

Warrington Disability Partnership Annual Report 2021



Giving Disabled People
Hope & Opportunity



Introduction

Chairman and Chief Executive's Report

Welcome to our latest annual report. Like most charities, we were hit hard by COVID-19, but that didn't deter us from delivering our core services that enable disabled people to live more independently. Unlike some charities who pulled down the virtual shutters and furloughed all of their staff, we adapted to the changing conditions by for example introducing home deliveries of food and small items of independent living equipment. The social contact was as important as the items being delivered. We also made best use of new technology, moving last year's Disability Awareness Day online and regular use of zoom for our team meetings and Staying Connected Community Forum.

This flexible approach allowed us to deliver a rapid solution to a totally different crisis, when in January 2021, localised flooding affected hundreds of residents across the town. Some of those worst affected live in Rostherne Close, just a few hundred metres away from our Warrington Centre for Independent Living. Swift action of our team saw us delivering hot food and drinks to residents, rescue crews and clean-up workers. We also mobilised our fleet of vans to assist in delivering donated furniture and clothing. Our work was supported by Asda and other local businesses.

COVID-19 brought us new opportunities to use our expertise and grass roots connections. The Community Champions Scheme saw us supporting public health, and leading a partnership with Warrington Voluntary Action and Warrington Speak-Up. We are working with Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust with a Long-COVID Support Service, recently we launched an Employment Scheme targeted at people affected by COVID-19.

Our work continues to be recognised, we received High Sheriff of Cheshire Awards for our general services and for Disability Awareness Day. Two of our young volunteers Ellie and Chloe Thompson also received awards from the High Sheriff and from the Cheshire Community Re-Awards. We were immensely proud to be awarded "Leader Accreditation" for the national Disability Confident Scheme.

Feedback we continue to receive from our clients, customers and partners confirms that each year our services enhance the lives of tens of thousands of disabled people; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, giving them hope and opportunity. Since our humble beginnings at the Dallam Day Centre, back in 1991, we continue to promote a "can do" culture focussing on "what disabled

people can do", which helps to dispels the myths about what disabled people can't do. We are proud to say that information remains at the heart of our work, underpinning our values as a "user led" organisation. We are proud to have received re-accreditation of the nationally recognised MATRIX Quality Mark for Information, Advice and Guidance services.

We dedicate this year's 30th anniversary report to the dozens of members of Team WDP who we have sadly lost during our journey, especially Eric, Alan and Annette, plus Pete Ives, Colin Whitfield, Charlie Herriman, Keith Menzies, Anne Nunn, Kate Higgins and Nick 'Hoppy' Hopkinson MBE DL, who have died since our last annual report. Our thoughts also extend to other team members who have sustained life-changing illnesses during this time, Brunhilde Munslow and Terry Cook.

We would like to thank everyone who shares and supports the WDP dream, and special thanks to our volunteers, our trustees, our staff, our supporters, our clients/customers and our partners. We are proud to say that during the past 30 years, we have created what has become, one of Warrington's most loved charities that is recognised worldwide for delivering life changing services.

John Gartside OBE DL JP
Chair of Trustees

Dave Thompson MBE DL MBA
Chief Executive



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2020-21 Highlights

The year in pictures



Our Phoenix Project joined forces with Care UK to donate and transport over £100,000 worth of Mobility & Independent Living equipment to Syrian refugees in Turkey.



WDP Young Volunteers, Ellie and Chloe Thompson were winners at the 2021 Cheshire Community ReAwards. They were also awarded a High Sheriff Award for their Community work.



When members of the local community were affected by the devastating floods in January 2021, Team WDP with the support of Asda Cockhedge provided free hot food and drinks, as well as much needed cleaning supplies.



Our 29th Disability Awareness Day was held virtually on 25th October 2020. Headliners included Britain's Got Talent winner 'Lost Voice Guy' and the fantastic 'Ella Performance Group' as well as a virtual 'fly over' by the Red Arrows.



In partnership with WBC and Warrington Public Health, our Community Champions have provided a wide range of information and advice to the local community in relation to Covid-19.



WDP Patron Pete Pinnington raised over £1,400 for WDP with his online Bingo Bedlam events.

