

Style Acre

Supporting people with learning disabilities



NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEER TEAM

Can you help us? We apply to organisations who may give money to Style Acre to pay for projects such as our Work Programme, Garden project and for equipment at our hubs. Additionally, Turnstyle and T2 need new vehicles this year to transport our users, as the older vehicles need replacing.



Stories from people we support, parents and support workers can really add value to our applications. It would be great to hear from you if any of these projects have helped you, your family or someone you know. Please tell us why you think they are important, how they help and the difference they have made.

We would love to hear any feedback you have about the following our work placement; Wantage Market Garden; activities and services at our day hubs, our transport service for T2 and Turnstyle or anything else about Style Acre! **Please [click here](#) to complete our questionnaire.**

If you or your company would like to support us with any of these projects, please contact [Philippa](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tea Room Summer Fete – Sunday 29 July

Our fete is back and this year we'll have a BBQ, bar, live music and fun for all the family with mini golf, bouncy castle, tennis, an obstacle course, craft stalls, vintage cars and more!

Style Acre Superheroes – 18 August

18 people we support will be taking part in a [Superhero triathlon](#) in August to raise funds towards our work. This is a huge challenge – please consider sponsoring them by clicking here.

Oxford Half Marathon – 7 October

We have 5 places for the fabulous and scenic Oxford Half Marathon. Please contact [Anita](#) to book your place.

Didcot Food Festival – 27 October

Our Patron, local bake celebrity Christine Wallace as her annual [Didcot Food Fest](#) at Didcot Civic Hall and we are delighted to have a stall selling cakes made at our T2 kitchen. Please come and eat cake!

RECENT EVENTS

Wallingford Festival of Cycling In July, Style Acre and *Wheels For All* organised some inclusive cycling activities. Everyone had great fun on the range of adapted bikes in our taster session at Wallingford School – whizzing around on tricycles, hand-cycles, tandems and the ever-popular wheelchair transporter! Here's Grace on the handcycle:



We then took the bikes into town, for our 'Style Acre and Friends Inclusive Ride' around the town centre circuit. With lots of cheers along the way, our little group made our way around the loop showing off the bikes and our cycling skills to everyone gathered to watch the races.

A lot of fun was had by all, and we are really grateful to the festival organisers for giving us the opportunity to be involved, and to *Wheels for All* for bringing along the bikes and running the taster session.

Summer Soiree Our major fundraiser, held on the stunning grounds of our supporter was a wonderful event, showcasing the incredible talent of our dance group and choir, as well as singer Grace and our stand-up comedian Henry. With 140 guests, we held a 3-course dinner with entertainment, a disco and casino. Huge thanks to our host, Grace, our entertainers and our guests who raised over £20,000 towards our work.



Amazing Graces! Host Grace Tye with singer Grace Kerrigan



London Marathon - Liam Nugent of Atlas Employment, raised £2,000 for Style Acre and survived the hottest marathon yet!

"In what can only be described as brutal weather conditions I have completed my first marathon! All went well until 7 miles in when my hamstring started giving me issues. I ploughed on but it certainly got the better of me by mile 23, walked the last 3 miles until I got to 800m to go and realised I wanted to be under 5 hours...ran the last stretch through gritted teeth to complete in 4.58.49. Thank you to everyone who has wished me well and supported me throughout my journey."

Rough Runner Three people we support, along with the lovely Hannah, manager of our Banbury hub, took part in a 5km inflatable obstacle course in May, raising over £300. They had a lot of fun and got pretty soggy!



Thames Run and Didcot 5 We are hugely grateful to the Thames Run, which supported us again this year and raised £1500 for Style Acre. Thank you to everyone that marshalled and helped on the day! The Didcot 5 Fun Run in July also supported us.

Didcot Colour Run Our first ever Colour Run was a big success! We were really happy to see so many people and families there enjoying the day and getting colourful! We raised £2,000 and lots of smiles.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Didcot who have generously donated £900 from a fundraising quiz! They presented the cheque to our wonderful team at the Tea Room, where some of the money raised will be used to make essential improvements.



We were delighted to receive a grant to purchase **five new lightweight wheelchairs** for use at Turnstyle. Many Thanks to the Hospital Saturday Fund for their generous donation.

We are really grateful to the wonderful people who took part in the **Bucks Fizz** Blewbury tennis tournament. This popular, annual women's tennis tournament chose Style Acre as their charity this year, raising over £3,000 – wow

Thanks also to the Hendred Reeling Society who donated £1,315 to Style Acre to support the Tea Room and Didcot day hub, T2.

Grateful thanks to the Henley Round Table, who donated £1,597 which has kick-started our campaign to create an accessible and sensory garden at our house in Henley, which supports people with complex needs.

Thank you to the lovely staff of Immunocore in Abingdon for raising £534.25 through their fundraising raffle.

Thank you so much to Waitrose Wallingford customers who supported us with their green tokens! We received a cheque for £460.

VOLUNTEERS Our volunteers do a fabulous job! We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help us with driving people we support to work placements, as well as in our charity shop in Wallingford. We'd also love some more volunteers to help with arts & crafts at Turnstyle. If you know anybody who might be able to help please let Anita know.

Corporate Volunteers - We have had a huge amount of help from corporate groups – Lombard regularly come and help in our Wantage Market Garden and we recently had a group from Lloyds who painted the outside of the Tea Room. Nationwide in Didcot are also enormously helpful, with volunteers helping one day a month. All the teams who help get a lot from it so if you know anyone looking for a team building opportunity get in touch!



Thanks for reading! If you'd like to receive events updates by email, please [click here](#) or email community@styleacre.org.uk