

Spotlight

The halow project's magazine

Issue 1



We've come a long way!

Over seven years since halow was formed, we bring supporters new and old a sense of just where halow has come from, where it is now, and where the Guildford-based charity is heading...

The inspiration for **halow** came from Harriet, Amber, Laura, Oliver and William. Their parents, all friends, came together at the beginning of 2006 concerned with the prospect for their children's future and others like them. Passionate that these young people should lead positive and happy lives, near their own friends and families in Surrey, the parents established the **halow project**.

The first major turning point in the charity's growth story was

in June 2008 with the appointment of Project Director, Yvonne Hignell - by November of that year, Yvonne had produced a business plan, **halow** had moved into an office in Quarry Street, Guildford and held an official launch party.

In January of 2009, a dedicated social activities group was established for **halow** young people. By March of the same year **halow** had secured its first tranche of much needed funding from Surrey Short Breaks and by June, funding was obtained from the LDD Fund (Learning Disability Development) to set up the Building Futures Programme and the charity's first website was launched. That summer also saw the first major activity, with 36 young people and volunteers attending the WOMAD festival in Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

In September 2009, the Building Futures Programme commenced, shortly followed in October with the registration of **halow care**, a social enterprise, which runs alongside the **halow project**. Through this, our Buddy service was launched for our young people.

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Rebecca Shuttle skydives for halow

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New Trustee
for halow



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Dear halow Supporters

Since our last newsletter, halow continues its great work supporting many young people. From social activities, educational and vocational support, right through to independent living, we are working hard to provide fantastic opportunities to our expanding group of young adults.

Our new initiative 'A Reason To Get Up!' is well and truly up and running and providing, as the name might suggest, opportunities to challenge, learn and gain a sense of achievement for all those involved. This is a perfect follow on after completing our successful Building Futures programme. By the time our new magazine Spotlight, goes to print, our latest new recruits for this year's Building Futures have started.

Of course, in order to provide the level of service and support we strive for at halow, it's essential we have a dedicated and focussed team, so I would like to pay tribute to our amazing staff for their contributions and commitment.

Fundraising has, naturally, played an integral part in building our expansion this year with many successful events like the go-karting at Sandown and the 2boats cycle ride through France to name just two. You will read more on these and other news on fundraising inside. Perhaps you would like to help, our team would welcome your ideas and contribution.

Finally I'd like to thank all of our volunteers, supporters and donors, your generosity, support and encouragement give us the added enthusiasm to continue pushing halow further in its work with young adults as we seek to provide the independent living they deserve. We look forward to your support for a long while to come.

With best wishes

Matt McArthur, Chairman



Georgie Hill Appointed Trustee

As the mother of a child with a learning disability, Georgie Hill is well placed to bring her experience and insight to halow and its board of trustees. She became a trustee because she feels very passionately about halow and the organisation's ethos towards young people. Indeed, as one of the founding parents of halow, Georgie was instrumental in establishing the organisation and remains totally committed to the growth and ongoing success of the charity.

Georgie said: "I have seen an amazing change in my son who has really blossomed since his involvement with halow and I would like to see that in as many young people as possible.

"halow already has a very experienced and dedicated board of trustees, so I hope to be able to enhance that. It is essential that halow keeps moving forward and constantly updates the role it plays in our young people's lives. We must listen to them and understand what they want from us and move forward in that direction."

Georgie is also Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees with the Down's Syndrome Association and, with husband Damon, is also a patron for Disability Challengers.

Mayor Supports Young People Initiative

Guildford's Mayor, Councillor Diana Lockyer-Nibbs, lent her support at the launch of halow's latest initiative A Reason To Get Up!

The Mayor, guests and halow employees chatted about the many varied elements to the new initiative, which is aimed at young people aged 16 and over. It will help them:

- Lead fulfilling lives by making a positive contribution in the community
- Develop friendships and relationships
- Gain a sense of purpose, satisfaction and opportunity
- Increase self-confidence and future aspiration
- Have more choice and control over their lives

Aisha Ariakutti, ARTGU co-ordinator, said: "We're delighted the Mayor could lend her support for this exciting new initiative. A Reason To Get Up! will further broaden our ability to support and integrate young people with a learning disability into the community. We have worked very hard listening and talking with young people and their parents as

to the type of activities and experiences they want to engage in. These activities include administrative skills such as CV writing, computer literacy and applying for jobs/voluntary work/apprenticeships. In addition there are various health and fitness and gardening-related projects such as working on the charity's allotment here in Guildford." A huge thank you to St James's Place, Sobell, Baily Thomas and the 2013 2Boats riders for generous donations, which were instrumental in launching ARTGU!



halow Young People Get into the Groove!

