

# Warrington Disability Partnership

## Annual Report 2019



The High Sheriff's  
Awards for Enterprise  
*2018/19*

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Giving Disabled People  
Hope & Opportunity



## Introduction

# Chairman and Chief Executive's Report

Welcome to our latest annual report. It is often said that life at WDP is never dull, and we know that life is full of ups and downs, but at times during the past year, it has felt like a ride on the famous "Big One" rollercoaster.

The highs do not come much better than the feedback we received after an amazing Disability Awareness Day, probably the best we have delivered in its 28-year history. In addition, our social enterprise, the Disability Trading Company, continues to expand with a new shop in Sankey Street and another due to open soon in Birchwood Shopping Centre. We were overwhelmed by the success of our first Santa's Grotto and Santa Dash held at Walton Gardens. Not forgetting our incredible Charity Dinner.

We have been humbled by the number of awards we received during the year including the Cheshire High Sheriffs Award for Enterprise, the Association of Mobility Professionals National Awards, Active Cheshire's - Everyday Super Hero Awards and Warrington Guardian Inspiration Awards. We were honoured to be named as one of the Mayor of Warrington Councillor Wendy Johnson's Charities of the Year.

Sadly, the lows have also come thick and fast. Like many other charities, some of our contract negotiations have been torturous, as austerity measures faced by our statutory partners have led to several difficult and challenging conversations. At times, it has felt like some decision makers know the cost of a service, but sadly, no understanding of the value and the social impact of the service to our clients. Only after appealing to senior directors were we able to stave off the closure of one of our most valuable town centre based services. With protracted negotiations continuing regarding other vital services, the year ahead will no doubt be equally difficult.

We accept that cuts endured by our statutory partners has massively affected their budgets, therefore we feel the time is right for commissioning managers to take the opportunity to seriously consider the cost effective and efficient options that social enterprises like ours offer in the delivery of local services. We feel strongly that the town's third sector is a vital resource, one that needs to be more closely aligned to the public sector, in particular the planning and commissioning of health and social care.

Feedback we receive from our clients, customers and partners confirms that we continue to enhance the lives of tens of thousands of disabled people; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Giving them hope and opportunity remains at the heart of our work.

Our aim is to become less reliant on contracts by developing stronger collaborations with local philanthropic businesses and individuals, offering them a valued option in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility. Alongside this, we will look for new fundraising opportunities.

Although we continue to endure a tough financial climate, we are extremely pleased to report that our positive financial performance remains steady and in line with our business plan. This has only been possible due to the continuing support of our corporate partners.

Looking ahead, we are working on our 5-year strategy that will be based on five key themes: Well Governed, Sustainability/Growth, Well Connected, Key Influencer and Innovation.

We are enormously grateful for the dedication of our team including our volunteers, staff, trustees and non-executive directors at Warrington Disability Partnership and our social enterprise the Disability Trading Company.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone involved in supporting our work, our partners, our funders, supporters, service users and customers. We look forward to increasing our positive impact on the lives of disabled people throughout the year ahead.

**John Gartside OBE DL JP, Chairman  
Dave Thompson MBE DL,  
Co-founder and Chief Executive**



**During the past year we have mourned the losses of; John Allen, Joyce Magusha-Charambeni, Norman Banner MBE DL, Gary Gleave, Jade Kersalls, Christine Molyneux, Keith Menzies and Jim Muir. May they all rest in peace.**



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'Supporting Independence throughout Life and Work'

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# 2019 highlights

## The year in pictures



WDP launches 'Your Voice' - a forum for Young Disabled People

Your voice  
Young Disabled Persons Forum

Want to have your say about making Warrington more inclusive?  
Make new friends? Be part of a team? Get your voice heard?

Join us at our Young Disabled Persons Forum  
11am - 1:30pm  
For ages 11-20, free to join

Saturday 8th February 2020  
Saturday 14th March 2020  
Saturday 18th April 2020  
Saturday 16th May 2020  
Saturday 13th June 2020  
Saturday 18th July 2020  
Saturday 15th August 2020  
Saturday 12th September 2020  
Saturday 17th October 2020  
Saturday 14th November 2020  
Saturday 12th December 2020

For more information and registration please contact  
Ebony on [e.cropper@disabilitypartnership.org.uk](mailto:e.cropper@disabilitypartnership.org.uk)  
or 01925 240064

Warrington Disability Partnership  
Centre for Independent Living  
Beaufort Street, WAS 1BA



Our first ever 'Easter Bunny Walk' saw participants take on various challenges to solve the clues



WDP receives the 'High Sheriffs Award for Enterprise'



The 'Creepy Crawly Funday', organised by The Duckpond saw many people 'Face their Fears'



Our New Leaf Team (Employment and Training) has been shortlisted in the Partner of the Year category for the National ERSA Employability Awards.