Who we are and what we do

Warrington Disability Partnership (WDP) is an internationally acclaimed user-led charity. With over 30 years of experience in developing and delivering mobility and independent living services. We aim to support disabled people and those living with long-term health conditions. We are proud of our wide-ranging services, which include:

Promoting Independent Living

Visit our **Centre for Independent Living (CIL)** - located on Beaufort Street; the **Disabled Living Centre** at the Lifehouse on Brunswick Dock, Liverpool; and two **Mobility and Independent Living Stores** located at Sankey Street and Birchwood Shopping Centre. Our showrooms offer the latest equipment from baths, showers and kitchens, to beds, wheelchairs and stairlifts, plus a short-term hires service of wheelchairs and scooters. Our **“Smart Flat”** based at the CIL, demonstrating the latest assistive technology solutions, and the **Mobility and Independent Living Service** located in Warrington Hospital. Additionally, our **Scoota Safe** Campaign promotes road safety to mobility scooter users and prevent accidents and injury whilst using equipment.

Our two **Shoptobility Schemes** in Legh Street Car Park and Birchwood Shopping Centre offer scooters and wheelchairs for use within the local shopping centres Monday to Saturday (9 am to 5 pm). They are available for hire to both members and day visitors. A six-month membership costs just £10.

Our **Disability Helpline** (01925 240064) offers advice and support about local support groups and services, accessibility, transport, and more. The **OWCH Pain Management support group** helps and supports local disabled people in relation to the self-management of Chronic Pain.

Our **Independent Living Team** provides a support service for Warrington residents who use the Direct Payments scheme from Warrington Borough Council, assisting with all aspects of employing a Personal Assistant (including assistance and advice in relation to recruitment, DBS checks, pension schemes and contracts, with support from our in-house payroll team).

Our Care and Support advisor promotes the use of **Personal Health Budgets** throughout the Warrington area, allowing greater choice and control over how and when care is delivered. The advisor works with the client to produce a support plan, liaising with the Clinical Commissioning Group with regards to individual budgets.

The Disability Trading Company Limited

WDP's trading arm – Disability Trading Company (DTC), offers high-quality, independent living products at competitive prices. Running as a Social Enterprise, all profits are donated to WDP to support many of our unfunded services. For details of the services offered through the trading arm, please see page 6.

Employment & Training

Our award-winning **Employment Team** is proud to specialise in supporting local disabled people with a health condition (including mental health); ESA claimants and those in receipt of incapacity-related benefits. The team support individuals through all stages of the employment process; job searching, CVs, application forms, preparing for interviews and when gaining employment. We also support people who are in work, and employers by giving information about reasonable adjustments in the workplace.

Learning and Development

Visit the **Marjorie Griffiths Learning Centre (MGLC)** on Beaufort Street and take advantage of a whole host of courses designed to educate and inspire. The range of courses include ‘Computers for the Terrified’, OCR qualifications, pre-employment IT, creative writing and flower arranging.

WDP delivers a variety of training, including **Equality & Diversity and Disability Confident** for health and social care providers, voluntary organisations and individuals, in addition, half-day training sessions to help build knowledge on these issues and consequently gain valuable insight. We work closely with a number of local charities and voluntary organisations to provide a place for groups to meet and offer support to their members. Our well-equipped meeting and training rooms are also available to hire at a reasonable cost, with a catered option, from our on-site Galleries Community Café.

Accessible Holidays & Days Out

Our fully accessible holiday home in North Wales and our adapted, accessible narrowboat **The Wizard** are available for hire at competitive rates. With a range of options, they give the opportunity for a bargain break or a day out on the water!

Opportunities to Socialise

We run a variety of **Luncheon Clubs** for individuals looking for friendship, activities, fun and lunch. Our **over 55's clubs** run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. As well as enjoying a two-course lunch and drinks together, attendees also enjoy: playing bingo, games, quizzes, chair-based exercises, and guest speakers. Our **Monday Club** caters for under 55's with a wide variety of activities, including social, arts and crafts, bingo and photography. There is a charge of £7.50 for the sessions and individuals are required to attend using their own transport.

Our **Galleries Community Café** offers a wide range of hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks in a warm and friendly atmosphere. The Café is open to members of the public, visitors to the Centre and Support Groups.

Listening and Advocacy

Get your voice heard locally by attending our monthly virtual **‘Staying Connected’** meetings, which provides a forum to exchange ideas and information about local services. Sessions are open to all who have been affected by long-term health conditions or disabilities (physical, mental health, sensory or learning difficulty), carers, representatives of support groups/organisations and statutory services.

