



## Stay Alert ► Control the Virus ► Saves Lives

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well during these challenging times. I would like to thank all of you for your patience and the support you have shown to SJMT and each other during what has and continues to be very worrying and restrictive circumstances. Covid-19 has meant that we have not been able to get together and share each other's company and therefore, this newsletter has a slightly different feel to previous editions. However, we have been overwhelmed and so grateful for the support and kindness of many individuals, families, groups and companies over the past few months.

We have received donations of money, food, cooked meals, PPE and messages of support. Whilst it has felt a very lonely time, I want to assure you that we have been in the thoughts of so many people. The months ahead remain uncertain and we will still have restrictions placed on our everyday life in order to protect those most at risk and the NHS. This means that it may be some time before we return to our usual social gatherings, but we have adapted throughout the process and we have and continue to work and support residents. I am sure you will join me in thanking our staff who have gone above and beyond over the past few months.

Finally, I want to wish you all the best and encourage you to continue to distance and to protect yourselves and your fellow residents.

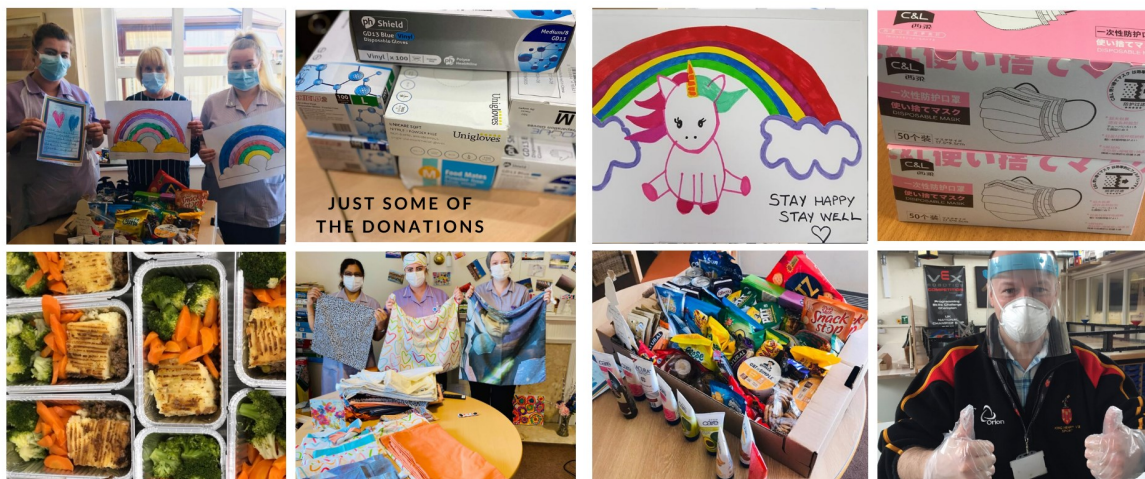
*Images below show the donations we received during the Covid-19 Pandemic.  
For more details of all donations please see reverse.*



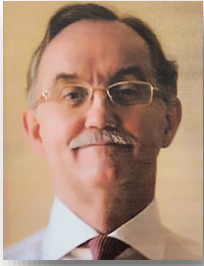
David Healey, CEO

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## Farewell to the Financial Controller



### Financial Controller: Edward Kuczerawy

Edward retired in April to start his new adventure. He worked at SJMT for 13 years and we thank him for his valuable work.

He will now be able to continue his hobby of walking and we wish him all the best.

## Farewell to Mike Goodwin - Trustee



### Trustee: Mike Godwin

Mike resigned as a Trustee in May 2020. He has been a Solihull Council nominated Trustee for SJMT for the past 26 years and has seen many changes in his time. We thank him for his valuable contribution to the Board and wish him well.

## New starters : Kay Sumner

## Dense Reeve

## Natalie Walters



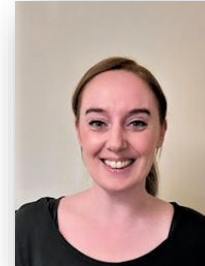
### New Head of Finance:

We are delighted to welcome our new Head of Finance, Kay who joined the Trust in May. Kay has extensive experience having worked as Director of Finance and Development for a learning disabilities charity for the past seven and a half years.



### Alexandra House

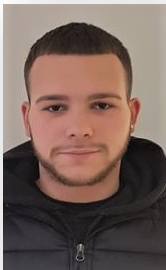
Welcome Denise. She will support Alexandra House with their day to day administration, and is a very welcome addition to the team.



### Catering Services Manager

Welcome to Natalie who started in May. She is at Alexandra House, and is looking forward to bringing a new flavour to the catering services.

## Apprenticeships



### James Bour Apprentice Maintenance Operative

We fund apprentices across the different areas of our charity. Being an apprentice enables a young person to work alongside our experienced staff, gain job-specific skills, earn a wage, receive holiday pay and given time to study for their related role (usually one day a week).

James has been working alongside Roger (our Maintenance operative), training as a maintenance operative which is a great way of getting a head start in this field of work.