WDP Volunteers recognised at the Warrington Voluntary Action Awards at the Town Hall

# Who we are and what we do

**Warrington Disability Partnership (WDP) is an internationally acclaimed user led charity. With over 28 years' experience of developing and delivering mobility and independent living services, our aim is to support disabled people and people 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) on Beaufort Street, the Disabled Living Centre on Brunswick Dock, Liverpool or our Mobility and Independent Living Solutions Store in Golden Square, Warrington to see all the latest equipment from baths, showers and kitchens to beds, wheelchairs and stair lifts, as well as a short term hire service for equipment including wheelchairs and scooters.

Recent additions offering further information, advice and guidance are the "Smart Flat" demonstrating the latest assistive technology solutions, based at the CIL and the Mobility and Independent Living Service based at Warrington Hospital.

Our Shopmobility Scheme in Legh Street Car Park, Warrington offers both scooters and wheelchairs for use within the Town Centre. They are available for hire to both members and visitors, Monday to Saturday (9am to 5pm).

In addition, our Scoota Safe Campaign promotes road safety to mobility scooter users and prevent accidents whilst using equipment.

Our Disability Helpline (01925 240064) offers advice about local support groups and services, access, transport and more. The OWCH Pain Management support group help and support 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 advice on recruitment, DBS checks, pensions 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 over how 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 international Phoenix project, launched in 2017 has already refurbished over £750,000 worth of mobility and independent living equipment sent to people in need in Egypt, Thailand, Syria and refugees in Greece.

### 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 our unfunded services. For details of the services offered, please see page 6.

### Employment Support

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 the employment process; job searching, CVs, application forms, preparing for interviews and gaining employment. We also support people who are in work, as well as employers by giving information about adjustments in the workplace.

### Learning and Development

Visit the Marjorie Griffiths Learning Centre (MGLC) on Beaufort Street and take advantage of lots of courses to educate and inspire. These include 'Computers for the Terrified', OCR qualifications, IT, flower arranging and creative writing.

Additional training including 'Disability Confident' training is available for health and social care providers, voluntary organisations and individuals.

### Accessible Holidays & Days Out

Our fully accessible holiday homes in North Wales and our adapted, wheelchair-accessible narrow boat 'The Wizard', are available for hire at competitive rates – leaving you to enjoy a bargain break or day out on the water!

### Opportunities to Socialise

We run a variety of Luncheon Clubs for individuals who are looking for friendship, activities and of course, lunch! Our over 55's clubs meet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 2pm. As well as enjoying lunches together all year round, attendees also enjoy playing bingo; games; quizzes; chair-based exercises, and guest speakers. Our Monday Club caters for the under 55's with a wide variety of activities including social activities, crafts, bingo and photography. There is a small charge of £5 for the sessions and individuals are required to attend using their own transport.

Our Galleries Community Café offers a wide range of meals, snacks and drinks in a 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 'Staying Connected' meetings at our Centre for Independent Living, providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information about local services. Sessions are open to all who have long term health condition or disability (physical, mental health, sensory or learning difficulty), carers and representatives of support groups/organisations and statutory services.

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 and/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 Volunteer, please contact the team on 01925 240064.**

# 2019 highlights

## The year in pictures



During 2019, WDP supported the development of two new self-help groups – ‘Warrington Wired Amputees’ and ‘Heads2gether’



Our ‘DAD’s Army’ Team were shortlisted in the Warrington Guardian ‘Charity of the Year’ Awards



Dave Thompson and Gary Skentleberry received ‘Everyday Superhero Awards’ from Active Cheshire



The annual Going the Extra Mile Scuba Challenge saw experienced divers take on the underwater mile, as well as introducing other disabled people to the sport



WDP Charity Dinner which raised over £6,000.



