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News Letter



Awesome score for Micky's tribute golf day



What a wonderful legacy . . . the 5th Micky Denny Memorial Golf Day has teed off an awesome score to help support more families affected by MND.

This year's tribute from Micky's amazing friends is looking to be a bumper fundraiser, says delighted co-organiser John Mann.

More than 100 golfers dipped deep into their pockets at De Vere Wokefield Park Golf Club, near Reading, in honour of popular sportsman Micky who lost his battle with MND four years ago, aged 63.

Brilliant organisers John Mann, Tony Stanley and their dedicated dream team are now busy counting all the cash generously donated to the October event which included some incredible auction and raffle prizes.

"It's been a fantastic day," they said. "Every year it's getting stronger and stronger."

And Branch Chair Andy Jones was able to tell the big-hearted golfers exactly how the money donated last year had been spent helping local families with a wide variety of grants and support.

He revealed at the golf day dinner: "The Micky Denny Fund has contributed 25 per cent of the funding that the branch has given to the MND community this year."

At the start of this year the fund stood at £12,370. And thanks to that generous donation:

- £7,802 has paid for relaxing massage therapies
- £4,385 Quality of Life grants have been awarded
- £183 remained unspent

"This event is really timely," said Andy. "On behalf of all those living with MND, and their families, thank you for ALL your support."

To round off a perfect tribute day Micky's adorable three-month-old twin granddaughters Romilly and Marnie appeared with their proud parents Ollie and Anna Denny.

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Micky Denny Golf Day - cont

"This is one of the best days of the year for me and my family", said Micky's son Ollie, adding how the branch had helped his family massively during their MND journey.

John Mann also paid tribute to the golf hole sponsors, especially Simon Darvall MD of Business Moves Group and Dan Stubbs of Lansley estate agent as well as Golf Director Tom Burns and his team at De Vere Wokefield Park.

"Thanks also to our glamorous girls in the refreshment tents with their laughter and help in extracting cash from everyone.

"Congratulations to all the winners and looking forward to next year!"

Jane Gilbert



The Branch's Barry Dodds and Andy Jones with Carl Corbin and son Louis, aged 9



Leo Johnson wheels away a barrow full of Christmas cheer



Ollie and Anna Denny with twins Romilly and Marnie and proud grandpa Simon Miles

MND Christmas cards

Now that Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night are over and done with for another year it is time to start thinking about Christmas. So take a look on the MND Association Reading & West Berkshire Facebook page where you will be able to see the Christmas merchandise that we have this year. Plenty to choose from and every card we sell benefits the branch.

I will be at the Christmas Tea Party but cards may be running low by then so best to get your order in early. You can order and pay and then pick them up at the tea party if you wish.

You can also collect them from my home in Burghfield Common or I can post them to you but I'm afraid I will have to add postage to the cost of the cards.

Mary Davidson

Email marydavidson1123@gmail.com to place your order or for more information.









Our AMAZING Summer Tea Party gets VIP treatment

Our Summer Tea Party is always special – and this year we had two VIP guests with us to share the delightful August afternoon.

The Association's CEO Tanya Curry and Olivia Bailey, Reading West and Mid Berkshire MP, both took the opportunity to meet our MND community and hear about our vital work.

Branch chair Andy Jones told them: "So far this year we have raised up to £68,000 which is a huge amount of money.

"We have so far given out nearly £30,000 in grants to make people's lives a little bit better."

More than 80 people attended the sumptuous tea laid on by our Dream Team at The Beansheaf Community Centre, Calcot, near Reading. They included many of our fantastic supporters and recent fundraisers who were given a shout out.

Two special awards were presented to our Events Lead Mary Dodds, who helped set up the Branch at a meeting in March, 1987. The Dream Team gave Mary its Unsung Hero award, a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of her favourite wine while Tanya presented a 40-year Long Service Certificate on behalf of the MND Association.

"I wasn't expecting it, you have totally blown me away," said a surprised Mary.

"Forty years ago there was no help whatsoever, no-one to talk to, not even from social services. The incredible Dr Hyman asked me if I would get involved in setting up a branch.

