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Stanley Grange News



Welcome to the latest edition of your Stanley Grange newsletter.

It's all about the money, money, money—we DO need your money, money, money...

We need your help again to raise funds for Stanley Grange.

After getting off to a fantastic start, the modernisation project here at Stanley Grange has slowed as funds reduce. At the beginning of the project, our aim was to get Oak View, Fountains and Sables completed; Weavers and Pendle were next on the list if we had the money available to do so. The bad news is that, as feared, we don't: We originally thought that the whole programme would cost around £1million, but unforeseen problems and years of under-investment has meant that in just completing the first 3 buildings, we've had to spend £930,000. Despite raising a lot of money through grants and private donations, at the end of the renovation of Stables (and the creation of Pinewood!), we have £65,990 left of the Design for Life funding. We are working with Eric Wright Group (who have been our excellent contractors throughout this project) to bring the estimated costs of the final refurbishment down, but even then, we are £344,712.61 short of having the money available to start Weavers and Pendle. This is an incredible amount of money to find.

We have submitted grant applications and funding requests to 15 organisations and trusts in the last few weeks and we have two potentially successful applications pending decisions from last year. But there is still a long way to go. **Can you help?**

Are you thinking of completing a challenge this summer?

Could you raise some sponsorship for us?

Does your company have a corporate giving policy?

Could they make a donation to us?

Do you like hosting events? Could you run a fundraiser in your home town for us?

Our Charity Manager and Trustees can offer support with written materials, publicity banners, collection buckets & tins, ideas and finding volunteers to help. So if you have any ideas (creative and wacky most welcome!) of how you can help us raise the money to fund essential upgrades in Weavers and Pendle, then please get in touch. Every penny that we raise in this way will go towards property upgrades; and if we raise enough, we can start to look at the other homes on site as well.



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Over the last 18 months, since we took over, we have raised a lot of money and set up a lot of ways that people can support us financially.

The Trusts we've got money from:

- £ Tudor Trust: £45,000.00
- £ Baily Thomas: £15,000.00
- £ Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation: £10,000.00
- £ Clothworkers: £60,000.00
- £ Oliver Ford Charitable Trust: £10,000.00
- £ Sobell Foundation: £50,000.00
- £ Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund: £5,000.00

Other ways you can help

SPONSORSHIP! www.mydonate.bt.com/charities/stanleygrange

Fancy doing a mud-run? Trying your hand at a sky-dive? Running further than you've ever run before? A sponsored silence?! Sit in a vat of baked beans? Shave your beard off? Use a wheelchair for a day? Well then: Create an account, register your event and get some sponsorship. It's that easy!

REGULAR DONATIONS! BACS Sort code: 161432 Account number: 10888190

The most cost-effective way to make a regular donation is direct to our bank account. No fees! No charges! 100% of your donation comes to us. Please also remember to fill in a Gift Aid certificate if you're eligible—we get even more money for your donation then.

LEGACIES! www.stanleygrange.org.uk/donate/gift-in-your-will

After providing for your family and friends you may wish to leave a charitable gift to Stanley Grange in your will. There are various ways of doing this, so it's best to get some legal advice to find out which option suits your situation best.

SHOPPING! www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ OR www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/stanley-grange-community-association

Sign up, shop, and earn us extra money without paying anything more. It's that simple. Plus, there's even a leaderboard so you can challenge yourself to raise the most money for us whilst treating yourself!



Are you already doing things to raise money or spread the word about Stanley Grange?

Thank you to those who are already getting out and about to raise funds for, or raise awareness of, Stanley Grange!

Thank you to Jenny Dagnall who has been along to meetings of her local church and rotary clubs to give presentations about Stanley Grange and how we've helped her family. Each talk has resulted in cheque donations, which just goes to show how effective that personal touch is. Jenny is planning to do another talk at the end of May—good luck Jenny!

Are you attending an event or doing any fundraising on behalf of Stanley Grange? If so, let us know and we can add you to our list of active fundraisers. Not only does this encourage others to help, we can also use these examples in grant applications to show that we are not relying on external financial supporters but are raising our own money too.

In other news...

We welcome a new resident, Paul, into the flat in Weavers and the last resident for Stables will be moving in early in June. There are still some places available in Fountains, but Lorraine is undertaking assessments at the moment, so we hope to be able to fill these very soon. Lorraine is clear that new people will not move in until their staffing teams are in place, meaning that they can begin to settle straight away, and that the costs of using agency staff are minimised. The recruitment of permanent staff at SG continues, with more inductions happening at the moment. Lorraine envisages that we will have a full compliment of staff by September, which is great news!

Dates for your diary

The next meeting of the Stanley Grange forum is on Saturday May 13th with coffee from 10.30 & business starting at 11am. The summer picnic/vintage fair will be on Saturday July 8th. The dates of the next scheduled SGCA trustee board meetings are 11th May (*changed from original date*) 29th June and 19th August. Anything you want to put on the agenda? Let us know!

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about the care a person who we support is receiving you can phone Future Directions' whistleblowing hotline anonymously on 07791 505 930