A group of over 20 young people, along with Buddies and volunteers attended the inaugural Magic Summer Live music festival at Stoke Park, and voted it an unqualified success!

Led by Social Activities Co-ordinator Jason Butcher, the group assembled as the doors opened at noon, and enjoyed acts including Joss Stone, Jamiroquai, Beverley Knight, Chic and Soul 11 Soul, before heading home late in the evening.

Jason commented "our young people are so resilient, I was amazed at how well they coped in the intense heat – they just got on with enjoying themselves. We owe particular thanks to the promoters Live Nation and also to TicketMaster who assisted us with purchasing a large number of tickets and also making special arrangements for us to enter and leave the Park."



In Loving Memory

halow is sad to report the passing of one of its longest and most loyal supporters.

Anne Riley was involved with the charity since its inception through her long friendship with Lynne Day, one of our founders. She supported the five families in developing the corporate identity of **halow** and its logo. Her agency, Penna, placed recruitment advertising and held a quiz night at its London offices which raised a significant sum for the charity.

Anne designed and donated the original **halow** t-shirts, and with her husband Hugh attended all

the fundraisers, often helping with the planning and organising and donating prizes for auction.

More recently, Anne was involved in research which led to the design and launch of our new website. Anne's husband Hugh was the original manager for **halow** and was instrumental in the recruitment and appointment of our Director, Yvonne Hignell.

Despite her battle with leukaemia, Anne enjoyed her life to the full right to the end. "She was a brave and lovely woman and a dear friend for over 30 years – she will be sadly missed" said Lynne.

We need you!

Our volunteers play a critical role in our success and future. We rely on these individuals who build relationships with the young people we support, engaging them in a variety of activities.

Our volunteers come to us from a wide range of sources and backgrounds and we welcome them from all over the south east of England. There is no minimum time constraint; all we ask is a commitment to allow us to make accurate and proper plans where support and volunteering are necessary.

We categorise our volunteering needs in three ways:

1. **Fundraising volunteers** – help with raising funds
2. **Project volunteers** – assist with educational initiatives
3. **Social activity volunteers** – help with events and activities for halow young people



Volunteers get to enjoy the fun of our events and can gain valuable work experience whilst enjoying giving something back to the community, taking on new challenges and sharing their skills to help others.

If you can spare some time and want to get involved with **halow**, please get in touch.

Thanks in anticipation!
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We've come

2006

2007

2008

2009

halow founders join to consider their children's futures

halow gathers momentum

Yvonne Hignell announced as Director and the charity moves to Quarry Street

Social Activities and Building Futures initiatives started

In a bid to support the ever increasing workload and range of activities, 2010 started with a drive to bring on greater volunteer activity and that summer two major events were held, a unique musical evening with the musical savant Derek Paravicini, and the first London event organised by **halow** Trustee, John Stevens, featuring Rick Astley, which raised an amazing £35,000 (this was followed in 2011 and 2012 with subsequent events raising an amazing £65,000 and £50,000 respectively).

In October of that year, **halow** won Guildford Mayor's Award for Access. A youth committee for the young people **halow** supports began meeting regularly to discuss the activities they wanted to be involved in – something that now continues every month.

2011 saw steady growth in the number of young people joining **halow**, a dedicated community fundraising group was set up with several exciting events raising much needed funds for the ever expanding **halow**.

2012 was a significant year in which **halow** established a house in Guildford for young people to live independently assisted by their supported-living Buddies. The house was set up with support from Social Services, Guildford Borough Council's Housing Department and Surrey Disabled Peoples' Partnership. The young people were an important part of the process - they interviewed and selected the Buddies themselves, went shopping for furniture and other household items as well as helping with the decorating in the house. This year was also significant as the first 2Boats cycling event was held raising £45,000.



