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A newsletter from Rossendale Trust

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# Hello

## **and welcome to our latest newsletter — and what a fantastic few months it's been!**

We've got so many feel-good stories to share this time around, from Ella branching out into a new role at Oakwood, to Ashley becoming the official Staff Tuck Shop Manager at Leek Building Society (sweetest job ever!). We've also welcomed some wonderful new faces – like our new chef Julie, and volunteer Jim who's already making a great impression on reception.

It's been lovely to see people gaining confidence, trying new things, and really thriving – whether that's Bobby finding his place at St. Peter's Garden, or Andy getting a new lawnmower so he can look after his own garden.

And with the sunshine starting to show its face, we've had some great days out too – from canal trips on New Horizons to art retreats by the lake, there's been no shortage of laughter, learning and fresh air!

We've also got some exciting things coming up – including our big Shine a Light Festival in July and plenty of opportunities to get involved with fundraising and volunteering. Every bit of support makes a difference and helps us keep doing what we do best – supporting people to live life to the full.

We hope you enjoy reading all our stories.



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# Inspiring Animal Therapy Visits Riverside & Rose Gardens

We were recently delighted to welcome Inspiring Animal Therapy to Riverside and Rose Gardens, and their visit was every bit as heartwarming as it sounds!

This incredible service brings specially trained, gentle animals into care and community settings, offering a unique kind of comfort. Their animal-assisted visits are designed to reduce stress, lift spirits, and encourage meaningful social interaction—



and the smiles on everyone's faces said it all! Tenants and staff alike enjoyed the calming presence and affectionate nature of the animals, which created a wonderfully relaxed and joyful atmosphere. It was



a truly memorable experience that left a lasting impression on everyone involved.

A big thank you to Inspiring Animal Therapy—we hope to see you again soon!

## New Lawnmower Supports Andy's Garden Independence

We're excited to share that Andy now has a brand-new lawnmower to help him care for his own garden. This new equipment means Andy can take greater pride and independence in maintaining his outdoor space. It's wonderful to see him enjoying his garden even more and staying active with this new responsibility!



## Joanne's Journey with Mid Cheshire Riding for the Disabled



Joanne (Jo), a tenant at the Trust, has been enjoying riding with Mid Cheshire Riding for the Disabled (RDA) for many years. Every Friday, supported by her dedicated staff team, Jo attends sessions at Allostock Hall Equestrian—a highlight of her week that she truly loves.

Jo currently rides a gentle horse named Quinn, whom she describes as well-behaved and a joy to ride. Recently, Jo has made fantastic progress, gaining confidence and independence in her riding skills. So much so that her leading reins were removed, allowing her to hold her own reins and guide Quinn independently.

A couple of months ago, Jo's hard work and determination were recognised when she received the Endeavour Award for successfully completing the challenging countryside course on her own—an incredible achievement!

Jo shared that riding not only helps ease her knee pain but also brings her happiness and a sense of freedom. She is excited to continue improving and hopes to spend even more time riding through the beautiful countryside.

We're so proud of Jo's amazing progress and look forward to seeing her continue to thrive!



# Cruising the Canal on New Horizons

Mandy, Lucie, Heather, and Elena made the most of the sunshine with a wonderfully relaxing day out on the canal aboard the New Horizons barge.

Moving gently along the water, the group enjoyed peaceful views, fresh air, and the chance to unwind and spend quality time together. With plenty of laughter, sunshine, and good company, it was a perfect day on the water—and one they won't soon forget!

New Horizons is a specially adapted canal boat offering inclusive and accessible experiences for people with disabilities. Their brilliant team makes it possible for everyone to enjoy the calming benefits of a day on the water.

A big thank you to the New Horizons crew for providing such a memorable outing—we hope to be back aboard again soon!



## Edward's Thrilling Day at the Superbike Factory

Edward recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the Superbike Factory in Macclesfield, where he met Blake, the friendly Manager. During the visit, Edward had the chance to try out two superbikes and get a real feel for the machines.

To top off the day, Edward received some fantastic gifts to remember the experience by. It was a day full of bikes, banter, and a warm welcome.



## Fun in the Sun at Rudyard Lake

Katriona and Cara took full advantage of the sunny weather with a lovely day out at Rudyard Lake. They had a great time stretching their legs on a scenic walk and hopping on the Rudyard Lake Railway for a relaxing ride. It was a day full of fresh air, good chats, and lots of smiles. They both had such a good time, they're already planning their next trip!



