

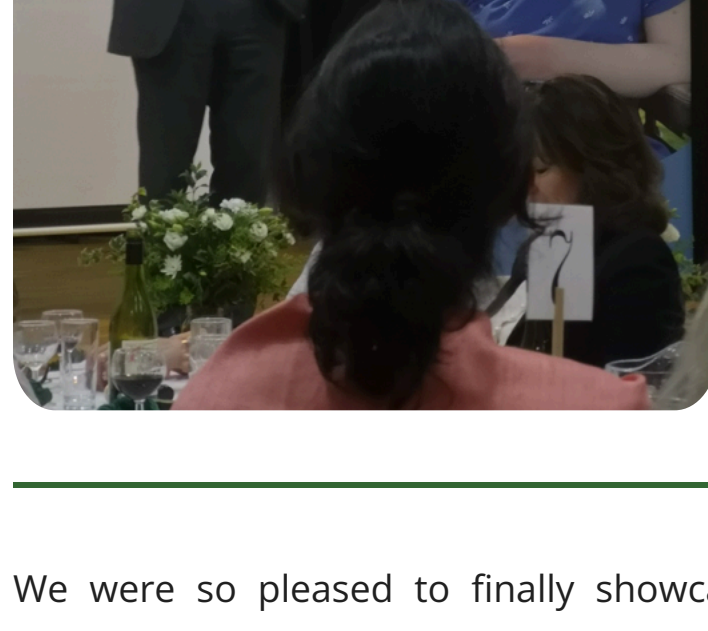


## The Dinner & Auction

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us on 12 November for our annual Bevern Trust Dinner and Auction. As we calculate our final sums, the event looks on course to break all previous fundraising records, with more than £30,000 raised in support of our charity. We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who donated auction prizes: your generous contributions paved the way for a memorable night.

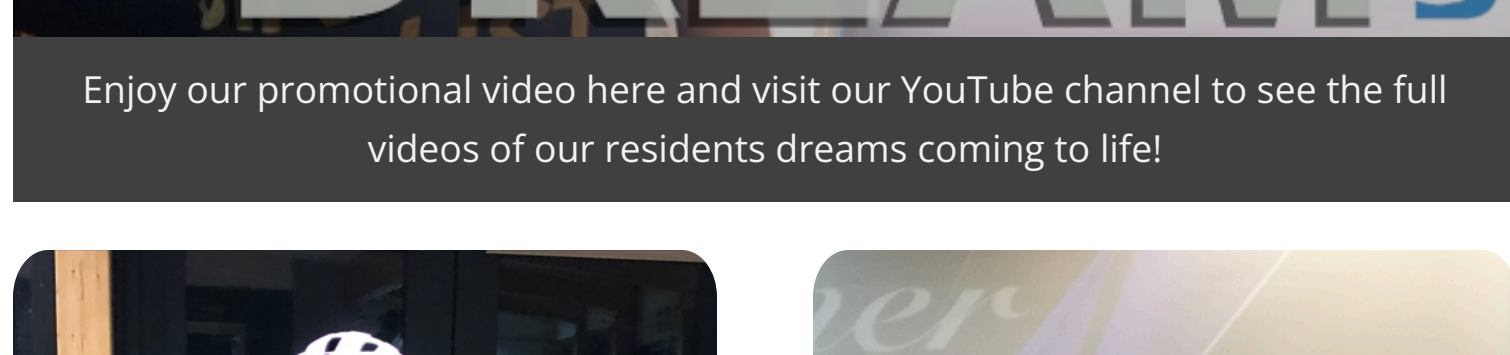
Our guests arrived to the beautiful ambient music tones of the incredible Torino String Quartet who so generously gave us their time in support of our evening, Natasha Kaplinsky, our wonderful patron and host, then opened the evening by asking Alice (Operations Manager) and Tim (Activities Manager) to join her on the stage so that they could speak about their passion for the Trust's work and amuse the guests with a couple of heart warming stories which highlighted the vital work of the charity. Dr Harry Brunjes, Chair of the English National Opera and London Coliseum, was our guest speaker and entertain everyone with stories from his show biz past as well as the difficulties that he is facing now within the ENO.

Thanks to your support, the Trust continues to deliver educational programmes and activities as well as vital hydro and physiotherapy sessions for our residents.



We were so pleased to finally showcase our 2023 promotional video which was created in-house thanks to our incredibly talented Activities Manager, Tim. As Alice said to our guests *"If you're new tonight and not sure what the Bevern Trust does, then we hope you'll enjoy our short film which highlights why we're such a worthwhile charity to be supporting"*.