At **halow** we understand how overwhelming, demanding, frustrating, wonderful, rewarding and humbling it can be as the parent of a young person with a learning disability. For that reason, at the end of 2012, **halow** set up p2p; a help, support, advice and information service



dedicated to the parents of these young people. To date, the service has supported over 40 parents.

So, in little over seven years, **halow** has grown to employ 18 office based staff, with 35 Buddies and 50 volunteers. Importantly, **halow** now supports over 150 young people in their quest to lead meaningful, independent lives.

Most recently, A Reason To Get Up! was launched. This latest addition to the range of services offered by **halow** gives young people the opportunity to become involved in a host of daytime activities. The activities include healthy living, employability skills, creative arts and leisure pursuits and is proving to complement and/or become a natural next step for the young people after Building Futures.

With a fundraising goal of £250k in 2013, **halow** has held a number of events during the year. These included the 2Boats Challenge in May, which raised over £60,000 and went a long way to helping to launch ARTGU! Followed shortly after by the Damon Hill karting challenge and auction in June which raised over £20,000. There have also been numerous smaller events all of which have contributed to the charity

a long way!

2010

halow wins Guildford Mayor's Award for Access

2011

Steady growth in the number of young people taking part in **halow** activities

2012

halow house for young people established.

2013

halow grows to 18 office staff, 35 buddies and 50 volunteers

What and where next for halow?

and raised much needed funds. This funding will not only help continue **halow's** range of services, but it will enable the range of services offered by the charity to expand and help safeguard its future.

Over the last three years, **halow** has developed beyond all expectations. Since the beginning of 2009, we have created a significant organisation, seen as a specialist in our field, not only by young people and their parents but also by the local authority and the wider third sector.

The future looks very bright for **halow** - we will continue with the same strategy as we have from our formation, with our young people being at the forefront of everything we do. Social activities will continue as a core service and a foundation from which we can introduce young people to **halow**. Our Buddy service will see steady growth and **halow's** A Reason To Get Up! programme will be developed further to move towards social enterprise work.

Building Futures too will expand and develop giving the young people a greater grounding and enhanced range of services and experiences all the time aiming at the goal for greater freedom and self-sufficiency.

*"I am so incredibly pleased, proud and inspired by the continued success of **halow**. The past five years have bought so many experiences some positive, some difficult and others which have taught us so much about what young people with a learning disability want for their lives. I am continually motivated by the young people and families we work with, who in the face of such difficulties, continue to challenge preconceptions and push forward towards their goals and dreams. Wherever **halow** goes next, we will be guided by the people we support and look forward to many years of incredible experiences."*

*Yvonne Hignell, Project Director, The **halow** project*



halow Fundraising

With a target of £250,000 this year, the halow project's fundraising team continues to work hard towards achieving this goal.

We rely solely on the support of individuals, communities, corporate partnerships and grant making trusts. With your help, we can raise essential funds that will allow us to sustain, develop and expand the range of services we offer young people and their families.

To donate please visit our website: www.halowproject.org.uk

To date, we are well over half way, with some large, key events scheduled for the last quarter of the year. We remain confident and hopeful that we will reach this goal. Here, we bring you a selection of our fundraising events to date. Unfortunately we can't show them all here, but thanks to everyone who got involved!

Miscellaneous Donations to date - £20,000

Holy Trinity school

The school kindly organised a range of events and fundraising initiatives at the end of last year including putting on a play, selling kindling, holding a Tudor market in Tunsgate, and carol singing, January - £1,200

Surrey Short Breaks, March - £2,000

This was used for the purchase of a BBQ as well as plants and pots and garden games for the young people

Brighton Marathon, April - £2,000

White Stuff – Guildford branch, £580.00

Albany pub, Guildford Music night, May - £350

2Boats Cycling Challenge, May - £60,750

It was an inspirational sight as the peloton of over 70 riders departed from Putney, all cycling 250 miles in 48 hours to raise funds for us.

Classical music recital, Guildford, June - £575

G-Live and Young Producer's fashion show, Guildford - June £500

halow young person, Rosanna Edge, nominated halow as the beneficiary for this fashion show, which she also helped to organise. The event saw aspiring designers up-cycle a range of clothes, showcasing them on a catwalk and raising more than £525 for halow.

