

# A year in the life

of the Surrey Care Trust

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## Open door to education with a difference

February 11th was the  
Staines STEPS Learning  
Centre open day

Young people on the STEPS Under 16s programme at the Staines Learning Centre always welcome visits from Sgt Sandra King, the Staines Neighbourhood Sergeant and Youth Intervention Officer.

It was an extra special occasion, though, when Sandra, along with her colleague, Supt Rachel Tills, who is the Superintendent for Neighbourhoods in Staines, called in at the centre's open day.

Thanks to Supt Tills and Sgt King, the work of STEPS is benefitting from a £500 donation from the Police Property Act Fund, money raised and distributed to good causes from the sale of stolen property that the police have been unable to return to its owners.

STEPS is for young people in their final year of secondary education who in their own words, "don't get on in school". Many have had a much disrupted school career.

The programme takes a different approach to education from mainstream school.

It is on a smaller scale and has a more informal atmosphere which encourages young people who are far more accustomed to being told off than to receiving praise, to start to discover what they can do well.

Our open day was an opportunity to demonstrate what they are achieving. Visitors included two mayors, of Spelthorne, Cllr Caroline Spencer, and of Elmbridge, Cllr James Vickers, and he Chief Executive of Spelthorne Borough Council.

Supt Rachel Tills is in the picture on the right. Her colleague Sgt Sandra King, is pictured below, right, and Spelthorne Mayor Cllr Caroline Spencer is in the picture below in the chain... the lady with the bling as the young people call her. In the next pictures down are Elmbridge Mayor, Cllr James Vickers, and Spelthorne Borough Council Chief Executive Robert Tambini.



Among other visitors were Lisa Lewis of Petrofac Engineering, pictured far right, and Jamie's little sister Harley.

# 10 ways to make a difference by supporting the Surrey Care Trust

**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.buyoncegivetwice.co.uk](http://www.buyoncegivetwice.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**.

*"I will make a difference..."*

Remembering the Surrey Care Trust in your will ensures that your generosity lives on for future generations