Our **Your Voice** young disabled person's forum aims to provide young people a safe space to communicate their views and the opportunity to grow, learn and socialise with other like-minded individuals.

We organise the **Warrington's Appreciation of Efforts Awards**, providing an opportunity for people to nominate local employers, businesses, service providers or individuals who deserve recognition for promoting independence, delivering accessible or inclusive services or maintaining exemplary employment practices for disabled people and/or carers.

For further information on any of these services, including how you can be involved as a WDP Volunteer, please contact the team on 01925 240064

2020-21 Highlights

The year in pictures



During Disability Awareness Week 2021, an event was held in Walton Gardens to celebrate 30 years of supporting local disabled people.



With support from Asda Birchwood, our team distributed over 200 Afternoon Teas to local people.



DAD's Army received the High Sheriff of Cheshire Award for services to the community at this year's Disability Awareness Day.



Warrington Disability Partnership's

£8 PER ENTRY

VIRTUAL WALK IN THE PARK

Warrington Disability Partnership

THROUGHOUT JULY & AUGUST 2020

Could you take on the 5km challenge as the famous 'Walk in the Park' goes virtual!

Our first virtual event 'Virtual Walk in the Park', enabled our supporters to continue to raise funds for WDP.

Development of Warrington Disability Partnership's Social Enterprise – The Disability Trading Company

In April 2011, Warrington Disability Partnership launched a social enterprise 'the Disability Trading Company'. Their first retail service was launched from the Warrington Centre for Independent Living, and in October 2011 they opened the Mobility & Independent Living Store (MILS) in the Golden Square Shopping Mall.

In early 2013 DTC opened a large Mobility Workshop & Service Centre which provides servicing and repairs for individual customers, and businesses including Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, nursing homes and local Shopmobility Schemes. In late 2013 DTC launched a service aimed at recycling mobility equipment, scooters, wheelchairs and power-chairs which are sold from WDP's Shopmobility service located in Warrington Town Centre.

In October 2016 WDP and DTC, in partnership with St Mark Universal Care, launched 'the Phoenix Project', refurbishing and shipping wheelchairs and other mobility aids to countries including Egypt, Thailand and Syria. So far over £1million worth of equipment has been salvaged and donated.

In 2017 DTC joined the British Health Trades Association, underlining their belief in the BHTA "Buy with Confidence" scheme that is accredited to Trading Standards. Receiving "approved dealer" accreditation to the national Motability Scheme was also achieved, which allows disabled people to use the enhance mobility component of DLA or PIP to lease a powerchair or mobility scooter.

In 2018 DTC added two new services with a retail store at the rear of Warrington Hospital and the Smart Flat, assistive technology showrooms located at the Warrington Centre for

Independent Living.

In 2019 in partnership with the Golden Square Shopping Centre, DTC moved their Mobility & Independent Living Store (MILS) from inside the Centre to a larger brighter store in Sankey Street.

In 2020 in partnership with Birchwood Shopping Centre, DTC open a Mobility and Independent Living Store (MILS) in the Centre, it also includes Birchwood Shopmobility Service.

What makes DTC unique?

- DTC has no private shareholders, 100% of its profits go to support WDP's charitable services which include subsidised Lunch Clubs for disabled people, accessible narrow-boat offering daytrips on the Bridgewater Canal and an accessible caravan in North Wales,
- DTC staff do not receive any incentive bonuses, which results in us providing advice verses high pressure selling,
- Free impartial home and work assessments based on the philosophy of information, advice and guidance, not just sales,
- DTC is a user led social enterprise; many staff and all volunteers have used their experience of living with a disability or long-term health condition to develop the services and ensure they sell the right products
- Nearly £2,5million has been saved by disabled people who have purchased mobility and independent living products from WDP's Mobility and Independent Living Stores (MILS) rather than from commercially driven businesses

Services, Locations and Contact Details

Mobility Independent Living Showroom
Centre for Independent Living
Beaufort Street
Warrington
WA5 1BA

Tel: 01925 240064

Mobility Independent Living Services
Lifeshouse
Summers Road
Liverpool
L3 4BL

Tel: 0151 709 0121

Mobility Independent Living Services
Golden Square Shopping Centre
Sankey Street
Warrington
WA1 1QB

Tel: 01925 416624

Mobility Independent Living Services
Warrington Hospital
Lovely Lane
Warrington
WA5 1QG