"I did that for a very special man - Derek Prior. In 1990 we lost him to MND and I have never forgotten him."

Tanya said 40 years of volunteering was an amazing feat and described how the Association had grown nationally now having 10,000 volunteers, 320 staff, supports 6-7,000 families and has made £48m.

"Look at how far you have come, we couldn't do it without you," she added.

Jane Gilbert







Pictures, top to bottom

Olivia Bailey MP chats to Derek Hince with Tanya and Andy pictured behind

From left - Chris Cullen, Mark Pearson, Sarah Pearson and Anne Cullen

Mary Dodds receives her Long Service Certificate from Tanya Curry

Bucklebury rolls out the barrel for MND funds

Cheers to Bucklebury Beerfest and to all our fantastic, loyal supporters who braved the rain to attend the event on August Bank Holiday Saturday.

Our hard-working Dream Team of volunteers had them covered serving an array of tasty treats in the adjoining Victory Room Tea Hall raising a magnificent £950 for branch funds.

Friday's Dream Team - Jane and Derek Gilbert, Mary and Barry Dodds, Andy Jones and Sheila Holland - did a cracking job setting up and decorating the hall.

And Saturday's Dream Team – Paddy Lunn, Mandy Claridge, Chas Burden, Tracy Purser, Linda Green and grandson Ellis, Lorraine Claridge, Jane Gilbert, Anna Roe, Mary Davidson, David and Ian Claridge, Barry and Mary Dodds – were all stars!

We've never seen the team gather so quickly around one person when Anna Roe arrived holding a giant box of freshly baked sausage rolls. The smell was glorious, and they didn't last long!

Huge thanks to Bucklebury's John Brims and the Victory Room Trustees for once again asking the Branch to run the Beerfest Tea Hall and to benefit from all the proceeds.

For some of our star bakers it was a double bake day - Katie Cooper and her team also did a fabulous job running the Art Cafe in Whitchurch-on-Thames raising £320 for branch funds.

Some of the visitors to Bucklebury told us they had already been to the Art Cafe that morning so well done to them for supporting both events.

We're very grateful to all our fabulous cake makers, volunteers and supporters who helped to make everyday matter for local families affected by MND.



Whilst most of us were busy inside, Julie and Lin, pictured above, were braving the elements outside running their craft stall including Lin's famous 'Washing Line' game which always draws in the crowds.

Jane Gilbert and Mary Dodds





As well as our Christmas Special at the Art Café, The Dream Team will also be there tempting you with delicious cakes on Saturday 20th February 2027 and Saturday 1st May 2027.

Please put all these dates in your diaries.



Health chiefs say sorry for delays in vital wheelchair support

Health chiefs have apologised to people with MND in the Berkshire West area for the distress and uncertainty caused through long wheelchair service delays.

And a multi-point recovery plan has now been ordered with MND referrals being given priority.

This follows our hard-fought campaign to improve the failing NHS Berkshire West Wheelchair Service being delivered by AJM Healthcare.

Since August last year the service being provided by AJM to all those in need of wheelchairs, including people with MND, has been woeful, says branch Chair Andy Jones.

There has been a catalogue of errors, including misleading or no communication, late provision, and engineers not turning up at agreed appointment times to name but a few. All of these have been highly impactful and distressing for those in urgent need.


MP frustrated by wheelchair delays

'Serious questions need to be asked' over waiting times

Andy said "Our Branch has been campaigning on behalf of our MND community, and with the help of the MND Association, raised awareness of this issue to our six local MPs, the local press and the MND Association CEO, demanding urgent action to address the issue. In particular, the support of Newbury MP, Lee Dillion, The Newbury Weekly News, and the MND Association's CEO, Tanya Curry, has been hugely appreciated."

After meeting some of those affected by this poor service at our Summer Tea Party, Tanya Curry wrote to the CEO of the NHS Thames Valley Integrated Care Board (ICB), demanding urgent action across several areas, all of which were informed by the experience of people with MND.



The ICB CEO, Dr Nick Broughton pictured above, has now responded "recognising that this would have caused distress and uncertainty to the individual and their family, and is sincerely sorry that the care and support they [the person with MND] have received fell below the standard expected".

