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# Stanley Grange News



**Welcome to the latest edition of your Stanley Grange newsletter.**

## **Phase 3 of the modernisation project gets under way!**

**This week we welcome Eric Wright's Special Projects team back on site here at Stanley Grange.**

After a brief delay whilst we ensured we had all the funding required to complete the refurbishment of Stables, Eric Wright Group are now back at Stanley Grange to get started on the third phase of the modernisation. Originally, this phase encompassed the full modernisation of Stables, Weavers and Pendle however the works to the previous phases, together with problems with Stables that have come to light only on closer inspection, means that we don't have enough money to do everything at this point in time. But the good news is that we have enough to finish Stables to the same quality seen in Oak View and Fountains: work that is essential if we're going to meet the requirements of our CQC regulators. As detailed in the last newsletter, Stables will be split into two houses, with a new entrance door created for the second property. Each bedroom will have its own wetroom (or bathroom where needed) and the communal areas will have a much-needed spruce up.

Moving people about the site to ensure that nobody had to leave Stanley Grange during the building work has been a bit of a task, to say the least. Two people have moved into their own flats in Fountains on a permanent basis, and the rest of the Stables residents have temporary rooms in Weavers, Pendle and Fountains.

We'd like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the residents and staff for being so accommodating and flexible during this time. It means a lot to everyone that we've been able to carry out this work without anyone having to leave their friends.

### **Introducing the Stanley Grange Collection Tins!**

Collection tins are a great way of raising money for Stanley Grange. Many local businesses often have one or two tins on their counters or in their reception areas — if you know of a business local to you that you think would host one of our tins, please ask them! They come with all the documentation you need, but you do have to commit to keeping an eye on the tin: emptying it when it's full and returning the takings to SGCA. If you think you can help placing a tin to raise some funds for Stanley Grange, then please get in touch

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## Other improvements across Stanley Grange

We have been getting on with other jobs across the site as well. Now that we've got the new flats in Fountains, we have had to make some improvements to the pathway that leads around the back of the building. The old one was uneven and far too narrow to be used as a main entrance way, so we've widened it and made sure it's all level. We've also done away with the steps to the side: they were unnecessary and potentially dangerous in winter, so we've levelled off that side as well. The lighting has been upgraded so that everyone using that entrance way can feel safe and, as the nights begin to draw back in, will be able to see where they are going!

We have also commissioned the works to repair and replace the 'globe' lights that light up the paths that criss-cross the site. Some are, sadly, totally unrepairable—but we're going to try to replace like for like as best we can. We are also replacing the lights on the entrance drive as well, as they are totally beyond repair.

Work on improving the garden centre has seen great results too, with volunteers putting up fences, painting, and tidying up the walkways. Our tireless volunteer, Jim, has also been sorting out an irrigation system to keep the plants hydrated in these glorious summer months...

## Staffing

Karen has been working with the HR team at Future Directions to recruit the right people to Stanley Grange. Features on local radio stations, in newspapers & newsletters, banners outside shops and adverts near our competitors' offices have all reaped rewards and we are delighted to announce that Oak View is now fully staffed. This means that all new residents can now move in as soon as they are ready. Recruitment for Fountains continues, with every Thursday up at Stanley Grange being dedicated to interviews and tests to find the right people for the job. And it is all about getting the right people: we have refused people whose skills and/or experience we didn't feel were right for the people who live here. In fact, residents have also been playing a massive role in the recruitment process; getting involved in the face to face interviews and setting their own questions to determine the candidates' suitability on a range of issues that matter most to them.

We are very excited about the recruitment of our new volunteer to the gardens team. His first task will be to sort out the woodwork shed; taking stock of the items we have and what we need to restart the woodworking sessions. Look out for new products coming out of the garden centre in the not-too-distant future.

We welcome all of our new staff members and volunteers, and we wish them all the best during their time at Stanley Grange.



## Did you know you can raise money for Stanley Grange whilst shopping?!!?

We are registered with a website called Easy Fundraising: if you register with them and select us as your chosen charity, every time you shop online with a company affiliated to them, they donate a percentage of the money spent to SGCA. And you don't even have to remember to do it: the website will let you know when you're on an affiliated site and ask you if you wish to activate the donation. Affiliated companies include Thomas Cook, eBay, John Lewis, BT, LateRooms.com, EE, Amazon, Tesco, Argos, Talk Talk, Just Eat and Aviva.

So if you fancy raise a bit of cash for us whilst exercising your credit card, 'check out' our profile now at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanleygrange](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanleygrange)

### Summer picnic fun

Earlier this month, we held the first families' picnic as the owners of Stanley Grange. The weather wasn't on our side, so we moved the fun indoors. Stalls ranged from homemade crafts, bread and artwork, to the tombola, raffle and champagne prize draw. Return performers, the

Haslingden brass band set up at the far end of the Community Centre, and played a fantastic set in memory of our dear friend and SGCA member, Tom Simcock.

In total, the stalls picnic brought in £553 and we received another £90 in separate donations. £643 in all. The raffle raised the most money with the "whisky wheel" successor, the "Champagne Square" high on the list of the rest.

This was a great effort by all concerned.



### 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



## The SGCA Charity Auction

Thank you for your wonderful response to our plea in the previous newsletter. We now have donations of auction items with a total face value of around £4,500; so we are well on our way to meeting our £10,000 target. Our donations so far look like this:

1 week in cottage in Ireland; 1 week in flat in Scarborough; Afternoon's accompanied ride on a recumbent tricycle; Art tutorial session (3 hours); Bread-baking lesson (3 hours); Christmas cake; Collage; Concert tickets; Diamond necklace; Dinner, Bed and Breakfast; Family ticket to a MK Dons home league game; Film memorabilia; Fortnight (or 2xweeks) in gite in Brittany; Help for a day; Hot air balloon ride for 2; Iconic limited edition picture of Freddie Flintoff; Paintballing for a 10 adults; Ride in sports car; Sapphire ring; Signed 1st edition 'Summoned by Bells' by John Betjeman; Signed Burnley FC football; Signed & mounted Man U Shirt; Spa day for 2 (Crowswood Woodland, Burnley); Tour of Houghton Tower for 2 adults; Voucher for 4 players midweek round of golf at Pleasington Golf Club; Yoga lesson (1 hour)

Plus we've got some very exciting, high-ticket items to let you know about, but all in good time...

**SGCA's First  
Ever Charity  
Auction**



**STANLEY  
GRANGE**

Ticket price includes a free  
drink and hot buffet

Every ticket holder will be  
entered into a draw to win  
a weekend for 2-5 people  
in Scarborough.

Friday  
**14<sup>th</sup> October**  
7pm till late

**Charity  
Auction**

**Tickets £20**  
or buy a table  
(10 seats £190 - 12 seats £225)

at



**BEESTON MANOR**

Contact Sarah or Bev to purchase a ticket on 01254 852878 or email: [scoulson@stanleygrange.org.uk](mailto:scoulson@stanleygrange.org.uk)