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**WorkTaste scans  
another success**

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Dougie, Paddy and George on a day out with Oakwood



## Hello, and welcome to our May newsletter.

As I recall saying in March's introduction, things never stand still at Rossendale! So, another packed edition of RossenTales is published to keep all of our readers in the loop with what has been taking place over the last couple of months. Firstly, and most importantly we celebrate the lives, recently lost, of two very dear tenants who have been part of the RT family for many, many years. They are and will be sadly missed by us all, but there are many fond memories for those who were closest to them.

We celebrate the success of Oakwood and WorkTaste with some lovely stories of opportunities and employment. With Pop-Up shops and visits by the Mayor it was a busy time for everyone involved. And in Supported Living our very own Manchester 10K runner from Canalside takes to the streets again. There are as always lovely photos from across the Trust as well as information about upcoming events and recruitment opportunities at Rossendale. I hope you enjoy reading!

*-Andrea Wright - Registered Manager & Head of Supported Living*

# Trust recognised as Employer of the Year



## The Rossendale Trust has been honoured with the title of Employer of the Year at the East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce Awards.

Businesses and organisations from across Cheshire East came together at Cranage Hall for the prestigious awards ceremony which recognises the achievements and successes of local businesses in our area.

The Trust was awarded the title of Employer of the Year in recognition of the support and benefits that it provides to its employees. Not only do we offer a generous benefits package to employees, but we recognise the valued work of our staff through extensive training and career development opportunities. The award confirms the Trust's role as a caring, safe and effective employer.

A number of staff from care support workers, management and trustees came together to enjoy the awards ceremony, receive the honour and celebrate on behalf of the whole team.

Receiving the award post pandemic is particularly poignant as staff at the Trust have worked through some exceptionally difficult times in the last two years, the like of which they have never experienced before.

Steve Nichols, CEO of the Trust explains how much this award means;

***"This is a fantastic achievement for the Staff, Management and Trustee Board at The Rossendale Trust! Winning the "Employer of the Year Award 2021-2022" resonates with all that has happened in the past 12 months and the challenges and difficulties that COVID has brought to our lives. Our sector has been particularly impacted, but we have worked very hard in protecting our tenants and rewarding our magnificent staff."***

If you are interested in working for the award winning Rossendale Trust, then we have a number of job opportunities currently available. Further information can be found on our website [www.rossendaletrust.org](http://www.rossendaletrust.org) or by contacting the HR team on [hr@rossendaletrust.org](mailto:hr@rossendaletrust.org)



# Double celebrations for Jo Prendergast!!



**Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Jo Prendergast who successfully completed the Manchester Marathon at the beginning of April and raised over £2700 for the Trust's WorkTaste project.**

Jo had been waiting a long time to complete her first ever marathon due to covid cancellations and she was determined she was going to complete this challenge as she celebrated turning 50.

Jo said, ***"The day was amazing. All the planning and training really helped."***

The amount of training that our marathon runners undertake is a challenge in itself, so to complete this and raise such a huge sum of money in the process is a remarkable achievement.

The demand for WorkTaste placements is greater than ever and, as we return to more and more placements post pandemic, the money Jo has raised will allow us to open up the world of work to even more people.

## Lucie & David's Manchester 10k



Lucie on a previous Manchester 10k

David Clifford, Senior Support Worker and Lucie Bevan, tenant at Canalside View are participating in the Great Manchester Run 2022. David will once again support Lucie around the streets of Manchester. This will be the fourth time Lucie has taken part. Lucie loves to hear the crowds cheering her on, as does David, and she loves feeling the wind through her hair as he picks up the pace! She even enjoys the showers that they run through part way around the course.

Helping Lucie to accomplish her goal and watch her receive her medal on race day will be a special moment for David and Lucie to share. David and Lucie have set up a fundraising page and are asking for your support – you can donate online here:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DavidLucyManchester](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DavidLucyManchester)

# A Tribute to Paul Lock



Paul Lock a former tenant at the Trust sadly passed away at the beginning of the year. Paul had lived at the Trust for 34 years. He was living in Rose Gardens when he moved away in 2021 and subsequently moved on to Preston to be nearer to his family

Staff and tenants have many fond memories of Paul.