WDP celebrated the 3rd year of the Phoenix project working with St Mark Universal Care, supplying equipment worth over £750,000 to overseas projects.



# Disability Trading Company – owned and operated by WDP

The Disability Trading Company (DTC) is WDP's social enterprise / trading arm. Launched in 2010, DTC was built on two decades of WDP's experience. Together we have developed a national reputation for our unique user led philosophy and willingness to work in partnership. Offering a wide range of high-quality mobility and independent living products at competitive prices. From basic daily living products to bespoke seating, stair-lifts and access ramps, mobility scooters, powered and manual wheelchairs, rise and recline chairs, adjustable beds, ramps, bath seats and much more.

Backed up by an extensive range of support services, and for visitors to our Warrington Centre for Independent Living they will find a purpose built workshop and service centre, a mobility test and training track and our Galleries Café.

Our retail services are located at the Centre for Independent Living (CIL), the Lifehouse at Brunswick Dock, Liverpool, our Mobility and Independent Living Stores in the Golden Square and another at Warrington Hospital. We offer a wide range of pre-owned products from our Shopmobility Scheme also located in the Golden Square. A range of assistive technology solutions is available on sale at our Smart Flat located adjacent to the CIL. **Our latest retail store is due to open in Birchwood Shopping Centre, February 2020.**

Thanks to our partners "St Mark Universal Copts Care", our Phoenix Project continued to refurbish and ship wheelchairs and other mobility aids to charities in Egypt, Thailand and Syria.

During 2018, we were proud to have secured a Motability dealership, which allows people to use their enhanced mobility component of DLA or PIP to lease a power-chair or mobility

scooter. We added interest free finance and three months free insurance offers, and we extended our product range with several new dealerships including Quantum Power-chairs. We strengthened our relationship with the British Health Trades Association, underlining our belief in their "Buy with Confidence" scheme that is accredited to Trading Standards. During the past year we were honoured to have been shortlisted in a number of local and national awards including the Warrington Business Awards and AMP Magazine Awards.

## 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 older and young 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 versus 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 use their experience of living with a disability or long-term health condition to ensure they sell the right products,
- Hundreds of volunteer hours contribute to reducing DTC overheads, which result in savings that are passed on to the customers.

**Mobility & Independent Living**

**WHAT WE OFFER:**

- Equipment Sales
- Equipment Servicing & Repairs
- Continence Products
- Daily Living Aids
- Battery Testing
- Fully Trained Staff
- Free assessments on site or at home
- Low prices and part exchange considered
- 3 months free insurance
- Interest free credit

**Motability**

**Don't just buy a product... buy the right product**

**WARRINGTON SHOWROOM**  
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**BHTA**  
British Healthcare Trades Association

**for more information visit w: [disabilitytradingcompany.co.uk](http://disabilitytradingcompany.co.uk)**

# Our 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.

"I will be forever grateful to the Direct Payments and Payroll Services. Without their support, my disabled daughter would be unable to live with me. She would have no other option but to move elsewhere – something that I can't bear to imagine"

*Direct Payments and Payroll Client*

# 93%

of Disability Matters and Social Impact survey participants said that using WDP services had increased their quality of life, helped them to feel good about themselves or feel more useful.

"Brilliant local organisation. Very helpful and supportive for both people with disabilities and their families/carers etc."

*Visitor to the Centre for Independent Living*



"The children were impressed with how Tom had overcome what had happened to him and appreciated his honesty and openness. They showed a lot of understanding about equality and the use of language. They were so fired up, they wrote to the Children's Oxford English Dictionary to complain about their definition of 'normal'. Raising awareness of what people with disabilities can achieve, has really made a positive impact on our Children."

*Feedback received following a Disability Awareness Session by Team WDP at a local primary school.*



Average overall satisfaction score from Disability Matters and Social Impact Survey 2019 respondents

# Our Impact

# 13%

growth achieved for  
**The Disability Trading Company**  
during 2018/19



WDP has inspired others across the globe to hold their own DAD events including an event, organised by 'Closing the Gap' in Cameroon (pictured above)

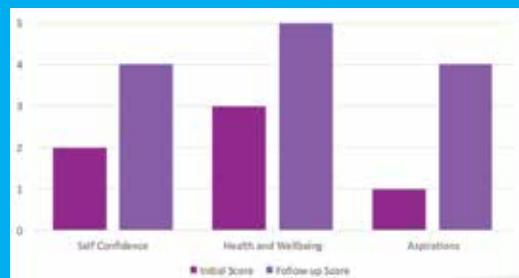
# 99%

of Family and Friends Test respondents would recommend our services to family and friends

# 35,000



The New Leaf Employment and Training Personal Assessment Tool measures progress whilst clients are engaged on the programme. Improvements are measured on a scale of 1 - 5.



