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Happy New Year from us all!

Here's what we've been up to over the festive period.

Christmas was in full swing during the whole of December. Our home is traditionally decorated on the 1st of the month - a day when you had better not stand still as you are likely to get covered in tinsel and baubles!

Father Christmas made his usual trip to Bevern View to check who would be on the naughty or nice list. Whilst the jury is still out for some of the staff, we're pleased to report that all of the residents made it on the nice list once again!

As regular visitors to the **Blooming Arts drama club**, Amy and Simon had a great time with their friends at the Christmas Party where they danced the night away.

It was jingle all the way right up to Christmas with the residents forming their own **Christmas rock band** and playing along to well known tunes such as Walking in a Winter Wonderland. Stuart also came to visit to play festive tunes on his guitar, along with the Toe Tappers who certainly did get our toes tapping with their music and dancing!

Once the **Anything Goes Nativity Show** panto filming had finished, it was time for the residents to put on their glad rags and watch the world premiere whilst friends and family watched simultaneously from home, commenting along the way. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to see the show, you can still get your front row tickets by clicking here.







Chloe and Mark stepped into a world of enchantment and wonder as they experienced The Brighton Lights, a captivating winter light show. They immersed themselves in a mesmerising display of festive lights and as you can see from their faces, they loved every minute!

A full sensory **French market** came to visit us just before Christmas. Julia brought tables full of food to taste, French soap to smell and pictures to look at. JP loved the virtual reality headsets which enabled him to take in the sights and sounds of the market for himself and experience how it would feel to be on a ferry.

Paul, Chloe, James and JP decided to spread the Bevern View Christmas spirit in Lewes with a spot of carol singing. Many people stopped to listen and were very generous. We raised over £100!

The week was rounded off with the return of our **Carol Concert**. It was so wonderful to hear the brass band and share some mulled wine and mince pies with staff and parents.









Christmas Fundraising Update

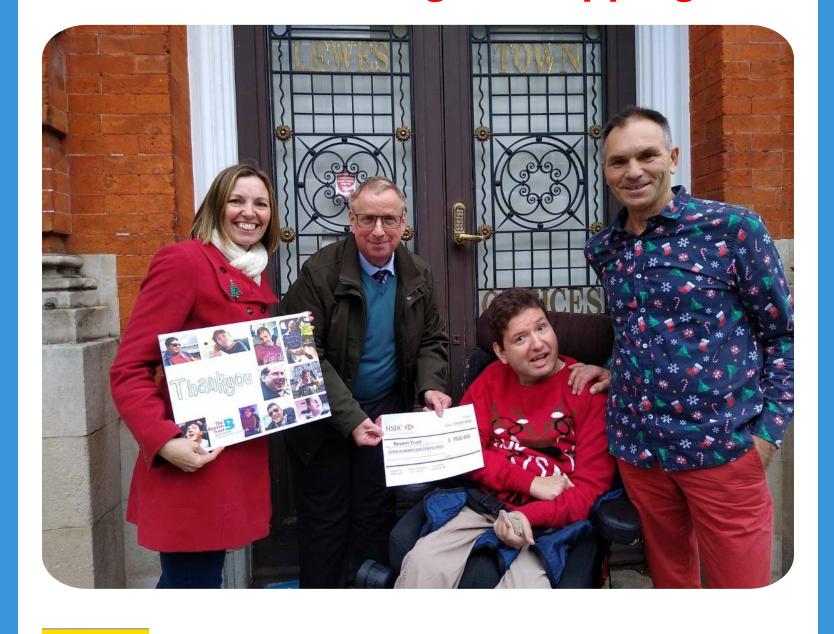
We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us in our variety of Christmas fundraising activities - the Anything Goes Nativity Show, Late Night Shopping, Christmas Hamper Raffle, our Christmas Wish List and the online Christmas cards. Our Christmas Wish list donations enabled us to purchase a massage mattress for our sensory room and a microwave for the kitchen, and we were delighted to have been gifted a new Smart TV for the resident's lounge.

The combined Christmas fundraising activities raised over **£2,500**!



Ticket sales went through the roof and we raised almost £700! The online Anything **Goes Nativity Show** is still available so if you haven't been able to watch yet - click **here** to make a donation and receive your online link.

Lewes Late Night Shopping





Huge thanks go to **Lewes Chamber of Commerce** for choosing The Bevern Trust as the charity at Lewes' late night shopping event. Although the weather was frightful, that didn't dampen our Christmas spirit and Lewes was still busy with people and music.

Many shops took in one of our collecting tins and a few hardy souls took to the streets with collecting buckets in the pouring rain helping us to raise over **£700**!

Bevern View Christmas Hamper





Our ever popular annual **Christmas Hamper** was full to the brim with luxury goodies and tasty treats, which had been generously provided by the Bevern View parents. Raising over £180, towards our Christmas fundraising, the raffle was drawn at the Carol Concert and the lucky winners were Pat and Terry Barrows. We hope they have been enjoying their hamper.



Quiz Night

Huge thanks to Nick Pitcher very kindly organised a quiz night at The Royal Oak in Newick in aid of The Bevern Trust. Nick came and presented the cheque on the day of our carol service which was a wonderful surprise.

The quiz was a huge success - everyone had a lot of fun and raised £650!

Happy Birthday Chloe

Just when we thought that the celebrations had finished, it was time to celebrate Chloe's birthday! She had a lovely time celebrating at home surrounded by her friends and family.



Is 2024 the year to undertake a Personal Challenge??

Please do get in touch if you'd be interested in setting yourself a Personal Challenge during 2024. Email Kirsty at <u>Kirsty.baker@beverntrust.org</u> discuss any ideas or how we can support you.

Don't forget the date for your diaries...



Easyfundraising is so easy!

Thank you for supporting us on **easyfundraising** during your Christmas shopping - we've now raised over £300!

Don't forget - you can sign up anytime. It's so simple - just visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thebeverntrust/ and join for free. There are no catches or hidden charges and The Bevern Trust will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

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 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.

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

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