***"One of my first memories was accompanying Paul to the supermarket where we spent at least 30mins organising the shelves and another 15mins making sure he had a copy of every single leaflet available whilst the others did the shopping - this would happen every time. You couldn't take Paul anywhere without him getting a leaflet!"***

***"I will always remember his big smile and his contagious laugh and how he always grabbed my hand to put on his face when I was in his apartment."***

***"Paul's apartment had a budgie when they moved in, when staff cleaned the cage the budgie occasionally escaped Paul would laugh so loud, I think the whole of Rose Gardens could hear him."***

***"Paul often liked being in the centre of what was going on especially when the Fete was on."***

***"He enjoyed going on car rides over the hills and going to a cafe for tea and cake. Paul had a very wicked sense of humour."***

Paul will be sadly missed by everyone who has had the pleasure of working with him over the years here at Rossendale.

On May 10th, Paul's Birthday, his family planted a tree in the grounds of Rossendale Hall for all to remember him. Paul's parents Ken and Sue, explained how much the Trust meant to him,

***"We couldn't have wished for a better place for Paul to live. He was so happy during his time there. Rossendale is synonymous with Paul's life and we will be ever grateful for your wonderful care."***

***They have set up a fundraising page in memory of Paul if you would like to donate you can by following the link below - Thank you!***

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paullock56](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paullock56)

***All money raised will be going to the Rossendale Trust.***



# The Macclesfield Mayor 'Pops-up' to shop



Cllr. David Edwardes (Mayor Macclesfield), Susanne Tidswell (Pr & Fundraising Officer), Mark Rawlins (WorkTaste Coach), Richard Johnson (Tenant) and Dawn Lovett (Oakwood Attendee).

What a week we had back in March when we took over the Macc Pop-Up shop in the Grosvenor Centre, Macclesfield. For 7 days we welcomed many visitors to our shop where they were able to learn more about the Trust, the work we do and the many opportunities that we have for people to work for us.

Oakwood media were on hand all week to design and print personalised gifts for customers who all left very happy with their purchases. We had a number of attendees from Oakwood media working during the week - taking orders and printing the finished products. Every member of the team was so professional, producing exceptionally high quality products for all our customers.



Trevor Kennerley preparing customer orders.



WorkTaste were in charge of serving and taking payments from customers. Thank you to everyone from Oakwood and WorkTaste who helped run the shop. Richard said he enjoyed it so much that he

***"would like to work in a shop everyday."***



Whilst raising money for the Trust, our time at the shop allowed us to raise awareness of our work too. It was a real pleasure to see our tenants and service users interacting with everyone that came to visit us, they all worked so hard that week and we couldn't be more proud of them. We hope to return to the Pop-Up later in the year so keep watching for further announcements.



Peter Hook, Susanne Tidswell, Cllr. David Edwardes (Mayor Macclesfield).

**We were lucky to be at the Pop-Up on the day the Ian Curtis mural was officially unveiled.**

During the week we had been printing commemorative mugs designed by local artist, Ian Coppack. So not wishing to miss out on an opportunity, we tracked down Peter Hook, legendary musician, at the unveiling where he very kindly signed a mug for us. This is now going to be auctioned with all proceeds coming back to the Trust. We will bring you further news of the auction taking place in May and details on how you can bid for this piece of music memorabilia as soon as they are available.



Ian Curtis mural - Macclesfield.



## WorkTaste News

Samuel Knight commenced a Supported Internship from Park Lane School back in 2019.

After a much-interrupted placement at Macclesfield District General Hospital due to Covid, Samuel had proved himself a capable young man, quick with technology and particularly proficient at scanning patient files. This skill set led on to a paid placement at Berisfords Ribbons in Congleton.

Samuel's 6 week placement in the Accounts Department was soon extended to 6 months. Andrew Walker, Finance Director, said, **"Samuel works in a methodical way without any real assistance from the Accounts Team."** Samuel's WorkTaste Coach, Jo Reed, has been impressed by how competent Samuel has become. Samuel was already confident with technology: using the scanner, saving PDF files, creating folders, etc. The elements Samuel struggled with initially, were the paper-based tasks: finding the relevant invoice in a large lever arch file, removing it to be scanned and then returning it back to the file. However, after the first few weeks, Samuel's dexterity much improved.

With over 100 colleagues, Samuel has had the opportunity to get to know a wide variety of staff during his placement. These include the Sales Department who he works alongside in a large open plan office, the IT manager who keeps upgrading his tech and at lunchtime, some of the staff who work in the factory. Samuel will be finishing his placement at Easter. He said, **"I can't believe it; the time has gone so quickly!"** However, there will not be much time off for Samuel, as he starts work scanning files here at The Rosendale Trust soon! This will be a paid position for 11 hours per week.