## Double the Celebration!

We recently celebrated two special 60th birthdays—Gayna and Debbie! Gayna hosted a joyful party at home, filled with friends, family, balloons, and gifts. Debbie also marked her milestone with a beautifully decorated apartment and a warm gathering of loved ones. A wonderful time was had by all!



  
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# BINGO NIGHT

Join us for an unforgettable evening of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win at Bingo! Get your dabbers ready and mark your calendars for an evening filled with anticipation and fun - whilst raising funds to support The Rossendale Trust

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# New Chef in Town – Welcome, Julie!

After nine fantastic years leading our Oakwood Cookery group, long-standing chef Eian Elwood has retired. Eian brought warmth, creativity, and a true passion for food to every session, and his impact on those he worked with has been deeply appreciated. As he heads off to enjoy a well-deserved retirement in Bulgaria, we wish him all the very best for this exciting new chapter. Thank you, Eian—you'll be missed!

With Eian's departure, the search was on for a new chef to carry forward the much-loved Cookery group. We were delighted by the strong interest in the role and are thrilled to have welcomed Julie as our new chef!



Julie brings a perfect blend of catering experience and a background supporting adults with learning disabilities. She had already been volunteering across several Oakwood activities, making her a familiar and friendly face. Oakwood Team Leader Jane Hitchener caught up with Julie to see how she's settling in.

**Jane:** Hi Julie, can you tell us a bit about yourself?

**Julie:** Of course! I'm married with two children and went to catering college after school. I've worked

in hospitality, as a teaching assistant in schools, and more recently, supporting vulnerable adults. Outside of work, I love walking my dog Ted, sewing, and I'm a keen gardener.

**Jane:** How long have you been involved with the Cookery group?

**Julie:** I started volunteering in April 2025. I really enjoyed helping with Cookery and also got involved in other Oakwood sessions. So when the chef job came up, I applied straight away—and I'm so happy to now be in the role!

**Jane:** What have been the biggest challenges so far?

**Julie:** Getting to know everyone who attends the Cookery group—their skills, interests, and personalities. Understanding the group dynamics has taken time, but it's all part of settling in.

**Jane:** And what have you enjoyed the most?

**Julie:** Getting to know all the different people! I also feel incredibly supported by the Oakwood team. I've especially enjoyed seeing individuals get stuck in with meal prep—and of course, sharing the food at the end!

**Jane:** Do you have any plans for developing the Cookery sessions?

**Julie:** Absolutely! I'd love to help individuals build on their existing cookery skills and try new things. I'm also really interested in exploring different cultures and cuisines with the group—it's a great way to learn through food.

We're thrilled to have Julie on board and look forward to seeing how the Cookery group continues to grow and flourish under her guidance.

**Welcome to the team, Julie!**

# Thank You, Button Warehouse!

A huge thank you to The Button Warehouse for hosting a brilliant (and seriously challenging!) quiz night in aid of the Rossendale Trust.

It was a fantastic evening full of fun, laughter, and generous support — even if our team struggled to find the answers to the questions! Let's just say we didn't trouble the leaderboard...

**We're so grateful to everyone who took part and helped make it a night to remember.**

# A Fond Farewell to Ian Coppack – Artist, Volunteer & Friend of the Trust

Local resident and long-time friend of the Trust, Ian Coppack, has been a familiar and much-loved face at our Oakwood Media and Art groups for several years. Based in Langley, Ian is a talented artist whose distinctive artwork has been printed onto mugs and coasters by our Media group—giving those who attend the group regular, hands-on work inserting images into design software and using heat presses to create beautiful finished products.

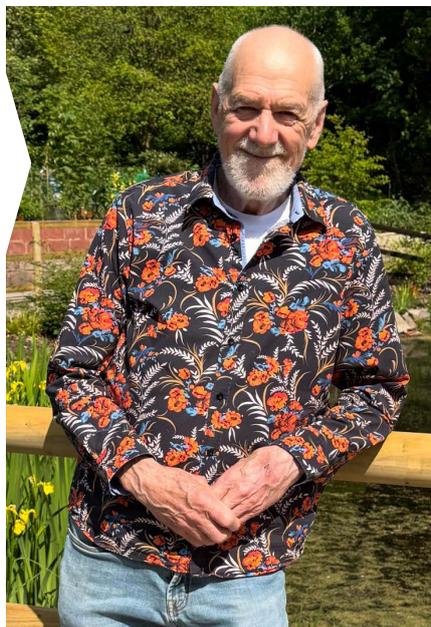
But Ian's contribution goes far beyond his artwork. He has generously volunteered his time and creative flair to support our art groups, helping bring to life a number of large-scale projects — including an unforgettable eight-foot-tall Shrek, which stole the show at last year's Music group performance!