Tim's inspiration for making the film came from our resident's individual personalities and what they are able to show us they love doing through their different ways of communicating. The Trust has always and will always continue their efforts in making our resident's dreams come true.



Enjoy our promotional video here and visit our YouTube channel to see the full videos of our residents dreams coming to life!



## Out and About

The start of November saw JP off to watch the all-singing, all-dancing one-man spectacular that is **Harry Hill**. He then gets top trip prize of the month which involved an unusually warm November afternoon in Brighton watching a volleyball competition in Brighton!

Saleem, Amy and Simon braved the colder weather and had a wonderful trip to **Sheffield Park** to admire their festive decorations. Saleem was obviously eyeing up the coffee and cake in the inviting warmth of the cafe so we headed there once Amy and Simon had had their fill of the lights, sparkle and glitter.

Ciaran particularly enjoyed **Barcombe bonfire night** with his family. He met over 20 people that he knew from current and previous staff with their friends and families, friends from his Challey Heritage school days and friends from Barcombe and Newick Church. He watched all the processions in his black and red jumper in support of the Bonfire Smugglers, he even enjoyed the hot dog that Pam had bought herself from the Scouts Stall. At the end of the evening, both worn out and happy, he drove back in the dark with the lights of his power chair leading the way. He already can't wait for next year!



## In our home

We celebrated Bonfire Night this year with sensory **story writing**. We used popping candy, party poppers, sparklers, mini bangers and amazing visuals for a full sensory bonfire experience. We made toffee apple cake, which was a particular favourite of Saleem's, and bonfire themed cocktails with a surprise 'banging' taste in some of them!

We like to make the residents aware of worldwide cultural and sporting events so they can be part of the bigger community. **The World Cup** has been an opportunity to introduce different nations to the residents as they follow the football. We have made face files about chosen countries with facts, pictures and information about their traditions and customs such as traditional dress, music, food and celebrations.

We also, of course, watch the England games together. Chloe especially likes cheering England on.

## Christmas is Coming!

As the temperatures drop, mulled wine & mince pies are served, and carols play on the radio, Christmas is in the air!

We're very excited to invite you to our **Christmas Cake Sale** to help you start the season. At **3pm on Friday 9th November** we are opening the doors at **St Francis, Barcombe**, for an opportunity to purchase some delicious homemade cakes and biscuits, as well as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and squash.

We will be launching our first ever **Children's Christmas Raffle** packed full of toys and crafts, with the raffle being drawn at the end of the afternoon.

We will also be showcasing our ever popular annual **Christmas Hamper Raffle**, full to the brim with luxury goodies and tasty treats, generously provided by the Bevern View parents. Tickets for the Christmas Hamper Raffle can be purchased for £1 each from our website or by clicking the link below. The Hamper Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 22nd December (online sales closing 5pm on 21st) so please do purchase your tickets for your chance to win!



Buy Hamper Raffle Tickets Here!

Our **fundraising goal** this Christmas time is to help us give our residents 'more from life' with the purchase of a specialised laptop for our vitally important switches. This will enable our residents to be able to choose their own movie or activity independently. We also need a new touch screen to work with our gaze technology to empower our residents to communicate, make choices and have independence. The residents at Bevern View rely on creative technology to enable them to undertake day to day tasks that we can do independently without having to think about it.

We would love to see you for a chat, a drink, and to share some Christmas cheer so we look forward to seeing you from 3pm on 9<sup>th</sup> December at St Francis, Barcombe.

Please do invite all your friends and family! Thank you for your support.

## Free Giving While You Shop!

Give **FREE** money to Bevern! No extra costs to raise money for your chosen charity whilst you shop, all at no extra cost to yourself.

**AMAZONSMILE**  
Thank you to everyone who continues to support us using **AmazonSmile**. By registering The Bevern Trust as your nominated charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases. Same products, same prices, same service to you.

We have already received **£350.01** donated from Amazon based on our supporter's purchases and this all helps us reach our fundraising goals.

If you have an Amazon account, follow these simple steps:

1. Sign in to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) on your desktop or mobile phone browser
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account and select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Select The Bevern Trust.

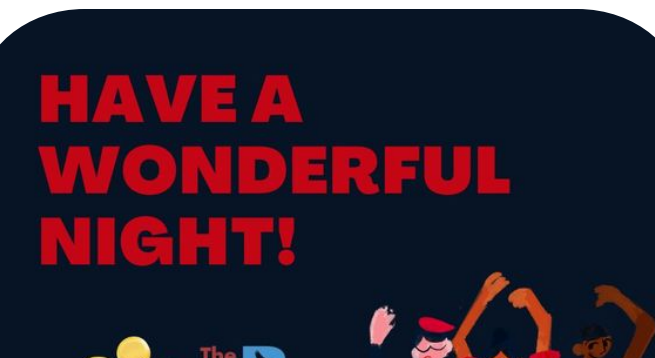
Note: You can also hover over the Supporting notice in the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the Change link next to the name of the charity you're currently supporting.

