

## Volunteers Week 1– 7 June 2026

The first week in June celebrates nationally the work of volunteers across many sectors and organisations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Volunteers past and present for their valuable contribution to our services at KASBAH and Princess Christian's Farm. This includes the Board of Trustees, Advice Service, KASBAH Charity shop and Princess Christian's Farm volunteers.



## Save the Date — KASBAH AGM 2026

We will be holding the next KASBAH Annual General Meeting for all members on Wednesday 30 September 2026 at Princess Christian's Farm, Ridings Lane, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, TN11 9LN. The meeting will start at 11am and refreshments will be provided. Further information will be sent with the next newsletter and we hope to see you there.

## CEO Welcome – Emma Carver

Welcome to this edition of the KASBAH News, remember we are only a phone call away and if you would like to contribute articles and share topics of interest for the newsletter do contact the office on 01474 536501 or email: [admin@kasbah.org.uk](mailto:admin@kasbah.org.uk)

## **KASBAH Advice Service — Carly Gadd**

Just a quick note from me... I have chosen to step away from the Advice Line Service as of June. It was a difficult decision to make and not one that was made lightly. I have enjoyed my time volunteering for the service since 2017 along with DIAL team as it was then. I have enjoyed getting to know members and the local community that have come to the service with forms etc. I will however still be part of KASBAH, working alongside the office staff on Monday's supporting the running of the office.

The appointments for forms have been suspended for the time being, I will be signposting members to other services who can assist them. I will give advice over the phone should you call the office for help. Please be reassured you will still receive support; you won't be left without help.

The KASBAH Office will remain available for telephone support and advice, Monday-Friday 9-4.30pm.

Other organisations that can assist with benefit information and form filling:

Disability Assist for physical disabilities – telephone number 01233 633187

Email: [info@disabilityassist.org.uk](mailto:info@disabilityassist.org.uk) or <https://www.disabilityassist.org.uk/refer-to-us>

Mental health issues and no physical disability, please contact Live Well Kent and Medway on 0800 567 7699.

Fightback4justice is another organisation based in Bury but cover whole of UK for help/advice needs. Team has legal training, offer help with assessments/tribunals/MRs. General enquiries 0161 6727444. Email [info@fightback4justice.co.uk](mailto:info@fightback4justice.co.uk)

We are looking at ways to restart this service and will provide further information in the near future, in the meantime if this is something that you would like to have further information on, please contact the Office on [admin@kasbah.org.uk](mailto:admin@kasbah.org.uk).

## **Motability Scheme**

The Motability Scheme has undergone a series of changes over the past two years that are reshaping how it works for disabled people across the UK. While the scheme continues to provide valuable independence for many, it is undoubtedly becoming more structured but with higher costs and less flexibility than before.

There will be several changes ahead which will have a more direct impact on day-to-day use and affordability

- ◆ Higher Overall Costs
- ◆ Reduced Mileage Allowance
- ◆ Increased Excess Mileage Charges
- ◆ Changes to Maintenance Policies
- ◆ Charges for Travelling Abroad

For full details on the changes to the scheme, please use the following link taken from Disability Assist website <https://www.disabilityassist.org.uk/post/what-s-going-on-with-the-motability-scheme>. Or more information about these changes is available on the [Motability Scheme changes | Motability Scheme](https://www.motability.co.uk/changes) – <https://www.motability.co.uk/changes>

## KASBAH News

The houses have been busy over the last couple of months, enjoying the sunny weather and getting out and about.

Shortbread and Gingerbread staff, service users and special guests helped Katy S celebrate her milestone 30th birthday!!

Seabrooke House service users have been busy prepping and tidying the garden ready for summer use.

Thomas H has been looking after the grass at Hattie Webb House whilst Jayne took care of planting the flowers, they have done a fantastic job to get the garden ready for the summer.

Rochester Road have hit World Cup Fever and have decorated the house to watch and celebrate England & Scotland have World Cup success (hopefully!).

Maddison House had a great time experiencing the Mario Kart move in 4D where you could feel every movement, including wind and water!



## Princess Christian's Farm

Please see our website for details of our 2026 Summer Tours and Up Close Animal Experiences .

You can find a full list of the events happening throughout the year. Thank you for your support.



When Joe Marler (England Rugby Union player) met out shearling ram Joe Marler!



## Involve Kent

We are proud to announce Positively Connected Kent, a new partnership bringing organisations together across Kent and Medway to tackle energy inequality. This service will make it easier for residents in Kent & Medway to access the help they need, provide practical advice on things such as reducing energy costs, support to access grants and emergency funding and guidance to better manage bills.

With local partners delivering support across the country, Positively Connected Kent will ensure that help is both accessible and personalised. Together we are working to create a fairer system of support, so no one has to choose between heating and living essentials.

For further information [Positively Connected Kent - Involve Kent](#)



<https://www.involvekent.org.uk>

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Messy Dash is back for [We Are Beams](#) very special birthday

"Messy Dash is more than just a fun day out, it's a celebration of the impact we have made together over the last 30 years. Every splash, every laugh and every step taken helps us continue providing vital support to local children with disabilities and their families."



Event Details:

Messy Dash – Family Fun Run for Charity

Sunday, 5th July 2026

Dartford Central Park

### Stay in touch...

Remember the staff at KASBAH are here to support you.

We can be contacted at our main office at

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by phone on 01474 536501 or email [admin@kasbah.org.uk](mailto:admin@kasbah.org.uk)

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