## Cooking on gas, well mostly electric



**The Oakwood Cookery and Baking groups continue to be as popular as ever, when we refresh our rotas both groups are always over-subscribed.**

We are so grateful for the donations and support we receive as this allows us to purchase new equipment and our latest purchase was the biggest one yet. To enable the groups to keep learning and developing their cookery and baking skills and to ensure their continued enjoyment of the sessions, we have invested in a new cooker.

Fundraising is essential to Oakwood as without the help of donors we simply couldn't afford to offer the variety of activities and services that we do. By allowing us to invest in new equipment we can continue to provide social and engaging activities for the people we support.



## Edward gives a helping hand



Rose Gardens recently had a freshen up thanks to Mike the decorator who was willingly assisted by Edward Graves. Edward absolutely loved helping Mike as you can see from the photo!

Demand for Oakwood day activities is greater than ever so it is vital that we deliver the best possible service to the people attending.

Eian the Cookery Activity Leader said **"The new cooker is a great addition to the cookery group, visually and practically it's easy to use for all the members of the groups."**



Thank you to our very generous supporter who yet again donated Easter eggs for all our tenants to enjoy over the Easter holiday



## Macclesfield Bikeathon – Saturday May 14th



***This community fundraising and charity cycle event will be taking place on May 14th raising funds for local charity Just Drop in.***

We will be supporting the event and will be located in the Market Place in Macclesfield selling cycling themed products with unique designs created by trustee and local artist Adam Schofield. Proceeds from the sale of our products will go directly back to the Trust.

So, whether you're cycling one of the routes or just taking a stroll round town do come and say hello!



The Rossendale Trust

**We are looking  
for Trustees**

### **Are you interested in helping in the local community**

We are currently recruiting for new Trustees to join the existing board to help support and guide us over the next few years, and in continuing to run this successful business.

We are seeking people with specific skill sets in the following areas to expand our knowledge base, maintain our performance and fulfil our strategic aims;

- Experience of IT systems
- Experience of Marketing & Public Relations

However, if you don't have these skills but have the energy, caring nature and interest in making a difference we would also like to hear from you. Before deciding, please have a look at our website:

[www.rossendaletrust.org](http://www.rossendaletrust.org) For an informal discussion about the role please contact Moira Beswick - Chairman of the Trustee Board via [moira.beswick@rossendaletrust.org](mailto:moira.beswick@rossendaletrust.org)

### **Summer Fest**

Organised by the Macclesfield One Project, this event will be celebrating all things eco on June 12th. Located in St Michael's Churchyard from 10 am – 4 pm we will be selling our reusable tote bags, insulated drink bottles and lots, lots more. We can't wait!





Oakwood walking group on a visit.



Adam playing Joesph in Oakwood Musical.



Paul Mottershaed at St Paul's Community Garden



Robert celebrating his birthday with a James Bond themed party.

We continue to get great photos of our tenants from right across the Trust, supplied to us by our care teams. Here are a selection of just a few, many more can be seen on our FaceBook pages:

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More great photos  
in next month's  
edition of  
**RossenTales**



Ambulance staff and Edward Graves.



Robert on his WorkTaste placement at The Guild for Lifelong Learning.



Manon enjoying the sun at Rossendale Hall.



# The Macclesfield Mayor 'Pops-in' to see us



Cllr David Edwardes (Mayor Macclesfield), Suzy Wallace (tenant), Laura Smith (Macclesfield Town Clerk), Susanne Tidswell (PR & Fundraising Officer), Yvonne Byram (Senior Care Support Worker), Rachel Bamford (Day Services Team Leader)

**We were delighted to welcome David Edwardes, Mayor of Macclesfield, to Rossendale Hall in April.**

David was accompanied by Laura Smith, Macclesfield Town Clerk as Suzy Wallis, a tenant at Canalside, took them on a tour of the Hall and grounds.

Suzy talked about her time living at the Trust and the activities that she enjoys doing every week. David and Laura were able to see the Oakwood media and arts groups enjoying their sessions and also got stuck in with some planting in Horticulture!



John Hitchen (Day Activity Leader), Cllr David Edwardes (Mayor Macclesfield) and Suzy (tenant)





# Saying goodbye to Margaret



Maggie as she was known to her friends had lived at Rose Gardens for many years. To celebrate her life at Rossendale, we held an 'afternoon tea' style gathering in Maggie's apartment for friends, staff and family. Everyone who knew Maggie remembered her love of gardening, flowers, colouring, and cake.