## Supporting Students at University of Birmingham



David Healey, CEO



Before the lockdown back in February, David visited the University of Birmingham to find out more about the difference we make supporting the lives of young people; and met staff and students.

The coat of arms behind him is based on that of Sir Josiah Mason and the mermaid was also our emblem in the past. The Trust are big supporters of the summer- school (AEP) for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

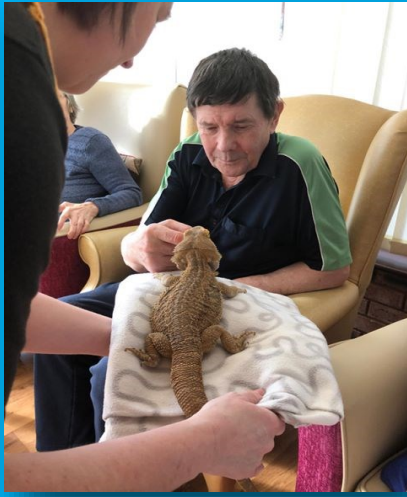
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# Great News for Alexandra House



Alexandra House was fortunate enough to receive a grant from Solihull Council, to enable them to purchase a "Happy Table". This Projector enables the residents to play interactive games either on a table or on the floor.

It is inspiring to see our residents interacting so enthusiastically with our new projector, that creates a series of interactive light games specifically designed for people with dementia.



The device has been proven to give Stimulation and concentration and promote physical and emotional improvements. It should really improve the residents wellbeing and help them connect and interact with each other and what's going on around them. This gives residents something fun to focus on during this challenging time.



*Our residents were enjoying sweeping up leaves.*

## Unveiling a plaque to Josiah Mason at the Copperworks School, Pembrey and Bury Town, Wales, February 2020



Unveiled by the Mayor  
Councillor Peter Freeman.

This Plaque was unveiled in honour of Sir Josiah Mason who invested in the copperworks and provided for the children of the area.

He became a partner in the Elkington electroplating business having amassed a fortune in his pen making factory in Birmingham. He then suggested making more affordable everyday items such as jewellery and cutlery.

Josiah was a very generous man, and provided non-denominational education for the children of the workers in the Pembrey Copper Works.

Some parents were suspicious of his motives, so those who were reluctant to send their children to his school he encouraged with gifts of hats, shoes and clothes, and that did the trick!

## Sue Stobart - financial advice surgery dates for all sites:

**Due to Covid-19 all meetings are temporarily on hold.**

If you have any queries or have any financial concerns please call Sue on **0121 245 1003**  
Tuesday to Friday between the hours : 10am till 4pm

## Residents Representatives:

Pat Medina, from Mason Court and David Morrison from Mason Cottages have recently stepped down from their roles, we would like to thank them for their dedication and all their efforts to support residents and the Trust.

We would like to welcome Kathy Draper from Mason Cottages and Eileen Knight from Jubilee Court as new Representatives.

**If anyone would like to become another representative for Mason Court, please get in touch with Zoe Richardson. You can call 0121 245 1002.**  
**Thank you**

## Trivia Night at Mason Court 17th January 2020

A great big "Thank You" to all of the residents and staff who came along and supported the charity. It was a fantastic evening, we managed to raise, £279.90 for the SJMT charity.

Thank you to Marks and Spencer for the Vouchers, Tesco for the gifts and Hatton Country Farm who donated a day out.

## Game show Mania Quiz night 27th May 2020

Thank you Daniel Skermer from PA Forum. He managed to raise £220 from an online quiz. For all those who entered to play online thank you, this money is really appreciated.

The PA forum also donated gifts for the residents at Christmas.

### EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

**Thank you to all those people who kindly sent in cash and online donations for our emergency coronavirus appeal.**

**Your support is very much appreciated.**

## Making Life better for Young People!

Before Lockdown, students at our partner Charity, St Paul's Development Trust took part in a "dragons den" style pitch where they presented a case for grant funding to help them with their studies and future employment.

Our CEO, David Healey and Director of Operations, Zoe Richardson were delighted to meet the students and award £370 of funding to four young people, all of whom are on work experience at SJMT.



The funding is granted from our Relief in Need and Education Charity which continues the legacy of Sir Josiah Mason by supporting the education of young people.

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## "A Big Thank You"

**to all organisations who kindly donated to us.**  
**Names are listed below...**

- ◆ University of Birmingham
- ◆ Covid-19-Essentials for delivery
- ◆ Junar
- ◆ Acocks Green Lions
- ◆ Covid-19 Amy & Lou's Shopping Assistant and Delivery
- ◆ Bishop Challoner Catholic School
- ◆ Sanders Senior Living
- ◆ HB Brow Salon
- ◆ Hampers for Heroes
- ◆ Pearl Dragon Chinese Restaurant
- ◆ Giraffe UK Multiwrap
- ◆ King Henry VII School - School design and technology department
- ◆ Langar Aid
- ◆ 611 Warwick Road Dentists
- ◆ Village of Clifford Chambers (Bakers)



**And finally a big 'Thank You' to all the children who sent in beautiful rainbow pictures, they have kept us smiling throughout.**

Please give us a call for more information about our services or if you would like to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter then please let us know.

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