**EASYFUNDRAISING**  
The Bevern Trust are registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

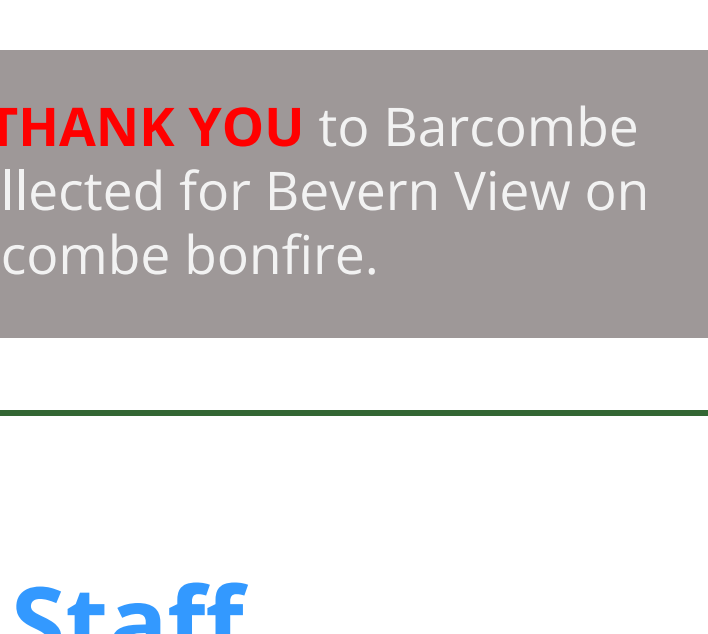
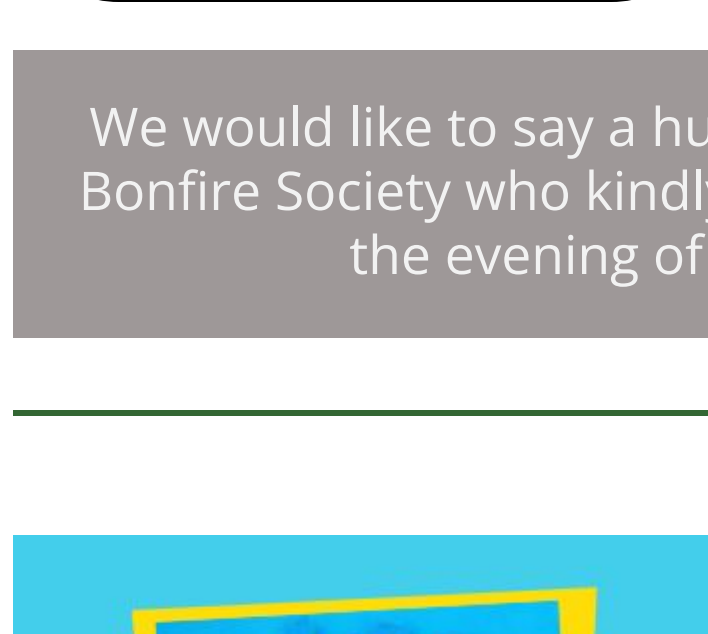
These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thebeverntrust/>

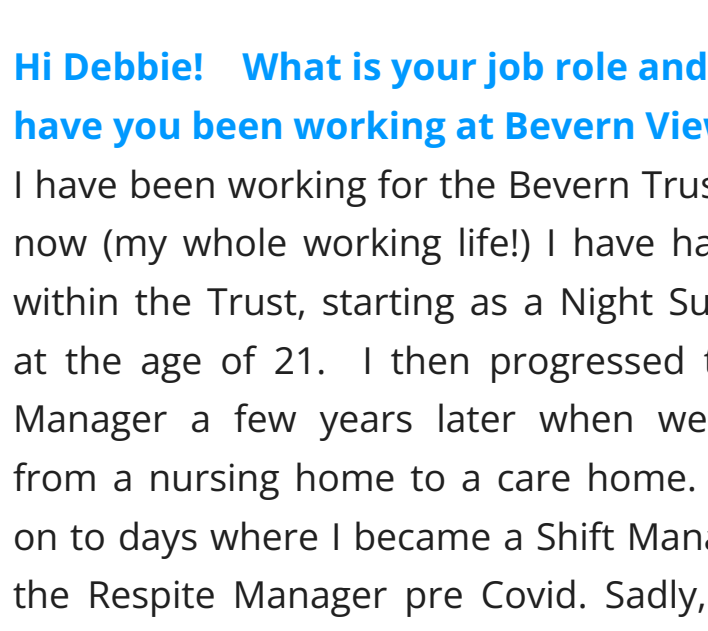
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## Thank You

