

#### Papworth Trust Newsletter Spring 2020





#### Thank You

We can't thank you enough for your support. It's you that makes it possible for us to improve the lives of over 5,000 disabled people, their families and carers, every year

Let's keep working towards our vision of a world where disabled people are seen for what they **can** do

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# **Welcome to Entrust**

Welcome to the spring 2020 edition of EnTrust. I am writing to you at a very uncertain time for us all, with the devastating impact that Covid-19 is having on the lives of so many.

Here at the Trust we have had to change many of the ways in which we work. We continue to provide complex care for clients in very difficult circumstances, having had many challenges obtaining the necessary equipment required, however our colleagues have risen to this challenge admirably and we show our thanks each week to them during the Nations applause.

Support for our Opportunities Without Limits day services and employment customers is currently being delivered remotely meaning that we continue to maintain the delivery of learning and development albeit in a different way. We are using technology to enable us to interact with clients, which also enables us to reduce the level of isolation that many are feeling.

In housing all but essential repairs are on hold due to the difficulties faced by social distancing rules and securing contractors.

However, there will be a time lapse of about four weeks from my writing this due to print deadlines and delivery – so I am hopeful that by the time you read this, we will start to see an improving situation.

One thing that we cannot change however, is the devastating impact that this has had on our usual income streams which have been decimated. Therefore, we need your support at this time, more than ever before to enable us to continue to provide support to disabled people.

We are so fortunate to be enjoying such beautiful weather – the sight of spring and the sound of the wildlife is simply delightful. All that remains is for me to hope that you do enjoy reading about the many wonderful things that have been up to in and around the Trust during recent months; and to thank you for your support.

Keep safe and well.



Jo Revitt

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#### fundraising challenges

In response to the Covid-19 outbreak we have had to change our fundraising approach; with no face to face networking or events able to take place, our income streams have been seriously affected. It is critical that we are able to continue to support our customers, particularly as many of them are experiencing an even greater level isolation.

Your donation could enable us to

Purchase technology and data packages to enable access to digital learning and development sessions

Purchase activity packs that will be delivered to isolated customers as part of our outreach support – including materials for gardening, arts and crafts and cookery session to support our independent living skills programme.

In order to support the vital work of the Trust we are launching a series of virtual challenges – arts and crafts, bake off and 5k.

RTUAL 5K



Have a look at some of the fantastic entries that we have received so far!



This month we have launched a photography competition with the theme 'Spring' – to enter simply take a photograph with a spring theme whilst you are taking your daily exercise, email it to jo.revitt@papworthtrust.org.uk

Then donate your £5 entry fee at www.justgiving.com/campaign/fundraising

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# Vitality Big Half Marathon 2020

On the 1st March 2020, members of the Trust's Fundraising team gathered in the early hours of the morning in a very windy London. It was the first time that we've had runners representing the Trust at the Vitality Big Half Marathon and we're very grateful to Ben, Emma, George and Isabella from our corporate partner Deloitte for all of their efforts.

We were delighted that all entrants finished the race, raising nearly £2,000. The event itself was a great occasion, with a scenic route and a real party atmosphere, including a festival at the finish line! We're planning to make the event an annual fixture on our fundraising calendar. If you're interested in running for us in 2021, please get in touch with Jo Revitt in the fundraising team.

## Freshfield House

Papworth Trust were granted £15,000 from The Wolfson Foundation to renovate a disused unit in Huntingdon.

We decided that the best use of this space was to renovate it and turn it into an accessible one bedroom flat to provide a home for a disabled adult.

Our Housing team identified a current tenant called Kim, who at the time was living in a two bedroom first floor flat in Huntingdon, as a possible transfer. His existing flat was not ideal for him, his rent was high because if was a two bedroom flat that he did not need and using the stairs for access was becoming increasingly difficult because of the progression in his disabilities.

Kim moved into his new home at Freshfield House in February 2020 and it has made a huge difference to him!

His new home is far more manageable for him and his mobility difficulties – he can easily move around the flat and the flat is on the ground floor which means he does not have to contend with any stairs.



