The Central Theatre is introducing a relaxed pantomime performance of Aladdin on Thursday 28 December at 5.30pm.

A relaxed performance is a show that has been specially adapted for adults and children who might benefit from a more relaxed environment.

During this performance:

- the house lights will be left on
- there'll be no loud noises or special effects
- you can feel free to move around the auditorium if you like.
- There'll also be a breakout area in case anybody needs a moment to themselves.

This performance will also be interpreted by a British Sign Language interpreter.

For more information or to book tickets for the relaxed performance, please contact the Box Office on 01634 338 338 or by email at boxoffice@medway.gov.uk



SHORTBREAD HOUSE

Service users and staff from Shortbread House have enjoyed some wonderful summer activities including going away on holiday to Allhallows. We thoroughly enjoyed our time away and it was great to see confidence soar as they tried out new activities, especially Ben on the High Ropes course. Katy S enjoyed doing daily activities and was equally thrill seeking at Thorpe Park and Adventure Island in Southend!



MADDISON HOUSE

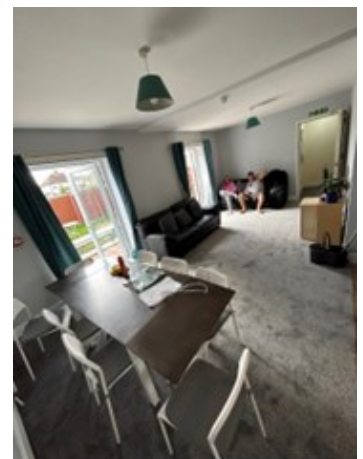
Maddison have had a busy fun filled few months, In June everyone packed their cases, and all travelled down to Bogner Regis for a 90's themed weekend, fancy dress was optional (but everyone spent months making sure that they had just the right outfits).

Lots of food, singing and dancing took place and the odd refreshment too.

The weekend started with the excitement of a police escort into the resort after the KASBAH bus broke down on route and staff getting a telling off for blocking the road.

Thanks to Barry, Maddison has had a revamp of the lounge and kitchen with them both being painted and then the floor layers putting down a lovey new soft carpet which feels great.

The latest evening out consisted of a comedy night at the Woodville Halls which all were looking forward to but no one could have imagined that there was going to be a surprise comedian and when we arrived we were all stunned to find out that Romesh Ranganathan was performing, he was great and really funny an amazing time was had by the whole house and we can't wait for the next one.

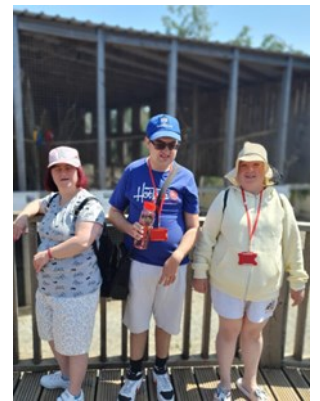


ROCHESTER ROAD

At Rochester Road we have been very busy this month, we have been on many great days out including the wonderful Brighton! Although it was windy and cold when we went, we didn't let this stop us. We went to the amazing Sealife Centre and saw so many beautiful fish and sea creatures, after this we of course had to get fish and chips on the seaside.



We have also been out to London and went to the wonderful Shrek Adventure, this was a great experience for our social skills day and everyone had a great time we even got to see some of our favourite characters like the Gingerbread Man, Puss in Boots and Shrek himself.



OUTREACH

The Outreach team have also been out and about over the Summer! Their most recent outing was to Teapot Island, where we enjoyed looking at all the Teapots, a lovely walk along the river including a game of Pooh sticks!



HATTIE WEBB HOUSE

It's been a busy time here at HWH we have been making the most of the summer weather, in between the rain! Ross has now moved in with his fiancé Steph, we wish them all the very best, staff continue to support Ross and Steph to ensure they have a great start for their new lives together. Meanwhile we would like to welcome Richard O'Leary who has now moved in permanently at HWH and has started to enjoy regular company and support, especially for coffee, cake, shopping, and pedicures!



Rachael had a lovely trip away to Brighton with staff and visited the Art box café which is Hello Kitty themed and served a huge but delicious desert, Rachael has also enjoyed going to the Hyper Japan festival in London.



Lee as always has been enjoying going out in search for DVD's and enjoying his favourite meal...Burger king. Lee has been supported as requested to get his first car, not the type he was originally after, due to being a F1 fan, but we made do with an alternative of his choice.



Last but not least James and Amy have also been enjoying some community based activities, bowling and cooking some delicious meals to take home and share with their families.

SEABROOKE HOUSE

It's been an impressive time over here at Seabrooke house; from fundraising for Seabrooke house summer house, to spending a week holiday in Allhallows in addition to the weekly activities, we can say it's been a summer pact with various events.



Firstly, our summer house had been put up and ready to be painted. Staff and services users, families and friends came out to support this project and because of this, we almost raised what we projected to raise. KASBAH management added the top up that made this project a reality. Thanks to everyone who came out to support us for this project.



In addition to raising fun and putting up the summer house, Seabrooke also visited Allhallows for a much-needed holiday for the services users. There were staff present 24hours, making sure everyone had a good time. The service users engaged in different activities and joined the evening entertainment. Our C.E.O Emma visited on the first day, which was appreciated by everyone.

On a final note, we had to say goodbye to Brandon W, after spending some years with us. He has found a new placement local to us and he is really looking forward to meeting everyone at his new house. A get together was held on Friday, the 11th of August for Brandon, attended by service users from

Mads.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN'S FARM

Open farm Sunday, the biggest event of the farm calendar, was once again a huge success. This year as well as all the usual fun getting up close to the animals, staff gave information talks, and some visitors even got the chance to hold some of our animals. The tractor rides were of course very popular with our younger visitors too. The weather stayed dry for us, and it was such a lovely day, that many choose to have lunch on the front lawn, enjoying strawberries and cream or ice cream for dessert.



Staff and attendees are also celebrating some fantastic wins at recent agricultural shows. At the Heathfield Show at the very end of May, we achieved many wins and rosettes and at the Kent County Show in July, we showed sheep for the very first time and our attendees who took the sheep into the ring were rewarded with a 1st place, two 2nd places and a very respectable 6th place. Not bad for a first try. We picked up lots of useful tips from other competitor's and will definitely be returning again next year.



We have been working closely with Tonbridge Boys School as part of their giving day. This is a day when they all kindly give back to the community. They came to assist us with building our sensory room and enjoy sports with our attendees. They were split into mixed groups from both PCF and the school and were tasked with jobs such as painting and making sensory boards whilst some took part in sports on the field. Then everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch on the field and the day finish with a medal ceremony for all of those who took part.

During August we were open for close-up animal experiences. You could choose from Pigs, Goats, reptiles, ponies and meerkats. The meerkats were the most popular as you can imagine, and we think they enjoyed meeting everyone too as they are all very inquisitive. We hope to be offering these again in the near future so please for keep an eye on our website for more information. www.princesschristiansfarm.org.uk

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to support you.

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