Ratcliff Trust - £1,500



Update!

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To find out more, visit www.giveasyoulive.com/join/halowproject

£250k!

Tough Mudder – June £1,100

In June the increasingly popular Tough Mudder South East competition took place. Consisting of a range of obstacles designed by the Special Forces, thousands flocked to the event to complete the gruelling 12 mile course.

Amongst the participants who took part this year were four runners from Surrey, all of whom took on the challenge to raise money for the **halow project**. Old school friends, Amber Smith, Hannah Bush, Sam Selcon and Tom Davies, reunited and raised over £1,000.

Damon Hill Karting challenge - June £20,385

In June of this year, **halow** held a karting event at Daytona Motorsport, Sandown Park. Over 150 drivers took to the track in a 35-team challenge, all vying for honours against professional drivers including Sam Bird, Jack Clarke and Josh Hill and celebrity drivers Heston Blumenthal and Rick Parfitt Jnr as well as many business people.

It was a fun evening, but with a seriously competitive edge! Damon Hill was on hand to offer tips and strategy advice to the many generous business people who paid for a team, as well as for auction items which included British Grand Prix tickets, tours of the Mercedes and Force India F1 facilities, as well as items signed by Mark Blundell, Damon Hill, Lewis Hamilton, Nico Rosberg and Michael Schumacher.

London to Brighton cycling race, June - £700

Darren Wygers raised this total for **halow**

Merry Harriers pub, Hambledon - July £165

Publicans Julie and Colin and their customers have shown considerable support to **halow** throughout the year with new events planned. This one event alone raised a healthy sum for **halow**. Check out their website for future events: www.merryharriers.com

Boxgrove primary school, Guildford - July £450

The school's summer fete this year resulted in a very generous and useful total for **halow**, which has already been put to good use!

Guildford Golf Club - £7,000 to date

As the chosen charity for Guildford's leading golf club, various events have already raised over £7,000 with a target of £10,000 by the end of the year.

Gatwick Community Trust - £1,000

St James' Place Foundation, August - £10,000

A Reason To Get UP! received a £10,000 grant from the dedicated grant-making foundation belonging to wealth management company St. James's Place.

Sobell Foundation, August - £8,000

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, August - £8,000

Normandy Village Fete and The Stag at Eashing summer festival – both events raised over £400

August Bank Holiday Monday witnessed **halow** take part in these two events.

Moore Stephens pub quiz, September - £1,450

Nineteen teams of intrepid quizzers took part in this pub quiz at the Albany pub, Guildford. The healthy rivalry between the participants helped raise this impressive total.

£159,191

halow

Check out our diary of events on the back page or on our website! www.halowproject.org.uk

Katy's Cakes & Bakes

halow's Katy Simmons has launched an exciting new business for 2013. Katy's Cakes & Bakes is a Farnham based business specialising in bespoke cake designs.

Katy started baking and decorating cakes in 2010, making personalised cakes for her friends' birthdays. What started as a hobby soon became a passion as Katy showed a natural talent for baking and ambitious cake design. After enrolling in a year-long course at Brooklands College, she honed her skills and in April 2013 Katy's Cakes & Bakes was born. During Katy's rise to success she received

the Best Student Award at college and won a certificate of merit at the 2013 London Cake International Show. Katy, now a qualified baker, said, "I have made cakes for all kinds of occasions and enjoy every one. I love that it brings such satisfaction and other people are filled with so much joy when they see my creations."



For more information about Katy's Cakes & Bakes and the Sugarcraft Club visit

www.facebook.com/KatysCakes&Bakes



Llama Trek through Surrey Hills

Nine of halow's young people had a fantastic day out llama trekking through the Surrey Hills in July. The two-hour trek was enjoyed by all as the young people guided seven llamas across beautiful meadows and through tranquil woodland. The group also had the opportunity to pet and feed the llamas. The day was made even more amusing when young person Harry retorted, "I don't want that frisky one...the llama that's following Jason!" The Surrey Hills Llama's staff were wonderful while they guided the group and informed the young people about the animals. A huge thank you to them for making the day so memorable.

www.surrey-hills-llamas.co.uk

Hotshot Sarah

Sarah Pinnick, Building Futures Group and Rock Choir member, showed some sublime skill by winning an independent archery competition in 2013. Sarah battled it out against a large group of fellow archers to win the competition. She hit target after target with pinpoint accuracy to win the gold medal. Sarah did very well in a highly competitive sport that takes a great amount of talent, strength and poise. She modestly described her win and the experience as "fun". halow wishes Sarah a huge well done for such a remarkable achievement. We hope she keeps up with the archery and continues to win top place medals.