'For me the New Leaf gave me a support network that I knew would not give up on me and that were always true to their word. My involvement with New Leaf has been life-changing, I have now found suitable employment, I'm secure in my housing and definitely have a more positive approach to life in general. New Leaf has had a direct and meaningful impact on my life and I feel fortunate to have been referred to WDP. Your work makes a real difference to peoples' lives.'

WDP New Leaf Client

Our team supports almost 400 direct payments clients to employ nearly 700 personal assistants to support their independent living within Warrington.

visitors to the Centre for Independent Living in 2019; including Adam Hills, who came to talk about support for amputees (below left) and the Mayor of Warrington who met with some of our long-serving volunteers (below).



Our team engaged with over

# 6,000

people during our 2019 Christmas activities



Our Shopmobility service based in the Golden Square Shopping Centre, enables those with limited mobility to gain greater freedom and independence when visiting Warrington Town Centre. During 2019 our 296 members and 996 day visitors have used our mobility equipment over 4,000 times.

#### What has OWCH done for me?

- Supported me with trauma of losing my 51 year old husband
- Built my confidence and raised my self esteem
- Made me laugh even on down days
- Provided me with my OWCH family
- Supported me during my journey with my rare disease and disabilities
- Offered Complementary therapies free of charge/as presents or as a prize
- Provided social activity including a Wizard boat trip
- Reduced isolation and improved my mood
- Provided literature, speakers and information
- Provided nutritious snack and meals
- Allowed me to flourish and use my talents

*Feedback received from a member of the OWCH (One Wednesday Can't Hurt) Pain Management Support Group*

# 40

Disability Awareness Training Sessions

## 2,360 Attendees

Organisations include: schools, universities, scouts, and businesses such as United Utilities, LiveWire, Liverpool City Council, Spire Cheshire Hospital, Warrington Wolves, Livewire and Culture Warrington.



*"I had always thought about the obvious signs of disability, but Dave has raised my awareness to the millions of people affected by unseen disabilities"*  
Manager, United Utilities

# 195

Christmas Dinners served in the Galleries Café during December 2019.

# 100%

of WDP staff members agree that  
**'WDP is currently delivering its' purpose to enhance the lives of Disabled People'**

(WDP Staff Survey 2019)

# Our Impact

Disability Awareness Day 2019 (28th Annual Event)

'DAD's army do it again... congratulations on a very smooth and efficient, organised day.'

Radio General  
DAD 2019 Exhibitor and  
Main Arena Compere.

## Reasons given for attending DAD 2019

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

**1 Big Day**  
**11 Complimentary Events**  
**28,000 Visitors**



Picture courtesy: F11 Photography

St Petersburg  
2,126 km

2,658,625

Steps completed by the DAD Week Team during Disability Awareness Week 2019. This is the equivalent to 2,126 km the distance from Warrington to St Petersburg, Russia.

# Our Team

Affectionately known as 'Team WDP', our team of almost 50 staff and over 200 volunteers work tirelessly to enhance the lives of disabled people, their families, friends and carers by promoting and enabling independent living.

Our volunteers remain at the heart of everything that we do and continue to make a difference to peoples' lives, reduce isolation and promote hope and opportunity to those in need. With over 90% of the team having direct experience of living with a disability, real life experiences are used to help and support others.

Over 80% of staff members began their WDP journey as a volunteer. For many of the team this is a huge testament to their commitment and dedication to learn and development their skills to gain employment, some through apprenticeship opportunities. In addition, WDP staff members lead by example and are committed to giving additional voluntary hours on a regular basis.

During 2019, two of our WDP volunteers (Hilary and Linda) gained employment within our services. Through their voluntary roles, they gained additional skills and confidence to enable them to make this transition.