He then went on to lay out a multi-point recovery plan, which he has asked the board's Chief Nursing Officer to oversee, and to report directly to him on progress. MND referrals are now prioritised, and there are monthly governance meetings in place at both the clinical and contract levels, to ensure that AJM Healthcare are held to account. MND Association colleagues attend these monthly meetings and liaise with our branch Association Visitors to provide both the inputs and outputs from these meetings.



Tanya Curry, CEO of MND Association

In addition, the ICB has now provided email escalation points for any future issues, so that they may be actioned quickly. Any MND patient experiencing such issues should contact their assigned Association Visitor so that we can bring their case to both the ICB and MND Association for immediate attention.


NEWBURY NEWS

'MND doesn't wait' as couple left begging for wheelchair

Delays in provision as they face race against time with incurable condition

We are grateful to all those families affected by MND who have shared their stories for our wheelchair case studies.

Andy went on to say: "Although eight months late, this is a welcome update from Dr Broughton and both we and our colleagues in the MND Association, will be tracking the impact of these actions on our MND community very closely.

"We are especially grateful to the excellent work our Association Visitors, especially Jan Gryglaszewska, have done in highlighting this issue, and to Jane Gilbert for working with the local press to make sure it had the visibility it deserves."

Jane Gilbert

A Captain's Day to Remember

I'm incredibly proud to share that our Captain's Day at Wokefield Park Golf Club was a great success, raising more valuable funds for the MND Association Reading and West Berkshire Branch.

The event in September took our fundraising total since April to just over £4,000 - an achievement that makes me especially proud given that we are a very small membership club. The generosity and support shown by our members has been truly remarkable.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated so generously throughout the day. Once again, our members demonstrated the wonderful community spirit that makes our club so special.

It was also a real pleasure to welcome Wendy Gouldthorpe and Margaret Moss from the MND Association's Reading and West Berkshire branch. They spoke to us about the wonderful work the charity carries out and the difference that fundraising makes to people living with motor neurone disease and their families. They also helped draw our raffle winners and, following the prize-giving, joined us for a meal. Having them with us made the occasion even more meaningful.



Thank you to De Vere for allowing us to hold Captain's Day and for providing wonderful hospitality and an excellent meal afterwards.

Finally, I would like to thank Lightsave for donating our biggest prize of the day - a four-ball voucher for Goodwood, one of the UK's leading golf destinations. It was an incredibly generous contribution and helped make the event even more memorable.

As Captain, I could not be more grateful to everyone who supported the day. Reaching more than £4,000 in just a few months is a fantastic achievement for our small club, and every contribution will help the MND Association Reading & West Berkshire Branch continue its vital work in our local community.

Footnote: The Wokefield team, pictured below, went on to win the Hillman Trophy the following weekend. This is an annual competition involving most golf clubs in Berkshire, Bucks and Oxon. It went to six rounds to reach the final, such a fantastic result for a small club. Just reward for our members I would say.

Andrew Mutepfa



The wonderful support from all our amazing fundraisers is truly appreciated by our MND community.

After receiving Wellbeing Support Grants these messages arrived.

" as always, you're my ray of sunshine! Thank you so very much. You and the branch are amazing and generous and I am so grateful! "

"Thanks very much for your support, and for the wellbeing grant. You certainly help us in these difficult times. We really appreciate it."



By kind permission of Lord and Lady Benyon

If you wish to attend this event please make sure to RSVP to ensure we have enough food to go round!

Important Travel Information for the Christmas Tea Party

The Englefield Estate has kindly asked that guests enter and leave via the lodge gates and main drive wherever possible rather than travelling through the village of Englefield.

We can help in so many ways . . .

We are the Reading and West Berkshire branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, and we are your local point of contact. You might be surprised at how we can help you and people living with MND, their families and carers. We do a lot more than just providing voice banking, fundraising and organising the social events you read about in this newsletter.

We are all volunteers and most of us have had a close connection with MND. We work with professional health care providers to try and ensure people living with MND get the best possible care and advice. We also have a few hard working trained volunteer Association Visitors (AVs) who can offer guidance and support.

