

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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This summer, the gardens at Ann Slade Care Home have been given a brand-new lease of life! Thanks to a wonderful revamp project, our outdoor spaces have been transformed into vibrant havens of colour, scent, and serenity. From freshly planted flower beds bursting with petunias and marigolds to new tidy pavements that make gardening more accessible for everyone, the garden is now a place where both nature and community thrive. But the best part? Our residents have been at the heart of it all. With watering cans in hand and sunhats on, many have enjoyed getting their hands dirty —planting and tending to cheerful flowers. It's been a joy to see old gardening passions rekindled and new hobbies discovered, all while soaking up the summer sunshine and fresh air. "We've had such fun," said one resident. "It's relaxing in the gardens, and it reminds me of my own garden from years ago." Another added, "I love coming out here every morning to water the plants and see what's growing."



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Building Bridges with Arden College: A Blossoming Partnership

We're delighted to share the heart-warming news of our growing collaboration with Arden College, a specialist college provision for young people with autism and additional needs. Each week, they deliver beautiful flower arrangements made as part of their vocational learning, brightening up our home and sparking lovely conversations among residents. Some students are also gaining work experience in our kitchen, helping with simple cookiing tasks and learning valuable life skills in a supportive, real-world setting. As the new term begins, we're excited to grow this partnership further with plans for intergenerational activities, offering opportunities for residents and students to share stories, creativity, and connection. It's a wonderful way to build understanding, celebrate inclusion, and bring joy to both generations.

















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Spotlight on Our Manager: Si Cooper

At the heart of Ann Slade Care Home is our dedicated Care Home Manager, Simon Cooper, whose passion, warmth, and leadership shine through every day. With a nursing background in care and as a previous CQC turnaround manager, Si brings a wealth of experience and a genuine commitment to making the home a happy, safe, and vibrant place for both residents and staff. Si is known for always having time for a chat, a laugh, or a helping hand — whether it's supporting a resident's new hobby or empowering staff to go the extra mile. Under Si's guidance, Ann Slade continues to thrive as a caring, inclusive community where everyone feels valued.

SHINING STARS BEHIND THE SCENES: WINT AND JASMINE



Every corner of Ann Slade Care Home sparkles thanks to the hard work and dedication of our wonderful housekeepers, Wint and Jasmine. With great care and attention to detail, they ensure our home is always clean and welcoming, maintaining the highest standards of hygiene and comfort for everyone who lives and works here. From early morning routines to behind-the-scenes deep cleans, Wint and Jasmine carry out their work with pride, professionalism, and always a friendly smile. Their efforts create a safe and homely environment where residents can truly relax and feel cared for.



HOME IMPROVEMENTS: A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOILER ROOM



Ongoing maintenance work continues at the home as we strive to keep our environment safe, efficient, and comfortable for all. We are pleased to share that we now have a brand-new boiler room installed — a vital upgrade that ensures consistent heating and hot water throughout the home, just in time for the changing seasons. This home improvement is part of our continued commitment to high-quality care and creating a warm, reliable living space for our residents.

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