

THE BLOSSOM DEVELOPMENT TRUST



Helping children and young people
with special and additional needs on the journey towards independence,
self-worth and a fulfilling, happy life.

Dear Blossom Supporters

10th September 2026

I hope that this finds you all well.

It seems that this year is speeding by! All is well with us here at Blossom. Since the super success of our Spring Ball we have been busily supporting our children and young people with their ongoing educational and communicate programmes. We have had several re-applications for further assistance for on-going support and happily because of your generosity at the Ball, we are in a position to help with funding in these areas.

Fundraising wise, we are delighted to have been adopted for the whole of 2026 by St Francis' Social & Sport Club in Haywards Heath as their Charity of the year (our very own Carol McLeod is a member there, thank you for nominating us Carol!)

They have been raising a fantastic amount of money for Blossom through their social events, which includes a very popular Quiz night once a month. Thank you St Francis' Club! We really appreciate you supporting us. The club will arrange to present Blossom with a cheque of the total amount raised at the end of this year, we'll keep you posted on what the final fundraising figure turns out to be 😊

We have some news regarding Trustees of Blossom. At the moment the Trustees are as follows:-

- Jacqueline McNaughton – Chair
- Kate Farley
- Eleanor Papanicola

Kate and Eleanor have been serving as Trustees of Blossom since 2019 and have decided that it is now time for them to step down from their role and pass the Blossom baton onto new trustees. Their roles as Trustees will officially end on 30th September 2026. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate and Eleanor for their time and dedication to making Blossom "bloom", we are all very thankful and will miss your wise input.

We have been approached by four candidates who have applied and been accepted to take over the roles from Kate and Eleanor. All four candidates are more than qualified to take on this important role and between them they have a wealth of knowledge and experience that Blossom will no doubt benefit from under their leadership and guidance.

The four new trustees will be appointed to work alongside Jacqueline McNaughton, our current Chair, as of 30th September, the day Kate and Eleanor step down, thereby ensuring a smooth transition. We look forward to introducing our new trustees to you once the appointments have been made official.

Thank you for your continued support and care for Blossom, we so value all that you give to us so generously.

Yours faithfully

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