As Ian prepares to close his art business and begin an exciting new chapter in the Lake District, Natasha Boden, who has worked closely with him for many years, sat down to reflect on his journey and his lasting impact at the Trust.

**Natasha:** Hi Ian, can you tell me a bit about yourself?

**Ian:** I've been lucky throughout my life. I left school at 14 and couldn't read properly until around 11 or 12, as I had what we now recognise as dyslexia. After school, I attended 'Hotel School' for three years and later managed hotels. I then became an air steward with British Airways for 10 years. Alongside that, I volunteered at a pottery owned by John Piper, a well-known artist who really sparked my love for art.

I've also been a volunteer ranger for the National Trust, managing teams on government schemes supporting unemployed people in countryside work. I worked for local authorities building country parks on reclaimed land, and later spent 25 years managing Tegg's Nose Country Park. I even designed show gardens for local councils—such fun, creative work!



**Natasha:** How did you get involved with the Rossendale Trust?

**Ian:** I heard about the printing group through Adam Schofield, your Chair of Trustees. He introduced me to Jane, who was running the print services, and that's how I started producing merchandise from my artwork. A few years in, I wanted to give back and started volunteering with Simone in the art room. She gave me so much freedom and encouragement—it was a joy to be part of it.

**Simone adds:** Thank you, Ian, for everything you've brought to the art room. Your creativity

and resourcefulness have been invaluable. From large-scale displays to supporting individuals, your presence made a huge difference—you will be sorely missed!

**Natasha:** What inspired you to volunteer?

**Ian:** The creative freedom, and working with the people who attend the sessions. I particularly loved working with Joey—we made some amazing artwork together.

**Natasha:** Where do you sell your artwork?

**Ian:** All over! I've sold to local authorities, tourist centres, online platforms, and even customers in the U.S. I also received training from local councils in design software like Photoshop, which has been a huge help.

**Natasha:** What's next for you?

**Ian:** I'm off to the Lake District! I want to learn landscape painting, try my hand at sculpture, and simply enjoy life. I have no plans to retire—creating keeps me going and I love what I do.

As a final gift, Ian has donated the trademark for his artwork to the Trust, allowing us to continue printing and selling his designs —ensuring that his legacy lives on through the work of our Media group.

**From everyone at the Trust, thank you, Ian, for your creativity, kindness, and dedication. We wish you all the very best in this exciting new chapter.**

# Art and Wellbeing at Rudyard Lake

We were recently invited to take part in a special Art and Wellbeing Retreat held at the beautiful Rudyard Lake—a fantastic opportunity kindly offered as a thank you for all the work our Grounds Maintenance groups have done there over the years.



The invitation came from Ray Perry of the Rudyard Lake Trust, who reached out to Rachel Hine, our Activity Leader, to offer two places at the retreat. After chatting with Simone, our Arts and Crafts Lead, we were delighted to book the spaces and send Dawn Lovett and Adam Hipwell along, supported by Simone.

The retreat began with a warm welcome from Ray, who shared a fascinating update on a restoration project taking place at the lake: the revival of a World War II-era boat, which also inspired the day's creative theme.

Participants were then introduced to Joan Kennedy, an award-winning Staffordshire-based watercolour artist who runs regular retreats at Rudyard. Joan guided the group through a variety of sketching and painting techniques, kicking off with a task to paint the serene lake view. After lunch, the afternoon session focused on painting boats, using the morning's skills in a new context.

**Simone shared:** It was such an informative, relaxed day. Adam and Dawn really enjoyed themselves. I'm more of a craft person, so it was also great for me to pick up new art techniques I can now share with my groups.

**Dawn added:** I thought it was brilliant! Joan was very helpful, and I really enjoyed Ray's talk and video. I did two paintings—one's going on

my wall and the other I'm giving to my uncle. My mum didn't believe I painted them—she thought someone else had done them!

A huge thank you to Ray and Joan for providing such a memorable and inspiring experience. We look forward to more creative days by the lake in the future!