Philip's Ferrari

halow young person, Philip Cook, is renowned for his love of fast cars. He has

regaled halow with stories of driving Aston Martins, Lamborghinis and luxury trucks. Philip's most recent track drive was with 6th Gear Experience in Longcross, Surrey. He boldly took the wheel to drive an extravagant red Ferrari F430 and a Porsche 911 Turbo. Philip said, "It was fantastic, I went over 60mph!"



Harriet's Vogue Model Shoot

As the H in the halow name, Harriet Meins recently went in front of the camera to become a model for the day. Harriet successfully bid for the prize at a halow charity auction in London and couldn't wait for the chance to have a professional make over and photo shoot - looking good Harriet!

Flying High!

halow's young people had the opportunity to visit Aerobility, a charity that offers the opportunity for disabled people to fly aeroplanes.

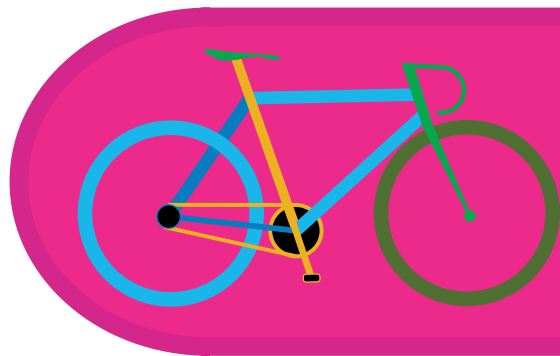


A hot summer's day witnessed a group of halow's young people taking their first steps to flying an aircraft. The group headed for Blackbushe airport, near Camberley, Surrey for an exciting day consisting of three activities for halow's young people – model making, simulator training and aircraft tours.

"Aerobility were fantastic," commented halow's social activities co-ordinator, Jason Butcher "their staff and volunteers were fully trained, knowledgeable and friendly, which in turn made for a truly memorable and exciting day for our young people."

On another occasion, halow young people, Mark Gidden and Amy Rosewell enjoyed a day at the airport

Mark flew a £10million Jumbo Jet simulator earlier this year. He won this amazing opportunity through a draw, enabled by Aerobility. After evacuating from a Jumbo Jet slide twice, Mark flew the simulator confidently. Amy had a different but equally thrilling experience flying a light aircraft. She had a half-hour flying lesson with pilot James Brown and took full control of the aeroplane. She soared thousands of feet high and described the experience as "absolutely fantastic."



Get involved in the best charity bike ride around, **The halow 250**

Riding on the back of the success of this year's event, **The 2Boats challenge is back for 2014. The halow 250 is a challenging and rewarding ride from London to Guildford via France, 250 miles in 48 hours. Last year's event raised over £60,000. From everyone at halow we would like to say a massive thank you to the 2Boats team for all their hard work and dedication, to major sponsors GM Recruitment and Young's Brewery and most importantly to all the fantastic riders who took part in this immense challenge.**

Join our team for The halow 250 2014, whether you have just picked up your first bike or you have ridden a stage of the Tour De France everyone

is welcome! Join us for socials, training rides and most importantly in raising awareness for young people with a learning disability. The cost of the ride is £300 which includes two ferry crossings and accommodation, rider support (first aid and mechanical), bespoke team kit and High5 energy bars, drinks and gels at every stop. We also ask that you pledge to raise £500 for halow and we will be there to guide you through every step of fundraising with helpful hints and tips. At halow we rely on the generosity of our supporters for a significant proportion of our funding. This is an inspiring event and is essential in helping us achieve our annual fundraising target.