Our Phoenix Project worker (Sean) who initially joined us as a volunteer at Disability Awareness Day, was also successful in gaining a new role in the Royal Navy. Team WDP are proud of the role that we have played in supporting Sean to achieve his dreams.

## How You Can Help Us

Do you want to share or learn new skills, develop skills to help you move into employment, give something back to your local community or offer support to other volunteers? Whatever the reasons, this can be achieved by volunteering at WDP



across many of our services. Why not support our unfunded services by holding your own event, taking part in a challenge or attend one of our own exciting events held throughout the year? We're always looking for people to help out with the various events we attend to help raise funds for WDP.

**Visit our website [www.disabilitypartnership.org.uk](http://www.disabilitypartnership.org.uk) for details of forthcoming events and to sign up to our email alerts, follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/disabilitypartnership](https://www.facebook.com/disabilitypartnership) or on Twitter (@WDPcomms).**

## Case Study - Hilary Evans, Showroom Assistant

Since leaving school, Hilary had always been in employment taking on various retail roles, a community care role, as well as running her own cleaning business. Hilary had always been fit and healthy, up until the time that she was diagnosed with a heart condition. Due to the nature of this condition and, on the suggestion of her doctor, she was sadly forced to give up her business and leave work.

After taking some time out and being unable to work, Hilary found herself becoming extremely bored and fed up. Her Aunty, who was a good friend of our Volunteer Coordinator at that time, introduced Hilary to Warrington Disability Partnership. Hilary joined our team as a showroom volunteer in September 2018 and has never looked back. Hilary credits the support and understanding of the WDP Team, as the key factor that has enabled her to return into a working environment.

Hilary was awarded the Best Newcomer Award at our 2018/19 AGM, in recognition of the way in which she had settled into the team and quickly gained knowledge of the products available. In April 2019, Hilary gained part-time employment as a Showroom Assistant and has continued to develop her knowledge, becoming a valuable member of the team. Of her new role, Hilary says "I absolutely love what I do. From the wonderful team that I work alongside, the customers that I am able to help and all of the tasks that I do within my role, I enjoy every minute and have never looked back"



# 2019 highlights

## The year in pictures



Right: Sarah Matthews successfully completes 52 Marathons in 52 weeks for WDP



Left:  
Sarah's  
medals.

Above: The Mayor of Warrington 2018/2019, Councillor Karen Munday, raised over £10,000 for her chosen charities. Thank you for choosing WDP as one of these charities.



Successful relocation of our Golden Square Mobility Store to a larger unit in Sankey Street



Our team supported this year's Purple Tuesday, raising awareness of the spending power of disabled people, as well as the barriers that are faced.

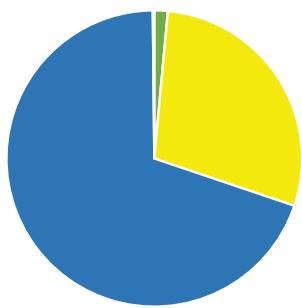


Above: The first WDP Santa Dash was a great success with over 70 Santa's taking part

Left: Our relocated Santa's Grotto was a great success and included dedicated autism hours.

# WDP Financial Position 2018-19

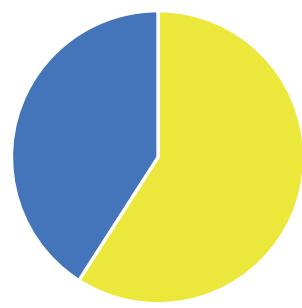
Income £1,702,535



Voluntary Income (£25k)  
Charitable activities (£489k)  
Trading to raise funds (£1.19m)  
Other (£3k)

The above information has been taken from the audited consolidated accounts for the financial period 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019, as reported by the Charities Commission.

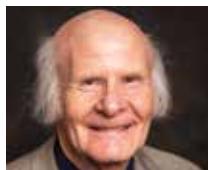
Expenditure £1,664,805



Charitable activities (£958k)  
Income generation and governance (£707k)

The consolidated accounts include Warrington Disability Partnership and its Subsidiary Company (The Disability Trading Company). The cost of raising funds includes the purchase of stock for resale.