## We're Taking On the Inflatable 5K!

On Saturday 2nd August, a fearless team of Rossendale Trust staff will be bouncing, sliding, and scrambling their way through the Inflatable 5K Challenge – all to raise money for the people we support!

This fun-filled obstacle course promises giant inflatables and more than a few laughs as our team takes on 5K of wobbly chaos in the name of a great cause.



Sponsor our team here: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/cheshireinflatable](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cheshireinflatable)

**Wish us luck – and keep an eye out for some bouncy action shots after the big day!**

# Ella Clarkson: Growing Confidence and New Opportunities at Rossendale

Ella Clarkson has been a valued member of the Rossendale Hall reception team for three years. Recently, her WorkTaste coach, Sarah, sat down with her to talk about some exciting changes in her role and her journey so far.



**Sarah:** Tell me a little about yourself and how you came to Rossendale.

**Ella:** I was born with a genetic condition called William's Syndrome, which was a big shock for my family. After school, I went to college where I learned lots of useful life skills. My tutor helped me find an internship placement at Rossendale reception through a college program. I met Colin, and we agreed on my working hours and days. That placement then turned into paid work! I never thought that would happen in my life—I feel incredibly lucky.

**Sarah:** That's wonderful to hear, Ella. How do you think you have developed since joining the Rossendale team?

**Ella:** At first, I was very nervous and found it hard to ask questions. But over time, I gained confidence in myself and with others. Before working here, I wouldn't even answer the phone at home alone, but now I'm teaching others how to use the special reception phone—crazy, right?

**Sarah:** That's fantastic progress! So, why did you want to work in Oakwood?

**Ella:** When my grandma was very ill, I saw how much kindness and care she needed. The Marie Curie nurses were amazing. Since then, I've wanted to work somewhere I could make a difference, and that's why I wanted to work in Oakwood.

**Sarah:** How did this opportunity in Oakwood come about?

**Ella:** I thought about it for a long time, trying to decide if it was right for me. When I felt ready, I spoke to Colin, my manager, about volunteering in Oakwood. Colin talked to Jason, the manager there, and Jason suggested I do some taster sessions to see how I got on. Jason was really happy with my work, and so was I! Colin and Jason then agreed I could split my time between reception and volunteering in Oakwood.

**Sarah:** That's great news! How is it going so far?

**Ella:** It's going really well. I'm enjoying getting to know everyone in the sessions and love helping with arts and crafts. I'm very hands-on and I also enjoy making everyone cuppas!

**Sarah:** What are your hopes for the future?

**Ella:** I want to develop my skills in helping people at Oakwood and hope this leads to new opportunities for me.

**Sarah:** Thank you, Ella. I hope your journey continues to go well—one little step at a time.

# Bobby's Blossoming Role at St Peter's Community Garden

In March 2022, Bobby surprised everyone—especially his WorkTaste Coach, Jo—by choosing St. Peter's Community Garden as his next placement. Known for not being particularly keen on horticulture, Bobby's decision was unexpected. Jo encouraged him to give it a try, supporting him on his first visit.



At first, Bobby politely declined every gardening task offered to him. But when the gardeners gathered for their morning coffee as the church bells chimed 11 o'clock, Bobby found his place. He happily agreed to dry the mugs after breaktime—and from that simple start, his role began to grow.

With the rising cost of living, St. Peter's has opened the church as a warm and welcoming space, offering tea, coffee, and soup to anyone in need. Bobby now regularly prepares drinks and cake for up to 30 people, then clears up in time for lunch, which is served by church volunteers.

During the colder months, Bobby works in the church kitchen, making great use of all the modern appliances, including the dishwasher. When the weather is warmer, the group enjoys their morning break outside in the garden, where Bobby impressively caters to everyone from the modest setting of the garden shed.

The church volunteers are incredibly grateful for Bobby's dedication and often remark how much they miss him on the rare occasions he's unable to attend. Over the past three years, Bobby has truly blossomed into an essential part of the community.



# Sparkling New Job Title: 'Staff Tuck Shop Manager'!

We're thrilled to celebrate a very special milestone for tenant Ashley Rose, who has officially become a paid employee at Leek Building Society (LBS)—a role he has truly earned and takes great pride in.

Recognising Ashley's dedication and hard work over the past few years, during which he rarely took time off from his voluntary duties, the HR team at LBS decided it was time to welcome him as a full member of their fantastic team in the heart of Leek, Staffordshire.