Maggie had a good sense of humour and a lovely laugh. She enjoyed chatting about the Royal family and could name them all even the young royals. She enjoyed gardening and knew so much about different plants, this stems from her childhood when she used to go to work with her dad who was a gardener.

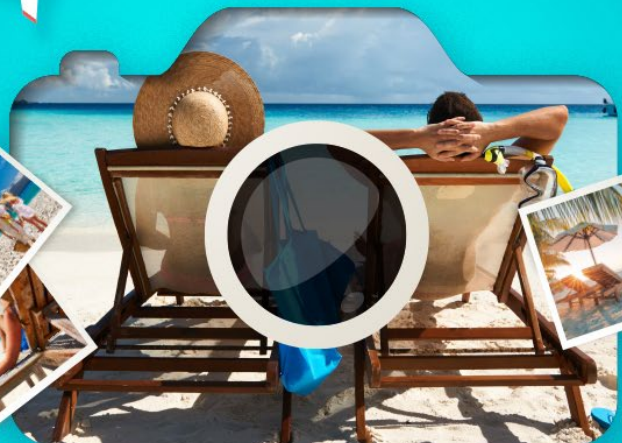
Maggie will be sadly missed by everyone at the Trust.

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# Oakwood interview and news

In this month's issue we interviewed one of our newest service users to Oakwood, Suzanne to see what she thinks of her time with us so far.

**Hi Suzanne, how has it been coming to Oakwood so far?**  
It's ok, I've enjoyed it.

**What activities have you been doing?**  
I've been doing knitting and sewing in Arts & Crafts, and I've been doing Cookery.

**Would you like to try any other activities in the future?**  
I enjoy making cakes so would like to try the baking group.

**What has been your favourite bit so far?**  
Sewing and seeing everyone for a chat.

## Did you know?

Oakwood Activity Service provides 333 sessions across 71 weekly activities to 104 people!


## Tegg's Nose Art Exhibition


The Oakwood Media group were invited to hold an exhibition of their work at the Tegg's Nose Gallery. The group decided to showcase two sets of work – the first was a collection of photographs which explored the local environment, capturing images of the things that interested them and the second collection showcased some fun macro photography images.

Here you can see Rupert visiting the exhibition to see his framed artwork in all it's glory.



Comments from visitors to the exhibition ***"Excellent exhibition, I like the little figures working", "Lovely, enjoyed the humour"***.





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**We are looking  
for volunteer  
Receptionists**

**We are looking for volunteers to work on our reception at Rossendale Hall.**

You will be the welcoming face of Rossendale and the first point of contact for all tenants, staff and visitors to the Hall. If you would like to be part of our friendly and award winning team and help us to provide support and services to adults with learning disabilities, then contact our HR team for more information - email [HR@rossendaletrust.org](mailto:HR@rossendaletrust.org) or call **01260 251509**



# OAKWOOD PLANT SALE

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**Ticket price includes goody bag, welcome drink and 2 course lunch.  
Plenty of opportunity to shop till you drop.**

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# SAVE THE DATE



**Don't forget to save the date for  
our upcoming events;**

**25th & 26th May** – Plant Sale  
10 am – 4 pm at The Pleasance,  
Walker Lane Sutton  
Buy your summer blooms!

**7th July** – Ladies Lunch  
Join us at Mottram Hall for a luxu-  
rious Ladies Lunch, fashion show  
and shopping event!

**14th August** – Summer Fete  
Our annual Fete returns to Rossen-  
dale Hall.  
Gates open at midday

**For more information on all our  
events visit**

**[www.rossendaletrust.org/events](http://www.rossendaletrust.org/events)**





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This month's Fantastic 5 lottery has been drawn.  
It's a great way of supporting the Trust during lock-down and at anytime.

The lucky winners - your cheques are on their way!

If you would like a chance to win one of 5 fantastic

cash prizes - *you can sign up by visiting*

[www.rossendaletrust.org/fantastic-5-sign-up-page/](http://www.rossendaletrust.org/fantastic-5-sign-up-page/)



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## VISION

To create an environment in which people can develop and grow, enabling them to have ownership of their own lives and futures.

## MISSION

To meet the needs of people in our care by supporting them to live a full and meaningful life.

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