

## Ready to take on the world



### ...and our support continues

The Surrey Care Trust's STEPS Mentoring programme has been launched with our first group of nine volunteer mentors having completed their training.

They will be working one to one with young people who are either currently on our STEPS programmes or have recently moved on.

These young people have made major strides during the time they have spent with us but as they embark on adult life, their need for guidance and encouragement is as great as ever.

Mentoring is an immensely valuable addition to our services and we have been able to launch this programme thanks to funding from the ACT Foundation.

We will be expanding our team of mentors to ensure that all young people on our STEPS Under 16s and STEPS Ahead programmes benefit.

If you are interested in volunteering and taking part in training in 2010 please contact our mentoring managers Georgina Waters or Margaret Reeder on 01483 412760 or 07973 282239.

Pictured above are young people who attended the STEPS Under 16s programme at the Surrey Care Trust's Learning Centres celebrating their achievements.

We are now able to offer more places to young people who are struggling in mainstream school, thanks to the expansion of our Redhill Learning Centre. We also have centres in Staines and Woking.

### NEW TRUSTEE NEEDED TO SERVE ON OUR BOARD

We currently have a vacancy on our Board of Trustees.

The part played by trustees is crucial for a significant local charity like the Surrey Care Trust.

We are looking for an experienced individual interested in our work of tackling social exclusion, primarily through a wide range of innovative learning opportunities for all ages.

The challenge facing trustees and management is to continue to develop our programmes by expanding sustainable sources of income.

We are particularly seeking trustees with knowledge of fundraising, marketing or charity law, experience at board level, and who play a key role in their local communities.

If you have such experience, time and energy to devote to the Surrey Care Trust, please contact our Chief Executive Elaine Tisdall, on 01483 412758, for an initial discussion or you can request an information pack by email, [elaine.tisdall@surreycaretrust.org.uk](mailto:elaine.tisdall@surreycaretrust.org.uk), or by writing to 1 Old Elstead Road, Milford, Surrey GU8 5EE.

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## Natasha has the winning touch

Natasha Stephen, from our STEPS Under 16s programme at Woking Learning Centre, will be working with a professional designer to finesse her winning entry in a competition to design a logo for the new Woking Youth Action Partnership. She was presented with her prize of an iPod Shuffle by Woking Youth Development Officer David Blake. Elements of designs by two other STEPS students, Reece Heath and Jessica Matthews, will also be incorporated into the final artwork.

**COMPUTING** Young people at the Woking STEPS Learning Centre benefit every day from the donation of six PCs, through a recycling scheme run by IT support company, Audace Technology. The young people use them daily, to do research and to present their work. Good IT skills are essential for their futures.

**COOKING** Thanks to a grant from Sainsbury's we can buy kitchen equipment for our Redhill STEPS Learning Centre. Young people at our learning centres have responsibility for budgeting, shopping and cooking lunch.

**BOBBY DAZZLER** A trip to Guildford Spectrum Ice Rink was even more of a treat for young people from Staines Learning Centre when they met comedian Bobby Davro.



## A future transformed

Many of our FACE "students" are building skills from scratch because they have never achieved qualifications. Others, like Ross, need to learn new skills because they have fallen on hard times.

After a traumatic period, Ross has regained his hope for the future, thanks to the Surrey Care Trust's FACE programme.

Ross worked for many years as a skilled upholsterer but as work became scarcer, life started to go wrong. His income dropped, he became homeless and was convicted for an offence for which he narrowly missed a prison sentence.

Given this reprieve, he was an enthusiastic participant in a Back to Work course for offenders run by the Surrey Care Trust's FACE team, returning as a volunteer to support the next group of offenders.

Willing to retrain if necessary, he gained a basic qualification in horticulture while working on a project run jointly by Surrey Care Trust, Surrey Area Probation and High Down Prison at Sutton. His determined attitude has now helped him secure a volunteering place and a potential paid job using his existing upholstery skills.

"It has been without a doubt in my mind that without the great service I received from Surrey Care Trust I would not be able to stand on my own. Now I know I can," says Ross. [www.Surreycaretrust.org.uk/hopesanddreams](http://www.Surreycaretrust.org.uk/hopesanddreams)

Learning new skills, helping the environment, enjoying the great outdoors, young people on our STEPS Ahead programme benefit from the

# SWINGBRIDGE experience

Young people on our STEPS Ahead programme have been taking part in conservation work with Swingbridge2, the Surrey Care Trust's environmental training boat.

Swingbridge has been working with the Thames Landscape Strategy and Hampton Court Palace to improve the riverbank alongside the palace walls. For the STEPS Ahead group, the five days they spent with Swingbridge was a chance to learn new skills.

One of the tasks for the Swingbridge working parties has been to remove sycamore saplings from along this historic stretch of river. If the trees grow unchecked they will damage the banks.