For more information and to sign up visit:
www.2boats.org/the-2014-halow-250

Local Hero Nick Bacchus

halow Buddy Nick Bacchus was nominated for the Eagle Radio "Local Hero" Awards and has won a Special Award for his bravery and quick thinking when one of our young people suffered a seizure whilst swimming as part of a group activity. Nick immediately went to the young man's assistance, pulling him out of the water and almost certainly saved his life. Thank you Nick and congratulations on your award - well deserved.



GM Recruitment's Mark Foxwell (left) and George Willis

halow's services

A Reason To Get Up (ARTGU)

ARTGU, halow's latest initiative, can be either a complementary programme to the Building Futures Group, or a follow on programme, where young people may engage in activities covering healthy living, recreational, vocational and creative arts. It is hoped that this will give them the same sense of purpose, satisfaction and opportunity for social interaction that people experience through employment.

Social Activities

Because many people with learning disabilities suffer from social isolation, this was our first initiative. We offer opportunities to engage in a wide range of activities, which are all selected by the young people through their youth committee which meets each month. We then help them organise the activity and arrange special trips wherever possible. Recent excursions have included trips to Thorpe Park, The National Youth ballet and a day of paintballing. All our activities are fully supported by volunteers and Buddies where necessary and appropriate.



Buddies

In order to enhance our range of services, the "Buddy" system was introduced as part of halow care.

A Buddy is a person specially selected and trained to support our young people to help them improve their life and social skills, offer greater leisure opportunities and assist them to access the community of their choice in ways which best suit them. Buddies and young people are matched according to their mutual interests, and importantly, the final choice is made by the young person themselves.

Each Buddy is DBS checked and undertakes training in first aid, epilepsy awareness, safeguarding and many other essential skills to enable them to fully engage with the young person.

We are now delivering some 1,500 hours each month, a growth of 87% on last year, which clearly demonstrates the popularity and importance of the service.

Parent 2 Parent

halow recognises that its young people are not always the only people needing support. Parents are often in need of advice and signposting in order to help their offspring in their quest to become more independent, and therefore p2p was set up earlier this year.

A small team of experienced parents is available on the phone or by email to offer this advice and support, and regular social meetings are being organised so they may share experiences. If you would like further information please contact us via email p2p@halowproject.org.uk, or call us on 07741 262724 or 07741 262725

Building Futures

Once halow had put in place the various support systems of volunteers and Buddies, the Building Futures programme was launched. This is a four day a week programme which follows the academic year. Core to the programme is the "person-centred-plan" which each young person undertakes to create, monitor and follow for themselves, with appropriate support, of course. This plan helps them to envisage what they would like their future life to be like.

The group works with partner organisations and helps prepare young people for independence. They develop self confidence, leadership and experience team work. They learn new skills such as rock climbing, canoeing, low rope courses and cooking on an open fire, all learnt at the appropriate level and pace for each individual.

The group also learns about work skills, CV writing, how to dress and behave in the workplace as well as healthy eating plans and money handling.



Quizzers bring in the Money

19 teams comprising 100 business people from banks, solicitors, and other local organisations, pitted their wits against each other at a charity quiz night in September. Organised by Guildford-based chartered accountants, Moore Stephens, The Albany pub in Guildford was the venue for an excellent and fun event. The evening included a pub meal, several rounds of quiz questions and a charity raffle with prizes donated by Moore Stephens, the **halow project** and The Albany.



Funds raised from the event were over £1,450 and will be used by **halow's** Building Futures Programme and Supported Living programme for the purchase of two iPads.

Moore Stephens' Guildford partner Danielle Griffin said: "We had a tremendous evening trying to outwit each other. We are delighted to have raised much needed funds for the **halow project** and I would like to thank everyone for supporting this event."

FOUNDATIONS FUND

At the start of Learning Disability Week 2013, (19 - 25 August), the halow project announced it had received a £10,000 grant from the prestigious wealth management company St. James's Place.

halow's A Reason To Get Up! (ARTGU!) received the money from St. James's Place, which has a dedicated grant-making Foundation, funded entirely by contributions from Partners and staff and generously matched pound for pound by the Company. Established in 1992, the Foundation has so far raised over £30million and makes grants to a number of charities each year.

