



PARKSIDE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



What a fantastic summer it has been at Parkside! A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, families, friends, supporters and partners who make everything we do possible. We also said a fond farewell to Jackie, thanking her for her many years of dedication, and welcomed Jessica Clarke, our new Fundraising and

Communications Manager, who will continue developing our fundraising, partnerships and communications. Her email address is jessica.clarke@parksidealdershot.co.uk.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and seeing just some of what makes Parkside such a special community.

Joe

Chair of Trustees

We're part of **Tesco Stronger Starts!** Look out for Parkside and vote with your **blue tokens** in stores across Aldershot, Fleet, Farnborough, Farnham and Ash Vale, helping us raise funds for a new ice cream machine.

THANK YOU

- All our volunteers
- All of our donors and supporters from the Summer of Fun Week
- Hart and Rushmoor Lottery Members
- Metro Bank
- Bob Hughes for his sponsored cycling
- Wanda Arden for the easter eggs
- Ash Community Quiz Night
- Farnborough Airport
- Mr and Mrs Tyas
- Mr and Mrs Webber
- Pinewood Quilters
- Webber Family
- Cllr Ken Tranter
- Morrisons
- Terry Owens for his donation towards the badminton set
- Lavender Moonshine Band
- Gemma Court for the Nintendo Switch
- Ben Court for the Coffee Machine
- Lee Wright for the Petrol Mower
- Colin McKenzie for his donation to the Tuesday Gardening Group



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SUMMER OF FUN WEEK AT PARKSIDE



Masked Singer

Parkside's Summer of Fun fundraising week brought together Service Users, families, friends, staff and volunteers for a fantastic week of fun and fundraising. From Hawaiian celebrations and musical bingo to karaoke and our brilliant Masked Singer, there was something happening every day! Together, we raised an amazing **£1,317.05** to support Parkside and the people who use our services.

We were also delighted to welcome volunteers from Metro Bank Asset & Invoice Finance, as we celebrate an **incredible 10 years** of their support for Parkside. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, volunteered, donated and helped make the week such a success!



Mexican Fiesta



Splat Water Fun



BBQ & Karaoke

Coming Up



Christmas Fair
Saturday 28 November 2026

Christmas Closure

Closed from Monday 21 December 2026
Reopening Monday 4 January 2027



MORE THAN A JOB: WHAT MAKES PARKSIDE SPECIAL

"You leave at the end of the day knowing you've made a difference to someone's life."



After 23 years at Parkside, Service Manager Sarah knows what makes it special: the people, the purpose and the culture. Starting with just three hours a week, Sarah progressed from Support Worker to Senior, Deputy and now Service Manager. What has kept her here is seeing the difference Parkside makes every day.

"It's the happiness and the culture. People come in and say Parkside just has a really nice feel about it."

For Sarah, quality means putting Service Users at the centre, listening, giving genuine choice and making sure everything Parkside does has a positive impact.

She is equally proud of the culture among the team: people are here for the right reasons, everyone gets stuck in and ideas are listened to.

After 23 years, Sarah's story captures what Parkside is all about: a community people want to be part of.

QUICK FIRE WITH SARAH

Favourite day off?

Walking with her two dogs.

Something you might not know?

She used to be a ballet dancer!

Superpower?

To fly – so she could go anywhere she wanted!

What makes you laugh at work?

Service Users being cheeky!



Parkside in Pictures



PARKSIDE NEWS & IMPACT



SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

Lee's Theatre Milestone

In May, Lee enjoyed a trip to the theatre in Aldershot with Colette – his second theatre visit and a fantastic milestone. With the right support and encouragement, Lee is enjoying new experiences, building his confidence and widening his social opportunities.



SUMMER AT PARKSIDE

Making the Most of the Sunshine

We've been making the most of the sunshine! The Life Project has been out and about enjoying summer activities, including trips to the swimming pool, while PIP has been keeping cool at Parkside – with our air conditioning very much appreciated on the hottest days!



FUNDRAISING

Bob's Cycle Challenge

A huge thank you to Bob Hughes, who took on the Chase the Sun cycling challenge and raised over £600 for Parkside! An amazing achievement and fantastic support for our work.

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New Social Media Channels!



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97% POSITIVE

Service Users Have Their Say

Our latest Quality Survey showed **97% positive responses** across feeling welcome, being listened to and the overall quality of support at Parkside

"Parkside is a happy place to be."



SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

Our First Compost is Ready!

Thanks to compost bins funded by the **Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund**, we've harvested our first batch of compost, helping make our gardens even greener.



YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Making a Difference Together

We were delighted to welcome Cllr Ken Tranter and show him the difference Parkside makes. We're incredibly grateful for his continued support and funding.

Want to support Parkside? Donate, fundraise, volunteer or partner with us.



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