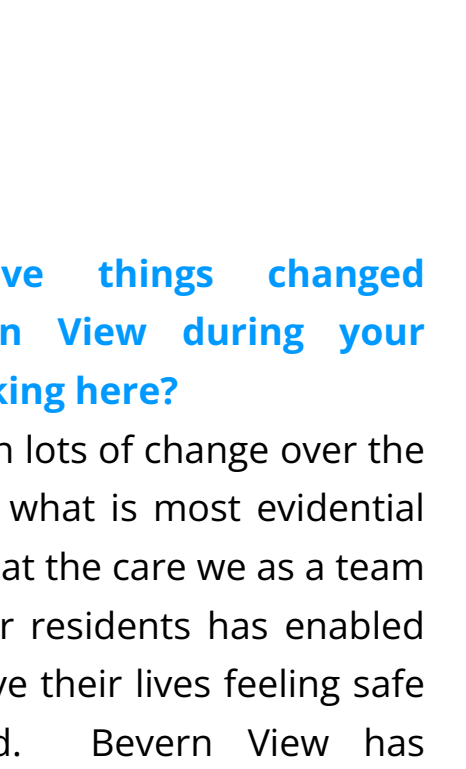


We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Barcombe Bonfire Society who kindly collected for Bevern View on the evening of Barcombe bonfire.



**Hi Debbie! What is your job role and how long have you been working at Bevern View?**

I have been working for the Bevern Trust for 21 years now (my whole working life!) I have had many roles within the Trust, starting as a Night Support Worker at the age of 21. I then progressed to Night Duty Manager a few years later when we deregistered from a nursing home to a care home. I then moved on to days where I became a Shift Manager and then the Respite Manager pre Covid. Sadly, during Covid we had to make the decision to stop having respite users and only have full time residents. I have now returned to my role as Shift Manager, and am currently working on my level 5 diploma.



**Can you describe a typical day for you at Bevern View?**

No two days at Bevern are the same. I arrive for my shift around 7am and have a hand over with the night staff, then I plan for my day ahead. Writing my shift plan and planning which staff will work where due to the different skills of the team and needs of the residents, needs lots of thought. I then handover to my team and communicate with the staff, and they will be working with and what each individual resident will be doing. This will involve activities, clinical appointments, family visits, trips out, hydro sessions and home stays.

The staff will then head off to support their resident while I oversee that everything runs smoothly. I also meet with the clinical staff to discuss any medication requirements. My role throughout the shift is regularly communicating with the staff, reporting and documenting any concerns, liaising with family members, and making sure everyone is safe and comfortable with all their needs met.

**Can you describe the Bevern View community in three words?**

Family, love, laughter.

**How have things changed at Bevern View during your time working here?**

I have seen lots of change over the years, but what is most evidential to me is that the care we as a team give to our residents has enabled them to live their lives feeling safe and loved. Bevern View has always had a family feel; there is a very special feeling when you walk into the building and see our residents interacting with the staff.

We can obviously have very difficult days and stressful times when working here but we make up for it with lots of fun and laughter.

**Can you tell us about the area you live in, your family and any pets you have at home?**

I live next door to Bevern View with my two children, Megan 20 (who also works here) and Harvey 18. We have two cats, called Grace & Archie.

**If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?**

I would love to visit Canada because I love mountains, water, snow, fresh air and whisky!

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

I really enjoy running.

## SUPPORT US MONTHLY

We would love to hear from you if you would like to become involved in supporting our dynamic and life-changing work on a regular basis through monthly giving. We really appreciate all your support, and this monthly giving helps us to make plans for the care we provide.

Click on the Donate now button to set up a regular monthly gift or to make a one off donation to The Bevern Trust in 2022 or into 2023.

Do follow us on our social media pages - all links below - for regular films, photos and updates on Bevern View life and memories from activities over the years.

Please do let us know if there is anything else you would ever like to hear more of - we're always open to suggestions!

The Bevern Trust  
[info@beverntrust.org](mailto:info@beverntrust.org)

DONATE NOW

We hope you've enjoyed reading our update. We'd love to hear your comments or feedback on any of the above.

Thank you,

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