

NEWSLETTER

Happy
Fall, Y'All!

Welcome to JBDC 'Lockdown' October 2020 Newsletter

Well folks as the saying goes 'the nights are fair drawing in'. The beautiful autumnal colours are magnificent just now but a true indication that the temperature is much cooler and winter is on the way.

I hope this newsletter continues to find you all safe and well and enjoying your bus trips and home visits from us?

It seems like forever since you were last physically in the Day Centre.

You will be forgetting what it looks like!

I still have no news of when we will be back into the Centre, but will keep you updated with any news as and when I receive it.

The Latest.....



Our plan is to continue to provide an Outreach Programme/Home Visiting Support Service and Bus Trips around the local countryside for you all. I appreciate that as the weather gets colder bus outings may not be your first choice, but you can always request a visit instead – we aim to please! Just keep us informed.

We are planning different activities, which will be stimulating and fun that can be done in your own homes – now I have you all wondering!!

Moving Forward

This month saw the reintroduction of payment for services received by service users. I very much appreciate your co-operation and support in this matter.

As stated before my staff, the Board of Trustees and I are sure you will be very keen to ensure that we are in a position to function whenever we are able to do so – we just do not know at the moment when that might be or the level of service we will be able to provide. The charge is to enable us to give you an assurance that we can return to the Centre at a future date and we have the necessary funds to finance our support to you.

I am continually exploring ways of how to improve our service to you at this difficult time, ensuring we adhere to all Government Guidelines to keep you all safe.



August & September Birthday Celebrations

We have continued to celebrate both service user and volunteer 'Lockdown' birthdays with social distancing doorstep singing to let them know we are all still thinking about them!

August Birthday Wishes went out to: Alex Reid, Jetta McCole & Mary Allan

September Birthday Wishes went out to: Frances Robertson, Cathy Rintoul, & John Thomson. It also saw two staff members celebrate their birthdays – Lynn and Keith.

So its official folks, they're both a year nearer retirement!

We hope each and every one of you had fabulous birthdays and enjoyed your cakes?

Hopefully you were able to celebrate in your own unique 'lockdown' style – we miss not having our usual birthday celebrations at the Centre, but hopefully it won't be too long until we can again.

So What Other News?

Transport

Our Day Centre Bus remains 'very poorly' in the Fiat Garage at Broxburn with an auto-electrical problem. We hope that they will be able to fix it so we can get it back soon – fingers crossed!

A huge '**THANK YOU**' must go to everyone at Gullane Day Centre who were absolute 'Legends' in allowing us to borrow their bus to ensure our Bus Outings could continue whilst our transport was out of action. We have now returned the bus to Gullane with grateful thanks.

In the interim of our transport returning, East Lothian Council are very kindly providing us with a bus and driver to allow us to continue with our trips. This is a much bigger bus and we can easily take 3 – 4 service users on each socially distanced outing. A huge '**THANK YOU**' to Andrew McLellan (ELC) for the bus and drivers – you are a Lifesaver and a Star :)

'**THANK YOU**' also goes Christine Johnstone (ELC) who assisted in this arrangement :)

Staff & Volunteers

In February, just before Lockdown, Margaret Dudgeon (staff) made the decision to reduce her working week to 3 days – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. We advertised for a part-time Care Assistant/Passenger Assistant but due to Lockdown had to put the whole process on hold.

We held a course of interviews at the end of September 2020, followed by secondary interviewing process at the beginning of October 2020.

I am very pleased to inform you all that we will be joined by our newest staff member **LINDA INGLIS** on Monday 2nd November 2020. Linda comes to us with a wealth of care experience and you will all get to meet her in due course as she visits with other staff. Welcome to the team Linda – we look forward to working with you!

As always, my extreme thanks goes out to my fabulous staff team for their continued hard work and dedication through these uncertain and difficult times. Their care and commitment to each and every one of you is amazing. I know you appreciate them as much as me xxxx

Quote of the Day:

'If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and still they stand tall and wait for better days to come'

TRICK

OR

TREAT

Look out, Look out there are Witches About!

Remember to look out for all the Ghosts, Goolies and Witches on **Friday 30th October**.....you never know who will be visiting or appear on your Bus outing!

Also.....fiendish greets and spooky treats for all to enjoy!

So, **Happy Halloween Everyone!**

Have a Monster of a Day!

Take care, stay safe and look after yourselves

Missing you all heaps

Lots of Love, Anne Mercer (Manager)

