



Birchfield
Luxury Residential Care Home

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Meet Our New Care Home Manager



We would like to introduce Ursula Scarff, our new Care Home Manager. She joins us with 26 years of experience working in the Health and Social Care Sector and has a proven track record of continued success in raising standards, managing risk and dementia care development.

She is a great believer in empowering and developing her team members and is already taking steps to bring more training 'in-house'. Her previous positions include that of Head of Care and Care Centre Manager where she was also responsible for the development of a specialist dementia care unit, ensuring the service met the needs of the local community.

Clothes Show

In the run up to Christmas our residents enjoyed their very own Clothes Show when we were visited by the Edinburgh Mill Shop. We spent a lovely afternoon browsing whilst enjoying a sherry and some shortbread.



The lovely Mill Shop girls were very helpful and enjoyed showing our residents the items for sale

Lennox Charity

The Lennox Charity supports children with cancer or leukaemia through giving practical, financial and emotional assistance.

Our residents recently held a raffle in aid of the charity and raised £50. The prize was a very cute bear and this was won by our student, Alisha, from Blackburn College.



Christmas Review

It seems a long time ago now, but we had such a wonderful time at Christmas that we wanted to share some of our memories with you.

Christmas Fair

This was held on 5th December. We had a fabulous turnout and we raised £212.20 for the Residents Fund.



Family and Friends all had fun together



The tombola (above) was a popular stall and we were joined by owners, Mark and Kirsty, and their children



Pam, Joan & Carol (above) and Jean & her family



Christmas Lunch



Charlotte at the Christmas Lunch

Our residents enjoyed a trip to The Willows for Christmas lunch.

It was a very jolly and festive affair which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came along.

Carollers

The children from Wensley Fold School joined us on 17th December to sing carols. It was wonderful to see them and their singing was a real treat for us all.

Christmas Party

21st December was the day of our Annual Christmas Party. John, our chef, prepared some delicious festive food and we were joined by Santa and Gang.



The Big Day

Christmas Day was a wonderful day and we were so pleased to welcome our resident's families and friends.

Irene and her family



Joan with her family



Keep up to date with all the comings and goings at Birchfield by following us on Facebook—just search for “Birchfield Residential Care Home”!

In-house Training

At Birchfield we are very proud of the staff training programme we have in place. Here you can see our new Manager, Ursula Scarff, delivering some of this training to our team.



Student Carers

Alisha and Sofina are Health & Social Care students who were with us for a few months at the end of last year. Here they are receiving thank you gifts from Ursula.



Respite Care

We know how hard you work to care for your loved ones—we also know that everyone needs a break now and then and this is why we keep a **dedicated respite room**. If you, or anyone you know would like to take advantage of this service, please call us on **01254 266020** — we will be pleased to help in any way that we can.

Keep an eye on the notice board for our new

Daily Activity Plan

Dominoes, Tasting Sessions, Afternoon Tea, Bingo, Films and Reminiscence Afternoons as well as any trips in the pipeline.

Board games are available daily for everyone to enjoy including cards, noughts & crosses and a radio in the front seating area.

Every **second Wednesday** we are visited by the library so if you would like to borrow books, please let us know. Also, our **hairdresser** calls in weekly, so if you fancy a change or a bit of a 'do' we'll be happy to make an appointment for you.

Upcoming Events

Reminiscence Afternoon

1st March—2pm

Clothes Shop Experience

7th March—2pm

Creating Joy Through Music

15th March—2pm

Easter Fair

20th March—10am

Residents, Family & Friends Meeting

20th April—2pm

Feedback

We welcome all sorts of feedback. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the Home or the service we provide, do let us know. Also, please feel free to send in any articles, memoirs or photo's for inclusion in our newsletter.

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