



North West Children's Support Group

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Newsletter

Water Park 2014

Water Park 2014 was another great success and our 15th consecutive year at this venue on the shore of Coniston made possible by the continued support from the Eric Wright Trust and Colliers International.

This year we again took a mixed ability group of 20 children consisting of children with a range of disabilities, from underprivileged homes and siblings of children with special needs. They were cared for over the week by 14 volunteer helpers and the wonderful staff at the centre.

We took part in a range of activities including sailing, high ropes, canoeing and ghyll scrambling. We also had a film night, bingo, swimming and several lake trips.

A great time was had by all, roll on next year!

Victorian Fair

Even the horrendous weather this year didn't dampen the charity's drive to raise much needed funds at the Garstang Victorian Evening.

With much preparation from chopping fruit to making vast amounts of mulled wine, volunteers gathered to raise £3,450 (including Barclays £4£ match funding). We had volunteers young and old, with games for the children and some fantastic singing by young helpers. With locals supporting us year on year, we were kept busy with people reporting our Mulled wine was the best in town!

£100 Challenge

Thanks to everyone who took part in our £100 challenge, this really helped us reach our target and allow us to run our annual holidays. We have thrown down the gauntlet again and our next challenge is now underway. Who will be the first to receive their t-shirt?

Training Day

With great excitement over 60 of our charity volunteers gathered for an early start for our annual training weekend. It was full diary which included Safeguarding, Moving and Handling, Feeding, Policies and procedures, all delivered by experienced volunteers within the Charity.

We were very grateful to some guest speakers who delivered sessions on Challenging Behaviour and Makaton – Thanks Debbie and Mary! We were also delighted to welcome a parent of one of our Children who attends the Scotland Holiday. She talked about her experience as a mother of a child with Autism, and how she felt before the holiday and the benefits that she, her family and her daughter experienced through a weeks holiday. It was fantastic to hear how all the charity's hard work benefits everyone in the families.

The plans are already underway for our training weekend this year so make sure it's booked in your diaries!

Scotland Holiday 2014 - (Well Chorley actually!!!)

After a couple of false starts this year's 'Scotland Holiday' was a huge success, if a little shorter than normal! The long weekend started with a day trip to Blackpool Zoo where the children (and helpers) had a great time! We managed to visit on the hottest day in a long time and even the animals were struggling, apart from the penguins that remained cool in their pool.

The weekend was filled with plenty of activities both old favourites and exciting new ones. Highlights included horse riding where Dillon was a natural at guiding his horse around the arena. Swimming at Waves was a great treat, Thomas thoroughly enjoying the wave machine and inflatables while Kieron made the most of the flume!

Sunday was all about the animals, with the morning at a farm; Jack had a great time looking at the animals, when we managed to get him out of the ball pool! In the afternoon we visited the spectacular Blue Planet Aquarium where all the children found something to entertain them, from a walk through the shark tunnel to watching sting rays being fed. William found the role of tour guide the best part, managing to usher Joan E and Val around the centre without getting lost!

The final day was a step back in time to Gulliver's World Theme Park with the bravest of us even trying the 'Antelope Wooden Coaster'! Everyone enjoyed the day and were a little sad when we had to return to the buses for the journey home.

Volunteers both old and new pulled together to create a fantastic trip to Chorley, and the Anderton Centre proved a great venue.

Be part of the future...

Come join me on the committee to increase the number of under 30's. Have your say, help steer the charity and inject your ideas. Being on the committee has increased my insight into how the charity functions, the creativity of fundraising, safeguarding and team work. As a new member I have been really supported by the current committee which has increased my confidence and communication skills. "It looks great on your CV too!"

Without the committee, the holidays for the young people will not happen.

*Be part of the future.
Anna Myerscough*



Pink Day at Hinsley Hall, Leeds 2014

Circus Themed Activity Day at Leeds.