Don't be shy, use the contact details so we can discuss with you how we might be able to help.
Email: contact@mndrwb.org Tel: 07760 854975

Pickled egg eating fundraiser – it's no yoke!

How many pickled eggs could you eat in 10 minutes?

It's no yoke, Champ Adam Doyle downed an incredible 17 eggs in a tough, unique challenge raising more than £1,800 to help fight MND.

Adam, from Thatcham, was the worthy winner in the Inaugural Pickled Egg Eating Competition held at The Queen's Head, Bradfield Southend in August.

He took home The Golden Egg Trophy and won a meal for four at the pub as well as the bragging rights, of course.



Picked Egg Eating Champ Adam Doyle with the Golden Egg

Afterwards he told BBC Radio Berkshire: "It was the first time I had tried a pickled egg, and I was genuinely really nervous. Next year, at least I'll know what I have got myself into. I had a strong start eating six in a minute - the 17th egg took a long time to eat. The main challenge was trying to get them out of the jar, very tricky."

How did he feel the next day? "Let's just say, we are bound," admitted Adam, one of seven contestants, including two girls, who bravely stepped up to the buckets.

Huge thanks to pub landlords Steve and Tracy Daley, organiser Josh Tonnar and sponsors Driver's Pickled Eggs.

Josh, who hosts Youtube channel @thelongandsportofit, now hopes to make it an annual contest for a cause close to his heart as he has a local family friend living with MND.

And fair play to him for doing a test run himself managing to eat no less than 12 eggs before feeling "pretty ill".



Bucket collectors Olivia Daley, Steph Farr, Janey Smellie, Jamie Gilchrist and Georgie Dopson. Steph, Janey and Jamie also bravely took part in the contest.

Well done, and a massive thank you to them all for this fantastic support

.Jane Gilbert

Check out Josh's donation page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/pickledeggeatingcomp



Thanks to Big Yellow, Reading, for supporting Reading and West Berkshire MND Association

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Become an Association Visitor with the Reading and West Berkshire Branch and support people living with MND.

Do you have good listening skills? Would you like to offer direct support to people living with MND? Contact us today to learn more about our AV role.



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CAKES AND CARD SALE

In aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association

Friday 13th November 2026

Lambourne Road, Sonning Common, RG4 9LX

2 – 5pm

Do join us for a cup of Tea and Cake

Selection of Rod's Christmas cards and notecards

Homemade marmalade and chutney

Cakes for sale and RAFFLE

All proceeds to Reading and West Berkshire Branch of the MNDA

Friends make seaside memories with Chris

What a difference a day makes!

This amazing group smashed an 18-mile trek along the beautiful Suffolk coast raising more than £2k for our branch in support of their dear friend Chris Cullen who is living with MND.

They also managed to bake and sell some delicious cakes for a heartfelt cause.

Organiser Martin Lovick said it was very special to spend the day with Chris, his wife Anne, and friends old and new, in a place they love.

And Chris said he had had a great day adding: “Martin and Karen (his wife) were stars.”

Martin described the support before and on the day, plus the donations to the MND Association, as impressive and very moving.

He said: “I have known Chris for over 50 years since we were at school and Saturday Club (a church youth group) together. I was always following in Chris's wake as he was much more successful with girls than me!

Like all Chris's friends, we were so thrilled when he met Anne, the love of his life, more than 20 years ago and devastated for them both when his diagnosis was confirmed last autumn.”

The walk along the Suffolk coast from Aldeburgh to Walberswick on September 26th was the second special day in honour of Chris, from Wokingham.

Many of the walkers had danced the night away at Chris Rocks Fest in Wiltshire last June raising an incredible £21,000 for our local MND community.



Martin Lovick (first left) is pictured with Chris (fourth from left) and their friends and family

The Suffolk walk was a much smaller affair, first and foremost an opportunity for some of Chris's family and friends to have some fun together in a part of the world that Chris and Anne love.

“We also want to raise some funds for the MND Association Reading & West Berkshire Branch, which has been providing amazing support for Chris and Anne on their MND journey”, added Martin.

Check out the friends’ fundraising page here:

localgiving.org/fundraising/SuffolkcoastMND

Jane Gilbert

Anyone for cowboy boots?