Ashley, affectionately known as Ash, approaches his role with unwavering positivity. He never grumbles, always wears a smile, and carries out his duties conscientiously—bringing creativity and flair to managing the staff sweet shop, a role he proudly owns. When asked what he does at work, Ash beams as he tells people he's the Staff Tuck Shop Manager, sparking envy from those who wish they had such a dream job!

If you've had the pleasure of spending time with Ash, you'll know he's a quiet soul with a great ear for listening

and a wicked sense of humour. Many journeys back and forth to Leek have been filled with laughter, thanks to his quick wit and sharp one-liners. Though shy at first, Ash has blossomed over time—confidently navigating new faces, mastering his workload, and taking on his responsibilities independently.

And a fun fact about Ash—he's a huge rock and metal fan! His love of bands like Megadeth and Metallica is clear from his T-shirt collection. While these may not be the typical dress code for a building society office, when you spot Ash suited and booted on a Wednesday, you know he's heading to his official, paid role at LBS—and representing the team with pride.

**Congratulations, Ash! We're so proud of all you've achieved and can't wait to see where this exciting journey takes you next.**



## New Volunteer, Jim

We're delighted to welcome Jim as a new volunteer at Rossendale Trust. Jim will be volunteering on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, helping out on the reception desk.

Jim has had an impressive and varied career. He spent half of his working life in Manchester's print industry before making a career change and moving to Macclesfield. There, he worked as a Production Director for a global pharmaceutical marketing company, travelling extensively across the USA, Europe, and Asia.



As his remarkable career was drawing to a close, Jim decided to give back to the community by volunteering. Over the past few years, he has contributed his time at a local hospital and hospice in a range of roles, from shop assistant to admin coordinator and fundraising/event assistant.

Reflecting on his time so far at Rossendale Trust, Jim said: "It is a very pleasant environment to work in. All the tenants and staff are friendly and easy to get along with. Everyone has made me feel very welcome. It is a rewarding experience to be part of the Trust."

Outside of volunteering, Jim enjoys travelling, with Greece, Cyprus, and the USA among his favourite destinations. A keen sportsman, he played football well into his 50's and remains passionate about cricket and golf. He's also a dedicated Manchester City FC supporter and season ticket holder.

Jim has settled well into his new role, thanks in no small part to the expert guidance of Ella. Well done, Ella, for providing such a comprehensive and professional handover. We're sure Jim is looking forward to meeting and working with everyone!

# Our Marathon Heroes Go the Distance for Rossendale Trust – Raising Over £17,000!

We're sending a huge thank you to every one of our incredible runners who took on challenge after challenge this spring – raising over £17,000 to support the Rossendale Trust!



From the world-famous London Marathon to the Manchester Marathon and the London Landmarks Half Marathon, these amazing individuals put in the miles – not just on race day, but through weeks of training, preparation, and fundraising.



At the London Marathon, we were thrilled to be represented by five inspiring runners: Torbjorn Eyre (completing his 19th marathon in full Gladiator

costume!), Vicky, Gavin, George, and Sean – each one showing incredible commitment and energy. Meanwhile, flying the flag in Manchester were Michelle, Matt, and Rachael, who also completed their own 26.2-mile journeys in support of the Trust.

Not to be outdone, our fantastic team – Marie, Beckie, Sarah, and Jade – tackled the London Landmarks Half Marathon. They ran 13.1 miles through the capital's most iconic streets, raising funds and awareness with every step.



“We are incredibly proud and grateful to our runners,” said Sue Heaven, Head of PR & Fundraising, “Their dedication and generosity will have a real and lasting impact on the people we support.”

To everyone who ran, donated, cheered, or supported — thank you for being part of something truly special. Your efforts are helping us to continue to support people with learning disabilities to build confidence, gain independence, and live fuller lives.



## Feeling inspired?

Visit [rossendaletrust.org](http://rossendaletrust.org) or contact Susanne at [susanne.tidswell@rossendaletrust.org](mailto:susanne.tidswell@rossendaletrust.org) to find out how you can join Team Rossendale in a future challenge!

# Shine A Light Festival – Save the Date!

Saturday 12th July,

11:30am – 4:00pm

Victoria Park, Macclesfield

Plans are well underway for our Shine A Light Festival – and if you haven't already, make sure to mark your calendar for Saturday 12th July! This free, family-friendly celebration promises a fantastic day out for all ages, right in the heart of Macclesfield.