Tel: 01925 240064

Mobility Independent Living Services
Birchwood Shopping Centre
Dewhurst Road
Birchwood
WA3 7PG

Tel: 01925 251079

Workshop and Service Centre
Centre for Independent Living
Beaufort Street
Warrington
WA5 1BA

Tel: 01925 240064

Payroll Services
Centre for Independent Living
Beaufort Street
Warrington
WA5 1BA

Tel: 01925 240064

Refurbished Mobility and Independent Living Equipment
Warrington Shopmobility
Legh Street Car Park
Legh Street
Warrington
WA1 1QU

Warrington Disability Partnership
Centre for Independent Living
Beaufort Street
WA5 1BA

Tel: 01925 240064

Galleries Cafe
Centre for Independent Living
Beaufort Street
Warrington
WA5 1BA

Tel: 01925 240064



Owned and Operated by:



Our 30 Year Impact

WDP Purpose

'To enhance the lives of disabled people and their families by enabling independent living'

The business directory describes social impact as being the effect of an activity on the social fabric of the community and well-being of the individuals and families. Whilst many people are aware of the wide range and scope of the services that Warrington Disability Partnership provide, the direct effect that they have on a persons' life, is not necessarily always apparent. This supplementary report has been produced by us to show the impact that our services have on local disabled people, their families, friends and carers over the past 30 years.



Our 240064 telephone number has handled

OVER 1 MILLION

incoming calls many from people desperately seeking assistance with life changing matters



A massive THANK YOU to Warrington Disability Partnership and all your team for the support you have provided us the last two weeks. Since the morning we had the flood you guys have been the smiling faces we love to see each day, from cleaning products to lovely tasty food you've kept us going. The community spirit really has been amazing to see and be a part of. We can't thank you enough!

Flood Victim - January 2021



OVER 85%

of WDP's trustees, staff and volunteers are disabled people, a true user-led organisation.

Our Shopmobility scooters and wheelchairs have been used over

260,000

times, enabling our members to spend over £13million in the town centre

Our Impact

98%

of customers said they would recommend WDP to family and friends.

I am very impressed with the total package of WDP's Direct Payment Service, Keep up the excellent work and thanks for everything

Direct Payments recipient



Our Independent Living, Personal Health Budget and Payroll teams have supported over

7,000

clients and over

4,000

of their employees, providing choice, control, independence and employment opportunities

16,800

people have enjoyed a day out on our Wizard accessible narrow boat



Our team have engaged with over

2,160,000+

people through our community engagement programmes, providing valuable information, advice and guidance.

Our Employment Team have supported over

10,000

clients, with over 2,500 into full/part-time sustainable employment



5,000

people have attended training courses in our IT Learning Centre

The bespoke training support from Nick gave me the confidence to apply for different kinds of jobs and recognise the skills I already have.

IT Suite Learner



165,000+

meals served in our Galleries Community Café, mostly for vulnerable people

36,000

People supported by our Wheelchair Loans Service, helping many to leave hospital earlier



£2.5MILLION

saved by disabled people who have purchased mobility and independent living products from WDP's Mobility and Independent Living Stores (MILS) rather than from commercially driven business

Our Impact

30 Years of Disability Awareness Day



Inspired and supported events in

13
COUNTRIES
worldwide

30 YEARS

600,000 VISITORS

Reasons for attending DAD 2021

- Gain Information and Advice
- Access Support Groups
- Enjoyable Day Out
- Find Support to Improve Quality of Life
- Gain Information on Developments and Products

DAD was well and truly a fabulously run event which I would expect no less from the incredible team at WDP. Really well thought, I think the exhibitors, the structure and the events you held on the day really captured the goal of promoting independence

DAD Exhibitor 2021

An absolutely brilliant event - year after year I'm blown away by how inspirational it is for so many.

DAD Visitor 2021



£1 MILLION+ RAISED

for other charities involved in DAD events

Our Team

Apprenticeship Programme

Ellen Houghton:

Ellen started Volunteering for Warrington Disability Partnership (WDP) when she was 12 years old through a family member. She would support in the office leading up to annual events and with fundraising event such as Disability Awareness Day.

When Ellen was just 15 years old she was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma bone cancer. During this time period Ellen said, 'WDP supported me when I got sick, treating me like family and even fundraising on my behalf.' Ellen rang the bell being cancer free just before her 17th birthday in 2018 after 18 months of intense treatments. Following this, Ellen went back to college to continue her education and has since completed a Health and Social Care course, alongside returning to volunteer at Warrington Disability Partnership.