## 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



EILEEN MACDONALD  
Treasurer



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JAN PRITCHARD



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GARY SKENTELBERY



ANITA CAWLEY



SUE McMILLAN  
(CO-OPTED)



HALA FOUD



PAM THOMPSON  
WDP Honorary President



TERRY WADSWORTH  
WDP Honorary Vice-President



DAVID JONES  
DTC Chair



MARK SEABORN  
DTC Non-executive director



BILL BRADLEY  
DTC Non-executive director



JAMIE BOYD  
DTC Non-executive director

# Disability Awareness Day 2019

Over 25,000 people attended this years' annual Disability Awareness Day (DAD28) recognised internationally as the largest annual voluntary-led pan disability Independent Living Exhibition in the world. The event, held at Walton Gardens attracted over 250 exhibitors showcasing a wide range of equipment, mobility products, transport solutions, employment support, education, health and social care, leisure activities, plus over 100 support groups. The aim of the event, as always, was to promote all aspects of independent living through the promotion of what disabled people "can do".

DAD28 engaged a wide range of the community, with a further 2,000 people involved in activities starting the week prior to the big day. These included:



- Frogtastic Party for people who have a Learning Disability.
- Disability Awareness and Smart Heart Event for primary school pupils and their teachers in partnership with Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Warrington and Halton Clinical Commissioning Groups End of Life Stakeholder Event
- Northwest Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Annual Involvement Event and Ignite Your Life - Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshops & Exhibition
- Warrington Together Health and Wellbeing Workshop and Marketplace
- Making Warrington Disability Confident - Warrington Disability Partnership, Jobcentre Plus and Warrington Business Exchange presenting a workshop on how to make your business or organisation Disability Confident.
- Ella's Summertime Special and Ella Queens Award for Voluntary Services celebration
- Party in the Park for disabled children and young disabled people
- DAD Mega Quiz Night and Charity Auction

Many of this year's exhibitors were housed in a huge tented village of marquees, including a Centre Arena and a huge Performing Arts Marquee. The Dave Connor Sports Zone offered lots of activites to have a go at, including scuba diving in the on-site pool, Rugby, Fencing and Martial Arts. Crowds were entertained with fantastic line-ups of talent including some of the UK's leading disabled artists, Display Teams, Choirs, Birds of Prey, Dog Displays and the Katumba Samba Band.

Once again, DAD28 continued the international theme: the MESSAGE Institute based in Jaipur India ran their 11th Annual Disability Awareness Day, 'Closing the Gap', based in Cameroon held their own versions of DAD and the Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation in Uganda held their second four-day Expo. The 1 Step 2 Step organisation, based in Thailand also held awareness raising events and assisted disabled children to make bunting which was displayed at our event.

On behalf of the DAD Management Team, we would like to thank everyone who supported this years' event; sponsors, supporters, DAD Stewards, exhibitors and visitors. In particular, our new joint principal sponsors for 2019, Expanse Learning Group and Harry Fairclough Construction and also St Marks Universal Care, for their support as Prime Sponsors of our DAD week events and Arts Marquee.

Disability Awareness Day 2020 (DAD29) will be held on Sunday 12th July



# 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
- St Mark Universal Care
- Golden Gates Housing Trust / Torus
- Liverpool City Council
- Expanse Learning
- Harry Fairclough Construction
- NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group
- United Utilities
- The Holroyd Foundation
- North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Livewire Warrington
- Skills For Care
- University of Chester - Warrington Campus
- Culture Warrington
- BAS (NW) Ltd
- NRS Healthcare
- Unison - North West
- Cheshire Centre for Independent Living
- BT
- Warrington & Vale Royal College
- Active Cheshire
- Barclays Bank PLC

It's great to be working in partnership with such a fantastic organisation such as Warrington Disability Partnership."

*Bill Bradley,  
MD - BAS (NW) Ltd*

## WDP Patrons:

- Prof Steven Broomhead
- Dr Naser Fouad DL
- Kathy Cowell OBE DL
- Liz Smith
- Lord Doug Hoyle
- Cllr Mike Hannon
- Pete Pinnington
- Peter Ives
- Ryan Atkins