Thanks to the generous support of Jordan Fishwick Estate Agents (see image below), Macclesfield Town Council, and GEC Home Improvements, we're putting together a festival that's packed with fun, entertainment, and community spirit.

## Here's just a taste of what's in store:

- Live music and performances
- Circus skills school
- Sports activities with Macclesfield Community Sports Trust
- Inflatables for all ages
- A bustling market filled with crafts, gifts & treats
- Food and drink vendors galore

Plus – our Summer Raffle Draw with fantastic prizes!

Raffle tickets are available in advance from Rossendale Hall and Space 4 Autism, or on the day of the event.

We're proud to be collaborating with our friends at Space 4 Autism to bring this celebration to life. The festival will not only be a brilliant day out – it's also a chance to shine a light on the vital work being done by local charities and community groups across the area.

**Our goal? To create a joyful, inclusive event that becomes a much-loved fixture in Macclesfield's summer calendar.**



## Can you help?

We're currently looking for volunteers to support us on the day and still have a few spots left for stallholders. If you'd like to get involved, please contact us at: [shinealight@rossendaletrust.org](mailto:shinealight@rossendaletrust.org)

We hope to see you there – and help us shine a light on all the good happening in our community!

# A Sweet Surprise!



We'd like to say a big thank you to GEC Home Improvements and another incredibly generous donor for their wonderful donation of Easter eggs this spring.

The eggs were shared out among our tenants – bringing smiles, excitement, and a whole lot of chocolate joy! Their kindness helped make the Easter celebrations extra special for everyone here at the Rossendale Trust.



We're so grateful for the thoughtful support – Thank you for making Easter egg-stra lovely!

## Rossendale Trust Honoured as Runners-Up for Social Mobility Award

We are proud to have been named runner-up in the High Sheriff's Award for Promoting Social Mobility at the prestigious High Sheriff's Awards for Enterprise. The accolade celebrates the impactful work of the Trust's WorkTaste project and recognises our unwavering commitment to promoting social mobility.

The High Sheriff of Cheshire's Enterprise Awards, held annually, recognise organisations that demonstrate exceptional innovation, dedication, and positive impact. The Rossendale Trust's WorkTaste project stood out for its commitment to providing opportunities and fostering growth for individuals with learning and physical disabilities.

By Partnering with local businesses, WorkTaste offers participants the chance to gain valuable work experience, build confidence, and develop skills that enhance their independence and employability.

Colin Gillespie, manager of WorkTaste expressed his gratitude for the recognition:

"We are absolutely delighted to have been recognised in this way. WorkTaste is all about breaking down barriers and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to thrive. This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our team, the dedication of our participants, and the incredible support from our business partners. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of so many."

The Rossendale Trust remains committed to expanding its WorkTaste program, working alongside businesses and the community to continue fostering a more inclusive society.



Photo credit: Jon Lingwood

# Thank You for Supporting Our Ladies Lunch – Together We Raised £4,000!

We're thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent Ladies Lunch at Mottram Hall, where we raised an incredible £4,000 in support of the Rossendale Trust!

The afternoon began on a high note with live music from the talented Fiddlestix, setting the perfect tone for a day full of joy and generosity. Guests were greeted with a glass of fizz and invited to browse a delightful array of stalls from local businesses, including SOS Bramhall, Handmade by Rebecca, Scents by Zen, Jola Designs, Tropics, and Bibiemjay.



Our Head of PR & Fundraising, Sue Heaven, warmly welcomed everyone and delivered a heartfelt speech, powerfully highlighting how vital fundraising is to the Trust—and how it truly transforms the lives of the people we support.

A delicious two-course lunch followed, accompanied by lively conversation, laughter, and the buzz of our much-anticipated raffle, featuring fabulous prizes generously donated by our hosts and stallholders. The day was brought to a stylish



close with a glamorous fashion showcase by the ladies of SOS Boutique, Bramhall, adding a final flourish to a memorable event.



We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended, donated, shopped, and supported the event. Special appreciation goes to our wonderful stallholders and to Mottram Hall for their outstanding hospitality. And finally thank you Fiddlestix for the wonderful entertainment and to Kathryn from Captured By Life photography for capturing the day on camera.



Every penny raised will go directly towards helping adults with learning disabilities live more independently and achieve their personal goals.

Thank you for being part of something so special—we can't wait to welcome you again next year!



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