Once again Lin Jenkins and her loyal helpers Julie and Bea donned their wellies and rubber gloves to join the clean up brigade after Reading Festival.

Lin tells us it is quite a lengthy procedure to sign up these days, even having to be police checked to go and salvage the leftovers.

The organisers had many new ideas to encourage the festival goers to take their items home but there was still left plenty behind for the salvagers!

Lin says “For three ‘oldies’ we really got our act together and collected a huge amount, including a good range of cowboy boots. We estimate our haul will raise between about £800 and £1,000 in sales over the next year.

An awesome 50km run to the sea

Massive congratulations to amazing Steve Woodrow who has smashed his first ultramarathon for a heartfelt cause.



Steve's epic 50k Run to the Sea Bournemouth was in honour of Derek Prior, his much-loved friend lost to MND.

And Derek's widow, Mary Dodds, our Events Lead, was at the finish line with her husband Barry on October 3rd for a truly memorable moment.

An emotional Mary said: "I slipped a note to the compère with Steve's name saying that he was raising funds for MND. The welcome Steve received was incredible. I know that Derek would have been so very proud of Steve's incredible achievement"

"I was overwhelmed by what this lovely man has given to people living with MND".

Afterwards 53-year-old Steve, from Thatcham, described the day as an "equally enjoyable and challenging event."

"Seeing my friends Mary, Barry, Clare and others at the end topped the day off perfectly," he said.

Just two weeks later unstoppable Steve smashed the 16kms Great South Run in memory of Derek.

And his online donation page has so far raised more than £2k for MND Association Reading and West Berkshire.

He says the dedication of Mary and her amazing branch colleagues inspires him every day.

We can't thank him enough for helping to #makeeverydaymatter.

Jane Gilbert

localgiving.org/fundraising/steves-run-to-the-sea

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October Drop In success

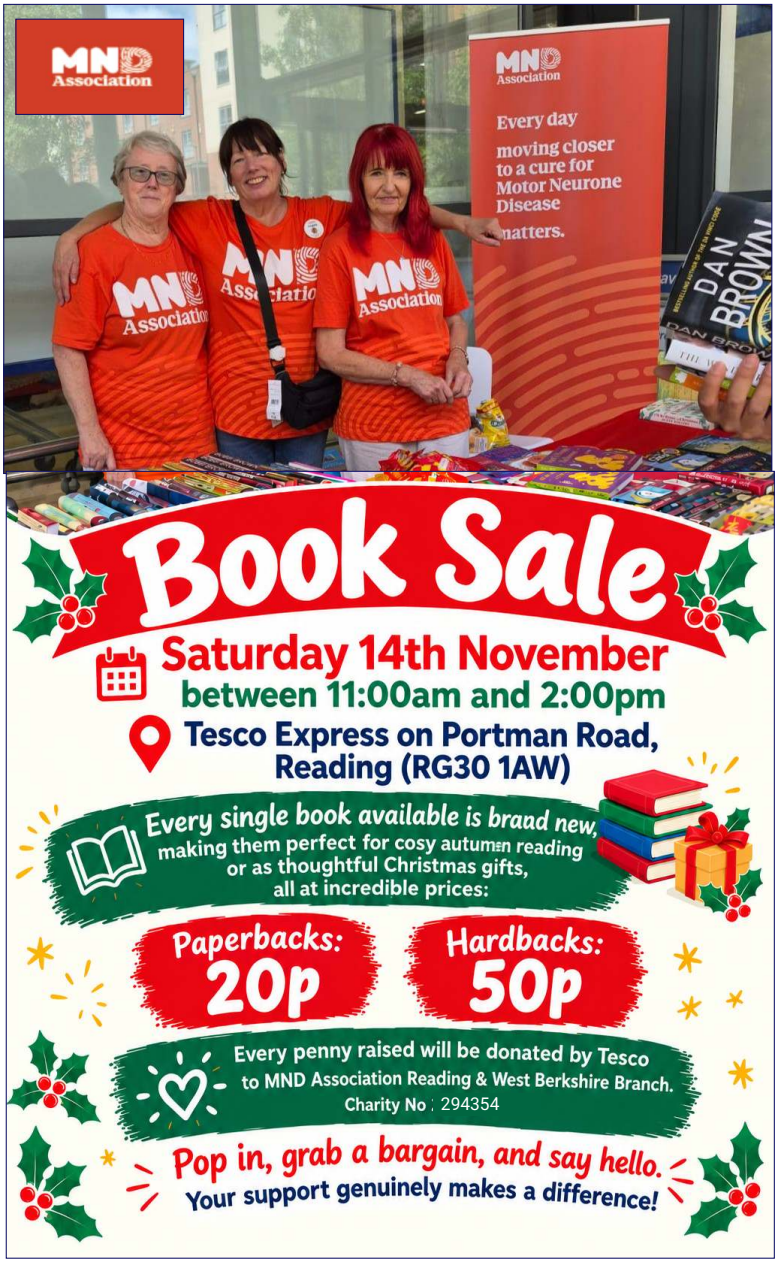
We had another incredibly successful Drop-In with an amazing 58 people joining us in October.

