



Branching Out

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter.....

Fantastic Family Fun Day!

The sun shone brightly on what proved to be our most successful family fun day so far. We raised the incredible amount of £1,660.21. It was a day of fun and frolics where pirates and princesses came together



to play games such as Human Fruit machine and Feed the Piggy or to win a prize on the Teddy Tombola. Unfortunately, at least 1 unlucky Princess was made to face the hungry shark and walk the plank. There was an abundance



of stalls selling hand made items such as wooden signs and dog biscuits, and pocket money toys for all the little Pirates and Princesses. Such wonderful weather deserved a delicious BBQ which went down well with everyone.



We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us raise such a fantastic amount, which will go towards the refurbishment of the workshop. The date is already set for next year, we'll see you all there.....



In the Garden..... After the long hot summer Autumn is finally on the way and we've been harvesting the delicious Fruit and Vegetables to sell on our stall at 27 Grange Lane and our Littleport Charity Shop. Come along and pick up some amazing produce at bargain prices and if you fancy trying something different, have a look at our cucamelons, which we've heard

go fantastic with a nice cold Gin and Tonic!



In the Community.....

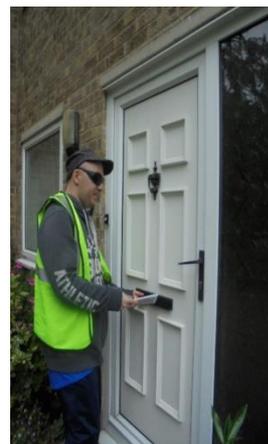


Over the hot summer our service users have been doing a fantastic job in keeping the village planters well maintained and watered. Proactive Support Worker



Lisa said "It's fantastic when members of the community tell us how lovely the planters look, it really gives the service users a sense of achievement and pride". We've also delivered over 1000 copies of Littleport Life magazine, ensuring

residents are up to date with the village news.



In the Workshop.....

It's been a busy time in the workshop creating new designs and



starting to prepare products for the Christmas Period. We completed an order for 2 big dog beds, a beautiful nappy cake and are now working on the new Christmas Eve Boxes. If you are interested in ordering any of our

hand made products or cards and gift tags please get your orders in early to avoid disappointment. We also now have the facilities to be able to take card payments at our main Site on Grange Lane.



Thank you



Massive Thanks to White stuff Ely, who walked 398 miles in June (further than Edinburgh!) and raised a massive £356. I'm sure there were some sore feet after that fantastic effort!

Enormous thanks to Cathy Gibb de-Swarte, who ran the Littleport 10k in July in aid of Branching Out and raised a fantastic £116.86

Also, White Stuff Ely held a savoury bake off competition in September, which some of us had the pleasure of judging. A wonderful array of savoury treats were lovingly baked with the winner being a most delicious Parmesan Cheese biscuit. Well done to the winner and thanks to everyone that took part.

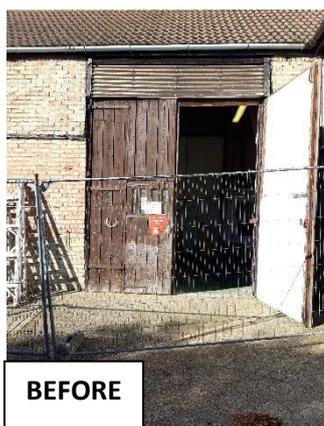
We also can't forget our team of volunteers at Head Office and our Charity shops who give up their time and work so hard to help us. **Thank you.**

Out and About

We've been out selling our fantastic hand made products at various locations this year such as Stretham Feast, G's Open Farm Sunday and Ely on Par Golf Club. Keep an eye out for us over the festive period at Burnham Market Christmas Market and Kings Lynn Christmas market.



The doors are in!.....



After months of fundraising and waiting, there was a rumble of gratitude and excitement when Salmons Bros builders arrived to fit the new barn doors. We're sure you will agree how wonderful they look



and how they are going to provide a much more comfortable environment for our service users. We would like to thank Wates Group, JDR Cable Systems, White Stuff Ely and everyone else who worked hard to raise the money to make this possible.

Working at Branching Out.....

We spoke to Pro-active Support Worker Lauren about why she enjoyed working at Branching Out. Lauren said... "I really enjoy working at Branching Out as working on different activities with the service users mean no 2 days are the same. Seeing the service users thrive and achieve so much on a daily basis is what makes my job so rewarding".

We also welcome Vikki Bullock to the charity who joined a few months ago as our new Admin Assistant. We're sure you'll join us in wishing her every success in her new role.



Shop Window Displays.....



Santa's Little helpers are busy working to make the Littleport Charity shop Christmas window display. We are aiming to make it our best ever yet, so make sure you pop by and have a look in December.

During the 2nd week of January we will be having a window display in Cutlacks of Ely. We are really hoping to showcase the fantastic work we do here at Branching Out to a wider audience. If you're passing through Ely then why not take a look.

Bev and Tash are walking for Branching Out.....

On 8th June 2019 Proactive Support Worker Bev and daughter Tash are taking on the Jurassic Coast Challenge. They said “We are taking on the challenge of walking 58km (36 miles) in a day to raise money for Branching Out. We both wanted to set ourselves a challenge, and by choosing a charity close to our hearts we are hoping this will keep us focused and determined when the going gets tough. We have come to know this charity and the incredible work they do since Bev started working here a year ago. Both of us and Branching Out will be very grateful for any donations made. Bev and Tash 😊



If you would like to Sponsor Bev and Tash you can pop in and see us at 27 Grange Lane or donate via Just Giving by searching Bev and Tash Fox.

Dates for your Diary.....

18th October – Staff Training Day – Branching Out Closed

18th November – Burnham Market Christmas Market

29th November – Kings Lynn Christmas Market

6th December - Christmas Shopping Trip

19th December – Christmas Lunch

21st December – Close for Christmas