This all helps Kim to be independent, easily cooking and cleaning and getting out into the local community.

Being a one bedroom flat his rent is now more affordable, and the addition of a new flat at Freshfielc has meant that his, and the other tenants weekly service charge has reduced from £67.45 to £42.72.

Kim moving into a more manageable and affordable property has meant that the Trust has been able to provide a two bedroom flat for another tenant who requires that space.



## **London Marathor** 2020

to raise vital funds to make a difference to the lives will be taking on the world famous 26.2 mile course incredible runners on Team Papworth this year who been rescheduled to Sunday 4 October. We are delighted to have five Following the COVID-19 outbreak, the 2020 London Marathon has

of thousands of disabled people, tamilies and carers.

## Meet the runners...

### Mark Marsh

due to budget cuts, but I've Hester Adrian Centre (as it was always hoped to be able to help known then). The service ceased drive for the Local Authority to the centre again in the future. Why Papworth Trust? I used to

and have remained working for over to community transport, assistant. From there I TUPE'd profession as a healthcare working in the healthcare Over 25 years ago, I started the Local Authority ever since.

with them. I want to make a built up such a great rappor Papworth Trust's customers I In the days when I supported





Papworth Trust fits that perfectly. me, my family, my friends, and difference to something will affect

# Why the London Marathon?

will be just that and more! Brighton Marathon which was unsuccessful. Last year I ran the This will be my first ever London fantastic, and I know London the last five year but have been list for a while! I've applied for Marathon, it's been on my bucket

Marathon in under 4 hours say it, my goal is to run the a parkrun on a Saturday and a getting fitter all the time. I currently going great and I can feel myself longer run on a Sunday. Dare do bootcamps 4 times a week, How is the training going? It's

### James Swann

# Why the London Marathon?

ten years in a row. I've applied in the ballot for I've run a half marathon and

certainly the most prestigious, the is phenomenal. London is commitment and achievement my bucket list. The sense of The London Marathon is on landmarks and the atmosphere.

## Why Papworth Trust?

that is local to me raising money for a great charity if does. It's great to think I am Trust and the wonderful work worked in the local community, As a former police officer I've I've heard a lot about Papworth

## How's the training going?

longer run on a Sunday. runs every week, and then a building up the runs each week Now Christmas is out of the way I'm used to doing lots of 5k runs. I've always run so it's great and I tend to do a couple ot shorter I'm concentrating on gradually



# Sam Pettinger-Harte

sheer amount of people there about London being the will be incredible! atmosphere is amazing and the capital city. I have heard the great, but there is something marathon before which was I've run the Manchester Why the London Marathon?

## Why Papworth Trust?

with Papworth Trust and so I've difference it's making! going - and you get to see the get to see where the money a local charity because you got to know quite a bit about Deloitte, has set up a partnership The organisation I work for, you've raised and donated is them. I really wanted to run for

# How is the training going?

build us as many miles as possible It's going well. I'm just trying to without overdoing it!



### Henry Plaster

experience that as a runner now. as a spectator, and I want to and atmosphere are amazing it was just incredible. The buzz year to support a friend and to the London Marathon last myself fit through cycling. I went huge runner before but I kept It's on my bucket list! I wasn't a Why the London Marathon?

## Why Papworth Trust?

supported Papworth Trust as a see doing great work! to support a charity that you can Bubble Run. It's great to be able charity for a number of years. I've fundraise in events like the My employer, One Broker, has

# How's your training going?

all being well. gasping for breath. I'm aiming and not feel like I'm constantly one sitting. A big thing for me is managed to complete 27kms in Richmond half marathon and It's going well. I completed the to complete it in around 4 hours it! By that I mean I want to run it the marathon, I want to enjoy I've carried on from there. I've don't want to simply complete