The Swingbridge teams have also cut back invasive willows, brambles and hops to open up the vista across the river. This encourages new growth of grass and riverweeds as a lush habitat for birds, insects and other small creatures.

The STEPS Ahead programme helps the young unemployed to find work or move back into education or training. As well as learning from hands-on conservation work and training in tool handling, the young people were enthused by Swingbridge environmental trainer Andy Loble's passion for the environment.

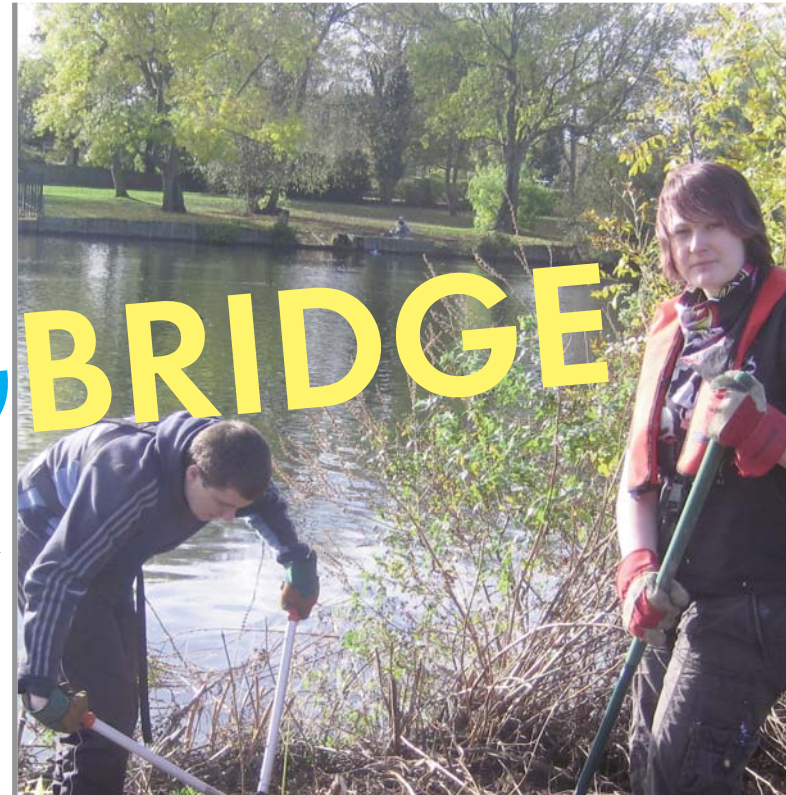
"The young people all thoroughly enjoyed their time with Swingbridge and it was great team working experience for them," he said.

• A £2,000 grant from the Co-operative Community Fund will support the work of both our Swingbridge Community Boats.

Artist Tessa Pearson has donated a watercolour of our Swingbridge Community Boat. The original has been auctioned to raise funds but we also have postcards and can order prints. Call Chris Padmore on 01483 412752 to find out more.



You may be interested to see more of Tessa's work at [www.tessapearson.com](http://www.tessapearson.com)



Young People on our STEPS Ahead programme learnt new skills and enjoyed working as a team when they carried out environmental work with our Swingbridge2 boat at Hampton Court. The STEPS Ahead programme runs in Redhill and Woking.



Supported by **The National Lottery** through the Heritage Lottery Fund



## A boat for all seasons

During the spring, summer and early autumn of 2009, we welcomed more than 1,500 people from Surrey community groups, clubs and residential homes aboard our original Swingbridge boat.

Our trips on the Basingstoke Canal through Woking and the River Wey in Guildford are more popular than ever.

The boat is also available through the winter for schools, youth groups and companies to use for educational and team building activities.

Call 01483 412572 to inquire about booking trips for 2010.

STOP PRESS: Updates about our work and events are posted every month on our website, [www.Surreycaretrust.org.uk](http://www.Surreycaretrust.org.uk)



## Celebrating the Q factor



The Surrey Care Trust has achieved a prestigious international quality mark.

We are among only a handful of charities in Surrey and 3% of organisations and businesses in the UK who have been awarded ISO 9001 certification in recognition of the efficient way we administer and manage our organisation.

This is official recognition of our commitment to making the most of our resources, so we do the very best by our beneficiaries.

"We have always been proud of the way we run the Surrey Care Trust," said deputy chief executive Lynsay Scott. "We are really delighted that our success in achieving this has been confirmed by outside experts."

The Surrey Care Trust is also recognised for its commitment to staff and volunteer development as an Investor In People. We have just been assessed successfully for the third time.

"This is a special place where people continue to talk with great affection about the Trust, their colleagues and clients," commented our assessor. "The values are driven from the top with strong and visible leadership."



