

Meath 100

What would you do if you won?

A great way to support us & you might get to treat yourself too!

Memberships available



Take a look at our new video to find out more about how (easily) the Meath 100 works!

<https://www.meath.org.uk/meath-100-lottery/>

Join for £5 per month and you could be a Meath 100 winner! Annual Membership is £60 and it's quick and easy to sign up via the website! Each month, 1 lucky member wins £150, 2 lucky members win £50 and the people we support benefit from the remaining funds which equates to £3,000 per year!



The Meath Online Shop is back, offering free delivery to the local area or postal service. Bag yourself some unique gifts for those hard to buy for people, or simply treat yourself! Our stunning Meath 100% silk chiffon scarves make an elegant, long lasting Easter gift.



Dates for your Diary

- 31st May, 8am, The Berkshire Captain's Golf Day, The Berkshire Golf Club
- 14th July, 8am, The Meath Annual Golf Day, Worplesdon Golf Club
- 30th September, Quiz Evening, The Stag at Eashing
- 13th December, 7pm, Carols at St Clement Danes, London
- 3rd April 2022, 3pm, Bringing The House Down, a Concert at Glyndebourne in Support of The Meath



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Dear Reader

Welcome to our Spring edition of Meath Matters. After a long and challenging winter, we are all grateful to see lockdown restrictions easing while The Meath grounds are blossoming. Once again, we look forward to welcoming visitors to The Meath and to some wonderful fundraising events ahead of us.

Although we have been in lockdown, it has been far from quiet! We have launched our new film 'Capable of More' and were delighted that it caught the eye of BBC South Today. We have also introduced our new 'Recognising Ability' blog which aims to highlight the many examples of how the people we support are enabled to achieve their goals and live as independently as possible.

Despite it having been a challenging year, we are thrilled to see the 2020-21 Fundraising Projects come to fruition. In this newsletter we share with you news of our newly completed sensory room and the lovely new Changing Perceptions mini bus. As always, it is very special to see your generous donations and hard work benefit the people we support. We will update you on some other important on-going projects soon.

Finally, please take a look at some of the wonderful, forthcoming fundraising events that we hope to run later this year. Although still a little way into the horizon, it is at least, a step in the right direction to have some dates for your diary!

Stay Safe & Best wishes

Tania





Stop Press! Our New Film Rolls into Action!

A year ago we were fortunate enough to work with a team of supporters who helped us create our short but punchy film 'Capable of More'. Due to the unexpected pandemic we have only just released the film and are thrilled with reactions to it! Our little film recently caught the eye of BBC South Today where it was featured, along with extracts of our behind the scenes film and interviews with Helen Jackson, Marketing Manager and Sean, Meath resident, who stars in our short film. You can find our extraordinary little film, the behind the scenes film and an interview with Sean at our home page. You'll also find the BBC South Today feature on our You Tube Chanel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCXR-UWXQQw>



"Don't miss this uplifting little film with a big (and bold) message!"
Sam Renke,
Actress



Please do continue to help us by sharing the film!

While the aim of the film is to grab attention and attract new support, we are really pleased to have received lots of support from The Meath community and supporters. Sean, who is seen driving the road roller in the main film was absolutely beaming from ear to ear when he saw the film for the first time.

In under 1 minute, and with a rather bold and original analogy, the film shows that people who have a disability aspire to live a fulfilled life. In interview with Helen Jackson, Marketing Manager, Sean explained that he is thrilled to have played a key part in this important messaging, but added *"I also love how cool I look driving the roller and can't wait for my girlfriend to see me!"*

Many other residents appear in the accompanying 'Making of' film and were also very pleased to see the end result. Sean, and his housemates at Bradbury Wing, were gathered around the television cheering when they saw The Meath on TV!

A Sensory Room of One's Own

We are simply over the moon to provide this wonderfully immersive, relaxing dedicated sensory room for the very special people we support. This beautifully kitted out room is complete with star lit ceiling, changeable LED lighting, specialist therapy chair, hoist, sofa, projection and sound system. We have also secured one year's salary for a part time sensory therapist. This lovely new facility is soon to become a key feature in our life enriching, wellbeing services and we look forward to the people we support benefitting from it after an incredibly challenging year.



A Ride with Pride for CP!

For some time we have wanted a dedicated minibus for Changing Perceptions. This was made possible by the generosity of a family foundation last autumn. We are utterly made up to have this beautifully decked out new minibus to enable residents to access Changing Perceptions more easily in inclement weather. The care team and residents will be extremely grateful for the air conditioned vehicle on hot days! The new minibus will make a positive difference to many residents on a daily basis, once sessions at CP can resume. Having a branded minibus will also help to promote our unique high street social enterprise while driving around town, as it says on the back of the minibus 'follow us on social media, or follow this van!'.



Recognising Ability Blog

We have so many inspiring stories at The Meath. We're proud to recognise the considerable ability that exists within The Meath and it is with equal pride that we share these stories with you on our new blog. Whether you enjoy the insight into the lives of some of the amazing people within The Meath community, or feel inspired to share your own story, we hope that this blog enables you to join us in recognising ability. To view our blog visit:

<https://www.meath.org.uk/recognising-ability-blog/>



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