In 2019, Ellen helped launch WDP's first Young Disabled Person's Forum known as Your Voice and became the chairperson of this group and has since been co-opted as a Young trustee in January 2021 for WDP's board of trustees. Ellen was employed by Warrington Disability Partnership in May 2021 as a Covid Community Champion Apprentice in which she has begun her Business Admin Apprenticeship alongside her Community Champion role. When discussing her time at WDP Ellen said 'staying at Warrington Disability Partnership and joining as an apprentice felt like a natural progression, where I feel supported, fit in and can use my experiences to help others.'

Lyndsey Woods:

In 2009 Lyndsey had been looking for employment and support coming across Warrington Disability Partnership in her search and decided to get into touch due to her disability. Through the support of WDP's employment advisors, Lyndsey initially volunteered at WDP's Shopmobility Service for 4 years in the Town Centre alongside her college course. Following this, she began to expand her skills and volunteering within the charity by supporting with administrative work within the main office. However, in 2015 Lyndsey decided she wanted to try a different challenge within the organisation and agreed with the support of the team that the best route for her would be to begin volunteering within the workshop. For 6 years Lyndsey had volunteered within the workshop being a wonderful addition to the team, when in May 2021 the opportunity to do a customer service apprenticeship was offered to her in the workshop alongside supporting the Covid Community Champion project. Lyndsey has explained, being employed through this apprenticeship has enabled me to not only advance my customer service skills but spend some time as a support worker within the workshop for other team members. I have enjoyed my years at Warrington Disability Partnership because of the stability and growth it has given to me.'



During the pandemic WDP has effectively adapted their approach to remote delivery providing extra advocacy while ensuring that the principle of empowerment and independence is still there for each individual

Matrix Report 2021

★ Star Fundraisers – Bill Bradley and Ian Northey ★



To date, Bill and Ian have completed 4335 miles out of an epic 5000 mile cycle challenge, which they are hoping to complete by the end of January. Good luck to both of you!

★ Star Fundraisers – Sue McMillan and Colin Hale ★

During WDP's Anniversary year, Sue and Colin are completing a shared "triathlon" of cycling together, Sue's swimming and Col's running, aiming to reach a total of 1000 miles. With 850 miles already completed, we're sure that they will reach their target soon.



Christmas 2021 at WDP

Christmas activities at WDP are always one of the highlights of our fundraising and community engagement calendar. After the cancelation of last year's activities due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were delighted when the management team at Walton Gardens invited us back to run a Santa's Grotto and Santa Dash. As the new Luminate Light Show had already booked use of the Heritage Yard, we were offered use of the Indoor Riding School, a huge area to fill, and fill it, we did.

Utilising two of our marquees, we built a Winter Wonderland Trail with North Pole backdrops, blackout roofing, picket fencing, forests of Christmas Trees, large inflatable and thousands of lights. Santa's Grotto was housed in a huge

log cabin and outside we offered our Teddy Tombola, Yule Log decorating, Santa's Colouring competition, Christmas Raffle and outside offered a Reindeer Trail.

Visitors were greeted by not just Santa, but also Mrs Clause, who together, handed out some amazing presents, and to capture the magic moments were our friends from F11 Photography.

With amazingly positive feedback received on Facebook from the first weekend, the online bookings soon rocketed, proving more popular than ever. What was really nice, was seeing so many disabled children, parents and grandparents. Our Autism hours proved very popular, and the feedback we received from parents was humbling.

There are several magical moments we will take away from this year's Grotto, including the comment from 40ish year old father of two who had recently been given weeks to live. He thanked us for providing wheelchair access, as ours was the only Grotto he could find that was accessible and he loved seeing his young children in awe of Santa.

On Sunday 12th December we also held our Santa Dash, supported by Birchwood Shopping Centre and Warrington Worldwide, over 60 runners and walkers filled the route around Walton Gardens in a sea of red. Friend of WDP, and WIRED Amputee member, Jill Keast Doran, provided inspiration to everyone as she completed a circuit on her hands and bottom. Jill said afterwards, losing both her legs hasn't stopped her from wanting to participate in events. She finished to an applause from nearly 100 people.

During 11 incredible days over 2,500 children visited Santa, and including their parents, grandparents and families, we entertained over 10,000 visitors. It took an amazing team effort, foresight and commitment from our team. Huge thank you to everyone involved.