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout, with so many people coming together for friendship and support. The atmosphere was lovely, and it's clear that these meetings continue to be a valued and important part of our MND community.

It was a real testament to how much our members enjoy staying connected.

We also discovered that Dennis and Lorna Murphy were celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary. What a lovely milestone, and we all wished them our warmest congratulations.

Mary Dodds



Halloween House - trick or treat?



Yet another successful event organised by Westcoast Limited during their year of fundraising for the Reading and West Berkshire branch of the MND Association. So far this event has raised over £570 - what an amazing amount!

Unfortunately, by the time you read this the event will be over but would you have been brave enough to visit this spooky house in Meadow Way in Theale?

Our thanks to the Viney household and to our branch committee member Claire Maslen for providing all the thrills and sweets for trick or treaters.

You may have missed the main show but it is not too late to donate - all money raised comes to our branch to help local people affected by MND.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/halloweenhouse-trick-or-trick

Big hearts Rally on the Common

It was with great pleasure that several of the branch committee went to the Caversham Marina on Friday 31st July to meet representatives from a group called Rally on the Common.

Rally on the Common is one of Reading's most characterful summer gatherings, a blend of scooter culture, VW camper lifestyle, live music, and a relaxed festival atmosphere that pulls in enthusiasts from across Berkshire and beyond. At its heart, it's a community-driven weekend held at the Reading Abbey Rugby Football Club on Peppard Road, with charity fundraising built in.

The group raised £4,000 to be split between Reading and West Berkshire branch of the MND Association and Daisy's Dream. They chose to support the branch as they have seen, and appreciate, the work which the branch does for people living with MND.

Margaret Moss
Branch Vice-Chair



Mary Dodds. Margaret Moss, Sophie Carter from Daisy's Dream, Linda Green and Barry Dodds display their cheques

A crafty move by Lin and Julie

Returning from a cruise to Norway, we rushed straight into preparing our stall for Thatcham Leisure and Craft event, on Saturday October 17th. Unfortunately, there was not enough room in the church, where the other crafters were, so we were in our tent on The Green, in The Broadway, with several other charity and information stalls.

We sold a range of knitted items, along with basic raw materials for a variety of crafts. There was no big rush, customers trickled through all day. We sold quite a mix of items and met quite a few people who had been "touched" by MND, in one way or another. This is so important, and why we are out there most weekends.
The weather treated us well, but it was nice to get home for a cup of tea!

Lin Jenkins

A footnote from Lin:

We have just returned from a P & O Cruise to Norway. I have never seen so many wheelchairs, and general walking aids. This set me thinking. I asked many people and observed a great deal. The level of assistance given by all staff is remarkable. The ships are completely user friendly, easy to travel around and gain access to everywhere. In the buffet restaurant, for example, the staff carry food to your table and even cut it up for you if needed.

A cruise may not jump out as a holiday choice, but everyone I spoke to highly recommended the experience.

(I am sure other cruise companies are the same).

Newsletters

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Free respite support is available for unpaid carers in Reading

If you are an unpaid carer supporting an adult living in Reading, you may be eligible for our new Unpaid Carers Respite Service.

