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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter from our chairman Carol King



The Music Festival held in Marldon this July was a huge success.



The first of its kind, for those with LD and their carers.

The acts were first class.

Not to be missed next year.



Our Beach Hut is available for free hire all year round



It has a microwave, kettle, cleaning items, 4 folding chairs, paper cups, a picnic blanket, and a ball, bucket and spade.



Email chair@torbaymencap.co.uk for more information



Watch out for details of Torbay Mencap's day out on September 17th



We are offering a boat and train trip and it's free to members.



Watch out too for Turning Heads new Computer Training opportunities



And remember if you want help or information contact us on the email below

Keep safe and stay well

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Award to PHAB Club

Torbay Mencap is pleased to have made an award to our local PHAB club to purchase sports and electronic equipment which we can see has been put to good use.



Gold Medal in the Jubilee challenge







James completed his Gold Medal in the Jubilee challenge

Helen Brinicombe cup of courage

Here are the photos of the winners getting their awards.

The winner of the 2023 Helen Brinicombe cup of courage award was **Alex Rickard**



Certificates of achievement were awarded to:



Kirsty Wilkins





Michael Dewey



During Learning disability week, Hollacombe community resource centre held a fun day at which was the unveiling of the Daniel Oliver swing, donated by his parents to Hollacombe in memory of their beloved son.

Specially designed for those with more complex needs.



Members enjoy the interactive light mat and animal balloon sculpting at the Hollicombe resource Centre fun day



Each year Millfield School in Street, Somerset offers an open day of fun and activities for those with learning disabilities and their carers.

Torbay Mencap organised free transport for a group of members to travel up for the day to enjoy everything on offer.





Millfield School (continued)









Kevin Foster's Fosters Fund

Torbay Mencap was please to receive £300 from Kevin Foster's Fosters Fund towards the rental cost of a beach hut at Broadsands, awards were also given to others with whom we work, Tissues and Issues and the Disabled Sailing Association.





On Friday 30th June **Turning Heads** held a presentation evening at The Palace Theatre in Paignton celebrating the amazing achievements our clients have accomplished over the last two years taking advantage of the many opportunities offered by Turning Heads.

Over 100 people attended the event with the evening starting with a short presentation from the CEO, Alan Tilley, fantastic singing by Olivia and then a prize draw and a large number of well-deserved celebratory certificates and gifts.

Special awards went to Chris and Joe who work so hard and have made such huge personal progress and achievement throughout the year.

Turning Heads works with a whole spectrum of individuals and families and the dedication and enthusiasm of the staff make all of this possible.

Roll on the next 12 months!



Turning Heads are developing a Tech Hub in Torquay from September at the TDA offices in Lymington Road. We are going to use this as a base to help people overcome the digital divide by supporting and enabling those who would otherwise fall through the gaps.

We will be running a training room and a tech base. This will provide a hub for people to learn, work and gain self confidence in a caring and supportive environment.

The Tech Hub will focus on looking at assisted technologies, supported employment and job accessibility, budgeting, AI and also allowing us to look at how we can use VR to the benefit of all.

We want to give disadvantaged people more opportunities to access emergent technologies that will have a positive impact on their lives and enhance their life chances.

Stewart and Emma mapping out the offices and planning the layout!



Join us in fundraising



Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise **FREE** donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! You can get started at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/torbaymencap



Join us on Babbacombe Fayre

Torbay Mencap - Antiques and Collectibles, Sunday 13th August

Torbay Mencap would like to express thanks to Patterson law for choosing us as their nominated charity and for all the funding which has helped us accomplish so much.







Torbay Mencap is here to help you.

We help both carers and those with a learning disability.



These are some of the areas

Torbay Mencap can help you with:

Befriending
Advocacy
Help with the NHS
Access to respite centres
Housing departments
Legal advice



Contact us

If you contact us, we can point you in the right direction.



Please fill in the form on our website to tell us what you need https://www.torbaymencap.co.uk/contact-us



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