"Took the kids to see Santa Claus, Mrs Claus and the elves. They really enjoyed it and the staff were very friendly, understanding and patient with my sons who have autism. The boys also loved the presents, and won a toy at the tombola. This was the second year we've been and it was even better than last time. Will be bringing my boys back here again next year!"

Grotto visitor – 2021

"Visited the north pole this morning and what a magical experience for the children. So well organised and every volunteer there couldn't be more polite and welcoming. Although out of their hands the snow did make it extra special. Would definitely return again! Thank you so much for a wonderful morning even managed to get a scrooge like me into the Christmas spirit!"

Grotto visitor – 2021

OVER 29,000

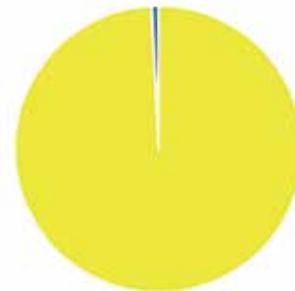
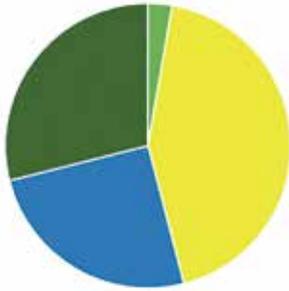
children have visited our Santa's Grotto's in Warrington Market and Walton Gardens



WDP Financial Position 2020-21

Income £995,306

Expenditure £977,433

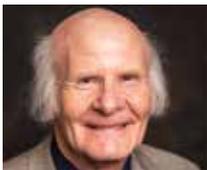


- Voluntary Income (£27k)
- Charitable Activities (£430k)
- Trading to raise funds (£250k)
- Other (£288k)

- Charitable activities (£969k)
- Income Generation and Governance (£8k)

The above information has been taken from the audited Warrington Disability Partnership (WDP) Accounts for the financial period 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021, as reported to the Charities Commission. These accounts, as well as accounts in relation to the Disability Trading Company Limited (WDP's Subsidiary Company) have been reported to Companies House.

WDP Board of Trustees & DTC Directors



JOHN GARTSIDE OBE JP DL
Chair



PAT KITTO
Vice-Chair &
DTC Board Member



DAVE WILLIAMS
Secretary &
DTC Board Member



PAUL CLANCY
Treasurer



MIKE DAWBARN
Retired - Jan 2021



LATHAM PARRY
Retired - Jan 2021



EILEEN MACDONALD



JAN PRITCHARD



GARY SKENTELBERY



ANITA CAWLEY



SUE McMILLAN



DAVE KELSALL



CLAIRE TOBIJANSKI



ADAM HAINES



TONY BROWN



ELLEN HOUGHTON
WDP Young Trustee



DAVID JONES
DTC Chair



ANDREW STEVENSON
DTC Non-executive director



BILL BRADLEY
DTC Non-executive director



JAMIE BOYD
DTC Non-executive director

Disability Awareness Day 2021 (DAD30)

After months of speculation over if our 30th annual event would be held live in 2021, we finally got the green light to go ahead, but with only 12 weeks to plan and deliver the event, our team worked tirelessly to hold DAD30 on Sunday 12th September.

Led by our principal sponsors Expanse Learning Group and United Utilities, we were overwhelmed by the positive response from our corporate sponsors; BAS (NW), NRS Healthcare, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, Warrington Borough Council, Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Torus, the Steve Morgan Foundation, Cheshire Community Foundation, Culture Warrington, Livewire and supporters Warrington's Own Buses, Active Cheshire and Chester University.

Six events were held during the week before DAD30, with something for everyone, employers, mental health, disabled children, young disabled people, carers and our 30th anniversary celebration evening.

With nearly 200 exhibitors displaying mobility and independent living equipment, transport, holidays, leisure, employment, support groups and services, a Sports Zone

including Scuba diving, an Arts Marquee with live acts, a further Arts Marquee dedicated to arts and crafts, Centre Arena with bands, dogs and bird displays, a marquee hosting a Silent Disco and family entertainment.

Entertaining the crowds in the Arts Marquee were acts including nationally acclaimed Ella Together and Warrington BSL Signing Choir, Creating Adventures, Dream Team Drama, Warrington West Concert Band, Bridgewater Singers, Wired for Sound and Corey Scene and AM3.