This free pilot service gives you the opportunity to take a break while the person you care for is supported by a CQC-registered care provider.

Support Includes

- Up to 38 hours of free respite support over 3 months
- Flexible support, 7 days a week (6am–11pm)
- Personal care if needed
- Support at home, in the community, or at activities

Eligibility criteria

- Carer must be 18+
- Provide unpaid care for another adult living in Reading
- Not currently receiving funded respite support through Adult Social Care or health services



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Westcoast golfers tee off for MND

This year Westcoast hosted its first Charity Golf Day in support of our chosen charity, the MND Association's Reading and West Berkshire Branch.

MND is a cause close to many of us at Westcoast, with colleagues affected either directly or through family and friends. Throughout this year, we have had the privilege of meeting the volunteers who dedicate their time to improving the lives of those affected by the disease, and hearing their stories reinforced our commitment to supporting the charity.

Despite having just six weeks to organise the event, 23 golfers came together at The Caversham Golf Club on 1st August for a fantastic day of golf and fundraising. Through charity mulligans (when a golfer can pay a charity to take a poor shot again), a raffle and a drinks buggy, we raised £763.22.

Congratulations to Andy Lear, who took first place, George Haines in second, and Marcus Fortescue and Charlie Mitchell, who shared third place.

George Haines also won Nearest the Pin with his tee shot finishing within 7ft of the target, while Alfie Lear claimed Longest Drive with an impressive 270-yard shot that narrowly avoided three bunkers.

We would like to thank Jamie Sparrow and everyone at The Caversham Golf Club for their outstanding hospitality and support throughout the day. Thanks also to Andy Lear from TaylorMade for providing some of the raffle prizes, which contributed significantly to the fundraising total.

Finally, special thanks go to Connor Curtis, Paul Holliday, Vincent Hanniffy, Andrea Bowyer and Claire Maslen, whose efforts helped make Westcoast's first Charity Golf Day such a success.

Connor Curtis
Business Development Executive
Westcoast Ltd



Westcoast's Catering Supervisor and the MND Dream Team's Claire Maslen loving some golf buggy action!

A sweet success for a brilliant cause!



Linda Green, Melony Watkin, Zuzanna Goralczyk, Claire Maslen, Georgiana Angela, Alina Nan, Mary Dodds, Lorraine Claridge and the lady in the front with the hat is Dana Saagum

The latest cake sale at IT distributor Westcoast Ltd in Theale was an absolute showstopper, raising a massive £1,103 for our local MND community!

Organiser and Catering Supervisor Claire Maslen shared: "What a fantastic cake sale, fab colleagues, helpers, and bakers, all for an amazing charity. I cannot thank everyone enough for their support and kindness, you are all total stars. Together we can really make a difference."

A huge thank you to Claire, the MND Dream Team, and everyone at Westcoast, who voted the MND Association's Reading and West Branch as their Charity of the Year.

This fantastic effort was just one of many fun and varied events held to generously support our vital work.

Watch this space for the big total reveal at the Westcoast Wrap meeting in December.

Mary Dodds

Dates for 2027

- 19 January
- 2 March
- 13 April
- 25 May
- 6 July
- 12 August – Summer Tea Party
- 21 September
- 2 November
- 7 December – Christmas Tea Party - TBC

Drop-in Meetings - An open invitation

You are warmly invited to our Drop-in Meetings

The Calcot Centre, 3 Highview, Calcot,
Reading RG31 4XD
12.30 - 2.30pm

These meetings are an opportunity for you to share experiences and thoughts, meet with friends who understand.

We would be very pleased to see you. Please feel free to bring a relative or friend - all are welcome.

RSVP to jacqueline.mcgachie@mndassociation.org or call 07760 854957.

A selection of sandwiches will be available.

The venue has wheelchair access, toilets and car parking on site.

From junction 12 of the M4 head on the Bath Road (A4) towards Reading. You will pass Sainsbury's/IKEA on your left and in a few hundred yards at the next roundabout take the first exit onto Royal Avenue. Take the 4th road on your left, Highview, and the centre is on the left (signposted). Click here to view venue in Google maps,

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