Deputy Chief Executive Lynsay Scott with young people on our STEPS Under 16s programme.

## GROWTH SPURT for CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Surrey Care Trust, which runs the Stanwell Children's Centre on behalf of Surrey County Council, has been contracted to expand the service into neighbouring Stanwell Moor.

We provide early years and adult education at the centre, plus advice and family support. We are also fostering community and social activities.

[www.stanwellchildrenscentre.co.uk](http://www.stanwellchildrenscentre.co.uk)

**The Surrey Care Trust's Vision** is to transform the life chances and aspirations of local people who are marginalised by disadvantage and lack of opportunity or who need a second chance.

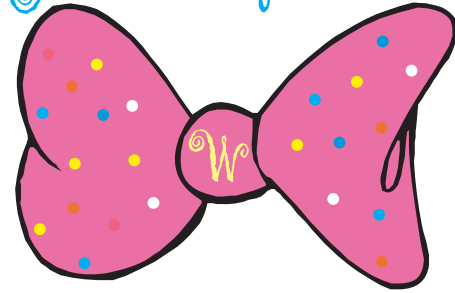
We reach out to people to equip them with the skills to improve their economic situation, to reduce their social isolation and to convince them they have a valuable contribution to make to society. We offer immediate help to people in great financial need and also help people to help themselves for the longer term by providing life-changing opportunities through education and training.



# FUNDRAISING 2010

Events info and ticket hotline: 01483 412751  
email: [vicky.nash@surreycaretrust.org.uk](mailto:vicky.nash@surreycaretrust.org.uk)  
Visit: [www.surreycaretrust.org.uk](http://www.surreycaretrust.org.uk)

WEAR SOMETHING WACKY WEEK  
January 25th - 31st 2010



Choose one day in  
Wacky Week to dress up, or  
dress down, and  
**JOIN IN**

Contact Vicky, our Wacky Week  
Officer on 01483 412751

[www.Surreycaretrust.org.uk/wackyweek](http://www.Surreycaretrust.org.uk/wackyweek)



Following last year's successful Sponsored Firewalk, we are holding our second on:

**30th March 2010 from 6.30pm**

Join us at Woking Football Club for this exciting event.

We are asking firewalkers to raise £150 in sponsorship to support the work of the Surrey Care Trust.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the STEPS Across Surrey 2009 and to our sponsors Fidelity International. Go online to [www.surreycaretrust.org.uk](http://www.surreycaretrust.org.uk) for photos of the event. Join us next year for the **STEPS Across Surrey Trek 2010** on Saturday September 25th.



## 4 Girls 4 Harps and Richard Stilgoe made 5

4 Girls, 4 Harps were in concert at an exclusive fundraising evening for the Surrey Care Trust in the stately and welcoming surroundings of Loseley House, by kind permission of the More-Molyneux family.

Our patron Richard Stilgoe was on sparkling form as compère for the evening. A special thank you to him for all his support and also to our sponsor Prelude Properties.



Another big fundraiser in autumn 2009 was our **GOLF DAY** at Betchworth Park, Dorking. Thanks go to the event sponsor Pope Anderson.

Thanks also to the ladies of **Merrist Wood Golf Club** who made us their charity of the year for 2009.

## Join us for DINNER AT THE HOUSE

We are planning a black tie evening in the opulent Members' Dining Room at the House of Commons in the autumn of 2010. The date was subject to final confirmation as we went to press.

Our Commons dinners have always been glamorous occasions and popular with businesses as prestigious events for corporate entertaining. Our host for 2010 will be Jeremy Hunt, the MP for South West Surrey and Shadow Culture Secretary.



Jeremy Hunt

Tickets for this black tie evening will be £125 a head. Call Vicky Nash on 01483 412751 for more information.

## 10 easy ways to make a difference

**1** Let us organise an event, large or small, in your house or in your garden. We recently held an extremely successful cookery demonstration and lunch in a supporter's kitchen.

**2** Organise your own fundraising event such as a lunch for friends or a coffee morning on our behalf.



**3** Place an order for Phoenix Cards or sell them to friends to help us raise funds.

**4** Recommend the Surrey Care Trust as a speaker at groups such as WI, Rotary, Round Table, Soroptomists and Probus.

**5** Suggest the Surrey Care Trust as a charity of the year at clubs where you are a member or the schools your children attend. We can visit to explain what we do.

**6** Collect old stamps or mobile phones for recycling.

**7** Donate unwanted auction items for us to sell on [www.buoncegivetwice.co.uk](http://www.buoncegivetwice.co.uk).

**8** Become a Friend of the Surrey Care Trust by making a regular monthly or annual donation of any amount.

**9** Call our events and fundraising team **TODAY** on 01483 412751 or 412762 if you can help with any of the above or if you want to suggest idea number **10**.