With around 19,000 visitors, this was higher than expected given the disproportionate effect COVID-19 has had on the disabled community. The positive feedback received has been very encouraging, with many visitors said that DAD was the first large event they had attended in over 18 months.

Special guests included the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Robert Mee DL, Mayor of Warrington, Councillor Maureen Creaghan and Andy Carter MP and Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner John Dwyer. Best exhibitor awards, Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioners Office won Best Statutory Service, Limb-Art won Best Business and Stanley Grange won Best Voluntary Sector.

Huge thank you to members of the DAD Management Team, DAD Site Team, DAD Admin Team, DAD's Army of volunteers and everyone involved in getting the job done in a very professional manner.

The icing on the 30th anniversary cake was hearing that our colleagues in Cameroon from the Closing the Gap charity, delivered their DAD festivities to coincide with ours.

DAD 2022 will be held on Sunday 17th July. Visit disabilityawarenessday.org.uk for more details.



Working in Partnership

A Big Thank You

Warrington Disability Partnership would like to thank everyone that has supported, donated and worked alongside us during the past 12 months - including:

- Warrington Borough Council
- Torus
- Expanse Learning
- NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group
- United Utilities
- MerseyCare NHS Trust
- Livewire Warrington
- Skills For Care
- Culture Warrington
- BAS (NW) Ltd
- NRS Healthcare
- WBC Community Champions
- Disability Positive
- Warrington & Vale Royal College
- Active Cheshire
- Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust
- Liverpool City Council
- Liverpool Community Healthcare Trust
- Catalyst Choices
- Warrington's Own Buses
- National Lottery
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- The Steve Morgan Foundation
- Cheshire Community Foundation
- Voisey & Co
- Chapel Ford Farm
- Golden Square Shopping Centre
- Pete Pinnington Presents
- F11 Photography
- Walton Hall and Gardens
- Asda - Warrington Cockhedge
- Asda - Birchwood
- Birchwood Shopping Centre
- Warrington Worldwide
- Today Team
- Warrington & Co
- The Hoppy Trust
- Dunky's Day Nursery
- Mechtech Installations
- Foden Estates Ltd
- Toni & Guy Stockton Heath
- Central Self Drive
- Protive Security
- Cheshire Scuba Academy
- Thorn Marine
- Warrington Guardian
- Tesco Community Fund
- Warrington Youth Club
- Warrington Wolves Foundation
- Skillzone Ltd
- Leonard Cheshire
- Fairview Windows
- Mayor of Warrington
- The Duckpond
- Miss S Shaw
- WBC - Highways Assets Team
- Bright Futures Care
- Radio Warrington
- Radio General - Hospital Radio
- HCC Printers
- Cheshire Times
- Magical Memories
- MD Media
- Job Centre Plus
- Ash Integrated Services
- BT Skips
- Thorn Cross
- Relay Technical Transport
- Bruntwood
- NSL Parking
- Ella Performance Group
- Ellie Thompson
- Chaigeley Education Foundation
- University of Chester
- Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
- WIRED Carers
- Steve Hull
- Ken Mardle
- Lees Johnson
- Flex
- JK Ross
- Direct Line
- Warrington & Halton Hospitals Charity
- Sue Emery & Fearnhead Community Group
- The Holroyd Foundation
- Steff Manfredi
- M62 Connections
- Cottons District Convalescent Fund

Birthday Fundraisers:

- Eilidh MacDonald
- Tony Longmore
- Karl Davies
- Dave Thompson

Around the World Challenge Participants:

- Bill Bradley & Ian Northey
- Gary Skentelbery
- Sarah Matthews
- Aaron & Partners
- Veronica Hudson
- Tommy Hammond
- Pam Rouse
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- Peter Ives
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- Michael Smith
- Anne Nunn

★ Star Fundraiser – Gary Skentelbery ★

During 2021, Gary took on his year-long challenge to run the equivalent of 30 half marathons (660km). Completed on the 30th December, Gary has raised a fantastic £4,000 for WDP. Well done Gary!

Gary said: 'I thought I had bitten off more than I could chew but the overwhelming support and donations drove me on, although the final month which involved running 95k often alone on dark, cold wet nights, nearly finished me off! Thrilled by the amount raised!'



★ Star Fundraiser – Pam Rouse ★

During the last 12 months, Pam has walked a total of 500 miles (including 30 x 10km walks), with a combination of local walks as well as walks further afield in Somerset and Staffordshire.



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