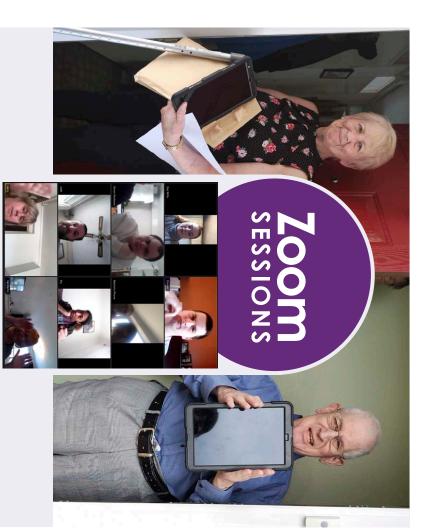
### Troy Parrish

get a new personal best is required. I really want to of marathons before so I doing it! I've done a couple which is 3 hours and 21 know the kind of training that school records. I just enjoy is something I've always minutes. to run for Suffolk and held have never been successful many times on the ballot but wanted to do. I've applied The London Marathon Why the London Marathon? I am a keen runner, I used

## Why Papworth Trust?

of the year and I want to do everything I can to support Papworth Trust as our charity tor a great cause John Grose, has just chosen this. It's a great charity and The company I work for, want to raise a lot ot money







able to deliver. programmes that we have been service clients, whilst maintaining Opportunity Without Limits day change how we interact with our we have had to drastically and have benefitted from the been running virtually – everyone isolation. Here is a selection of programmes, as well as helping learning and development During the Covid-19 pandemic has been having a great time the programmes that we have to combat loneliness and social

crafts session, and was very happy along with her. As well as this and silver medals she had brought customers, who were delighted and inspirational talk with Levy. Freya gave an excellent wheelchair basketball star, Freya Centre was delighted to welcome In February 2020, our Basildon to chat and take pictures with Freya joined in with an arts and to try on her European U25 gold

in the community at St Luke's Basildon have been working on In addition, the OWL customers in Hospice mosaic art which will be displayed





In the run up to Christmas, we with warm clothes and treats. local homeless shelter in Ipswich fantastic campaign, to provide a Archway Carpets, had started a valued corporate partners, heard that one of the Trust's

greengrocer socks and group of our customers chocolates, soaps, hats, gloves, collected boxes from a local Many people donated

Shelter, run by Selig UK. to Ipswich Homeless Winter Night donations and delivering these Darrell Smith, owner of Archway people that donated and also to We're very grateful to both the Carpets, for collecting the

years to come." forward to it continuing for many special they are. We are really something like this proves just how people in the local area, and invaluable in supporfing disabled boxes we put together Darrell said Once he saw just how many proud of our partnership and look "The work that the Trust does is

## Huntingdon

out here in the late summer. The swapped their normal day jobs window sills! walls, green skirting boards and when we arrived with peach room was extremely tired looking Papworth Everard in preparation redecorated Bradbury Court in Recently a team of staff for activities that will be rolled for paintbrushes when they

get involved in and initiate at new sessions and projects to more in the community and look moved, as we continue to do home of Sawston Free church moving into its new long term In February, our Sawston service for Sawston now that we have There are lots of great plans



kindly donated all the paint we needed and we soon got to work! Ashton in our housing team, Dulux Thanks to the great thinking of Roy





## Cambridge

staff from Deloitte in Cambridge also asked them lots of questions made by our customers who good luck cards and a banner of vital funds that will support our about their training schedule project. They were presented with First Steps To Success employment to our centre back in March. Four 1 March and raised nearly £2,000 Vitality Half marathon on Sunday the streets of London in the Big members of the team ran through We were delighted to welcome

#### Sarah's marathon <u>challenge</u>

her treadmill! In 2019 she a week long marathon or CEO, Sarah Miller, started On Sunday 26 April our

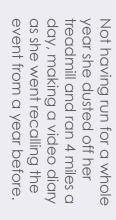
ran the London Marathon in aid of the Trust, this year of course along with

she wanted to do something herself to fill the gap. devastating effect on our fundraised income – so Sarah decided many other fundraising events it was postponed. This has had a









running, cycling, baking 26 cupcakes. variety of ways – walking, motivated to join her in a Lots of our staff have been

campaign/SarahMiller and there is still time to donate at www.justgiving.com/ At time of writing her target of £1,500 is within reach,



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