- Warrington & Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust
- Catalyst Choices
- Warrington's Own Buses
- NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group
- Gladstone Brookes
- Cheshire Community Foundation
- Voisey & Co
- Chapelford Farm
- Golden Square Shopping Centre
- Pete Pinnington Presents
- Ikea Warrington
- F11 Photography
- Walton Hall and Gardens
- Lions Clubs International
- Birchwood Shopping Centre
- Warrington Worldwide
- Today Team
- Dunky's Day Nursery
- Mech Tech Automotive
- Foden Estates Ltd
- Cheshire Telecom
- The Hoppy Trust
- Central Self Drive
- Money Management Team Ltd
- The Print Company
- Tony & Guy, Stockton Heath
- Merseycare NHS Trust
- Protive Security
- Cheshire Scuba Academy
- Thorn Marine
- Barn Owl Inn
- Warrington Guardian
- Warrington Sea Cadets
- TS Obdurate
- Warrington Wolves Foundation
- Skillzone Ltd
- Leonard Cheshire
- Fairview Windows
- Mayor of Warrington
- The Duckpond
- Culcheth Arms Pub
- Jennifer Davies
- St Josephs Parish Church
- The Peacock Pub
- St Oswalds Social Club
- Hays Travel - Stockton Health
- Warrington and District Senior Bowls Association
- Miss S Shaw
- Evelyn Street Primary School
- Asda - Westbrook
- Asda - Cockhedge
- Sarah Matthews
- Boteler Grammar Old Boys School
- WBC - Highways Assets Team
- Radio Warrington
- Radio General - Hospital Radio
- Warrington Rotary Club
- Essential Guide
- South Warrington News
- Magical Memories
- MD Media
- Job Centre Plus
- Bailey Thomas Charitable Trust
- Staticelec
- BT Skips
- Generation
- Thorn Cross
- Sharples Group
- Relay Technical Transport
- Bruntwood
- NSL Parking
- Ella Performance Group
- Friends of Walton Estate
- Hexel
- Uniquin
- Pennington Choices
- Mayden Support
- 3 Pugs Gin
- FDR Law
- Community Integrated Care
- Prison Service Charity Fund
- New Song Church
- Alan Kent
- Convertabath

## Donations in memory of:

Jeannie Shaw  
Gary Gleaves  
Scott Baron

*The Duckpond is a voluntary group aimed at challenging people to get active and make life experiences, whilst raising money for charities. In 2019, they chose WDP as their charity of the year. To celebrate their 5 year anniversary, the team took on an number of 'Face your Fears' challenges including completing the '3 Peaks Challenge' and organising a Creepy Crawly event at the Centre for Independent Living, as well as supporting our own events.*

*"The Duckpond chose to support WDP for a number of reasons; they're local and the work they do in the community is widely apparent, they've been very supportive of our efforts to help raise fund for them and finally the team as a whole are lovely people and their dedication to the charity really shines through."*

*The Duckpond*



# Help us to help others

## Events Calendar 2020

- January  
**WDP Quiz Night – Friday 31st**  
St Oswald's Social Club
- March  
**WDP Sponsored Swim – Saturday 21st**  
Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub
- April  
**WDP Quiz Night – Friday 3rd**  
St Oswald's Social Club
- May  
**Walk in the Park – Sunday 17th**  
Centre for the Independent Living
- June  
**WDP Quiz Night – Friday 5th**  
St Oswald's Social Club
- July  
**Frogtastic in the Park – Tuesday 7th**  
**DAD Mega Quiz – Friday 10th**  
**Disability Awareness Day 2020 – Sunday 12th**  
Walton Gardens
- August  
**WDP Quiz Night – Friday 7th**  
St Oswald's Social Club
- September  
**Scoota Safe Event - Saturday 26th**
- October  
**WDP Quiz Night – Friday 2nd**  
St Oswald's Social Club
- WDP Charity Dinner – Friday 9th**  
Park Royal Hotel
- November  
**WDP Scuba Challenge – Saturday 14th**  
Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub
- Santa's Grotto – Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th**
- December  
**WDP Quiz Night – Friday 4th**  
St Oswald's Social Club
- Santa's Grotto – Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th,  
Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th, Saturday 19th,  
Sunday 20th and Monday 21st**
- Santa Dash – Sunday 13th**

For further details, or to sign up for any of these events, please contact the WDP Fundraising Team on

**01925 240064**



Join Team WDP



Make a donation



Organise your own event



Take on a new challenge



Attend our events



Leave a Legacy



Join our sponsored events  
(swim, scuba, walks)