Alan Young (Pictured centre), Partner at St. James's Place and Ambassador for the St. James's Place Foundation said "I am delighted to support this important local initiative that will do so much to help young people with a learning disability to take their first step towards the world of work.



halow's work is not just impressive but very much needed, and I would encourage local residents and businesses to think about how they too might support this wonderful Guildford-based charity."

"Receiving this grant from such an prestigious company as St James's Place is a real boost to **halow**" said Paul Donetta, Commercial Director of the charity "it will enable us to expand the range of activities which will help boost young people's self confidence, give them a sense of belonging and increases their aspirations for the future".

We are also pleased to announce that a £10,000 grant has been awarded to **halow's** Building Futures Group by the Wates Foundation. Following visits to our offices and a rigorous application process, we were recommended to the Board of the Foundation by a family member, Laurie Wates. We were thrilled to hear that the Board had voted unanimously to award the grant to support the BFG programme for the academic year 2013/14.

Paul - Goodbye & Goodluck

We are extremely sad to announce that our commercial director, Paul Donetta has recently left **halow**. We would like to thank Paul for all of his dedication, hard work and commitment in driving **halow** forward and for being supportive and inspirational to all in his team. We wish him luck in his new role and every success for the future.



Damon Makes Trades for halow



At the annual BGC Charity Day, held at their impressive offices in Canary Wharf, London, Damon Hill joined The Duke of Cambridge, Prince Harry together with celebrities including Jimmy Carr, Sir Jackie Stewart and David Hasselhof, in making telephone

trades for commodities, bonds and currencies around the globe. Four of our young people had great fun trading high-fives with the brokers, while Damon made a number of phone trades, every penny he raised will benefit halow and other charities.

Where's Buggy?



As halow's unofficial mascot, this small, fluffy bug has been named Buggy by halow's young people. He has something of a charmed life, as along with turning up to numerous fundraising and social events, he has also travelled on holiday around the world with employees and friends of halow as these photos show...

Check out Facebook to see where he is going next...

halow Diary of events:

Check out our website for the latest events we are holding to raise funds for halow. Here are some of the highlights for the coming months:

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| Sunday 27th October 2013 Bupa Great South Run |
| Thursday 7th November 2013 An Audience with Damon Hill at Claridges |
| Thursday 21st November 2013 Guildford Christmas light switch on and halow collection |
| Saturday 30th November Johnny Herbert Karting Challenge, Docklands |
| Sunday 6th April 2014 Brighton Marathon |
| 2nd- 4th May 2014 The halow 250 |
| June 2014 Damon Hill Karting Challenge |

Thank you to all our supporters!

Aggie Club, Arbuthnot Latham Bank, Arrow Shipping, Bailly Thomas, Bar des Arts, Belmont Preparatory School, Boxgrove Primary School, Bloomin' Arts, Chapman Charitable Trust, Chelsea Football Club, Cllr Diana Lockyer-Nibbs, Comasonic Benevolent Fund, Community Foundation for Surrey, Day Building, Daytona Karting and all the drivers at our kart event, Delta Force, Diamond Logistics, Eagle Radio, Fabulous Women, F. B. Lawrence Trust, George Willis and Mark Foxwell and all the cyclists who took part in the 2013 "halow 250", GM Recruitment, Guildford Flames, Guildford Golf club, Guildford Rugby club, Holy Trinity School, Kingston Rotary Club, Let's Race, Lloyds, Marion White, Mc Ginn Electrical, Richard Meins, Merry Harriers, Michael Hipperson, Moore Stephens Accountants, Normandy Therapy Gardens, Olivo's Italian, Raya Kostova, Robinson Buckley, Russian Time, Sam Bird, Sanofi, Santander, Sobell Foundation, St James's Place, Surrey Chambers, Surrey Short Breaks for Disabled Children, Steve Mowbray, The Albany pub, The Stag pub, The Wates Foundation, Tom Gaymor, Thomas Humphreys, White Stuff, The William Bray pub, Waitrose Esher, Waitrose Godalming, Wilson Stevens, Wine Reserve, Youngs, our Trustees and Founders, all our Volunteers

and absolutely everyone who has supported us in any way!

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