

*Enabling people to reach their full potential*

Welcome to our Autumn and winter newsletter, we are looking forward to our festive winter months, but let’s have a look over what we have done in the last few months.

Firstly, let’s talk about our awards evening, what a night to remember. The event was held at **St Williams Social Club Ince**, it was truly the best yet! We had the pleasure of celebrating the incredible achievements of our attendees, who each received well-deserved recognition along with photographs capturing special memories from the past year, perfect for sharing with family and friends. The evening was full of fun and energy, thanks to the fantastic **Mascot Mania DJ and entertainment**, who kept us entertained from start to finish! The venue looked absolutely amazing, a big thank you to **Wigan Events & Soft Play** for the beautiful decorations that brought the whole night to life. Guests enjoyed a delicious hot buffet, provided by Cassidy Catering, a big thank you for the amazing food! A very special thank you goes to Lee Jukes of **Elite electrical NW LTD** for kindly sponsoring the event. Your support made the night extra special. Huge congratulations to all our award recipients and our lucky raffle prize winners, your hard work and participation make our community what it is! Here’s to another year of success, growth, and celebration!









More celebrations were held at Steps, with our Happy Halloween event. In preparation our gardening group carved the pumpkins, and we created our very own pumpkin patch.



In our recent art session, everyone got their hands dirty (in the best way!) sculpting pumpkins and leaves from clay. Each unique piece, from bumpy pumpkins to delicate autumn leaves, came together to form a beautiful, collaborative clay pumpkin patch! Huge congratulations to all involved.





Our talented textiles group had also been getting creative and festive, making these beautiful fabric pumpkins decorated with flowers, twine, and autumn flair! Everyone worked very hard, stitching, stuffing, gluing, and adding their personal touches with fantastic results.

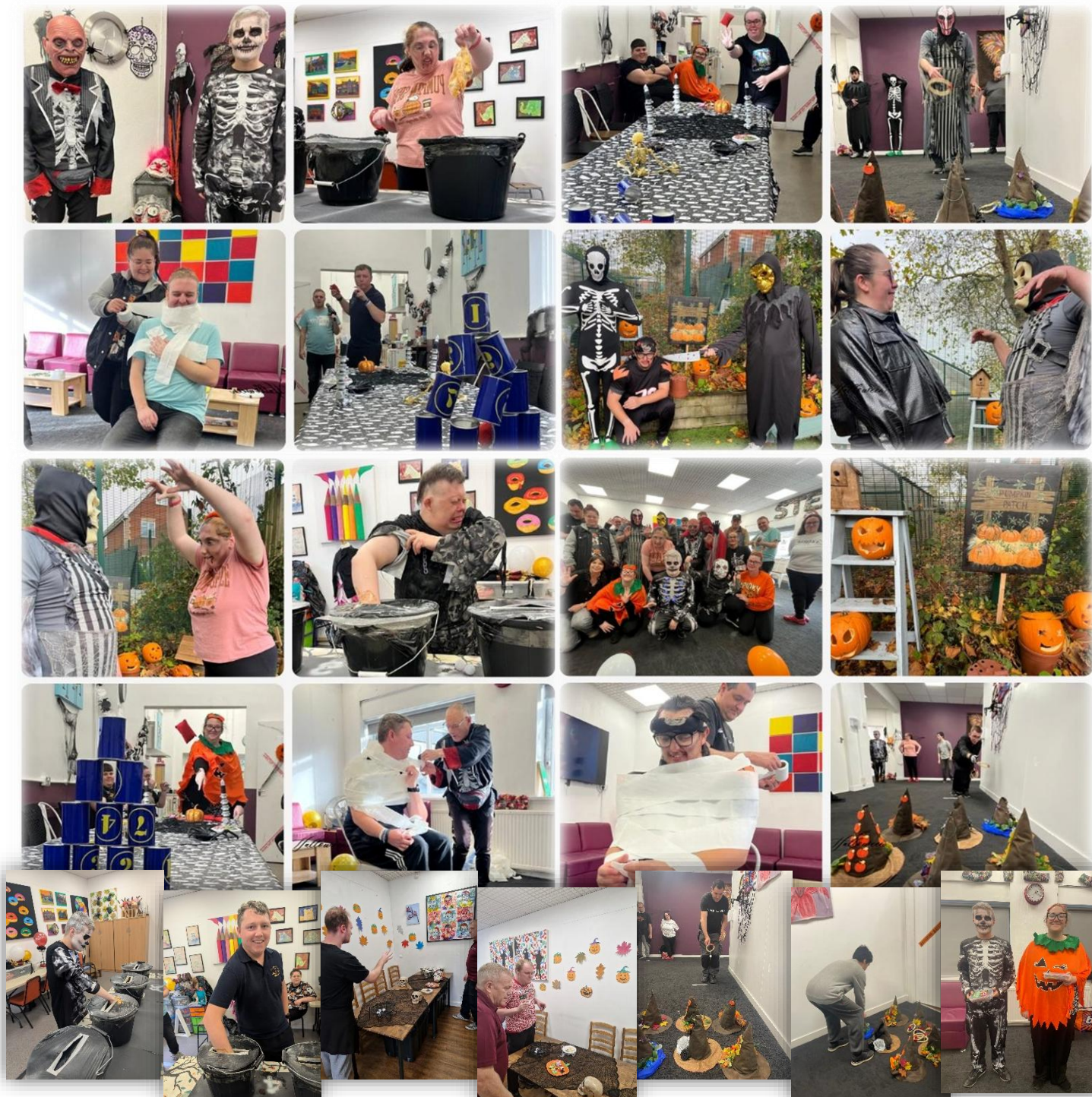


Staying with our amazing textiles group, they have also created this stunning autumn-inspired dress. Each attendee worked independently to print beautiful leaves in rich autumn colours, and together they've combined their work into this incredible garment. The creativity and teamwork shine through every detail, huge congratulations to all involved.





Finally the day arrived and we had an incredible day celebrating Halloween with lots of frightful fun and games, from 'Wrap the Mummy' to 'Buckets of Gunge'! Our delicious chippy lunch was a real treat, and our Bongo's inspired bingo made a thrilling return by popular demand. Everyone looked boo-tiful in their fancy dress and congratulations to our best-dressed winners and all our game champions! A huge thank you to everyone who joined in the Halloween fun, you truly made it a fang-tastic day!





We've been busy in the kitchen learning how to make delicious homemade sausage rolls and just look at the results. From mixing and rolling to filling and glazing, everyone got hands-on and showed some amazing skills. Fresh out of the oven, golden, flaky, and mouth-watering, we're proud of how they turned out. Well done to everyone involved!



Staying in the kitchen, with our lunch sessions, our attendees have been busy preparing delicious homemade soup and sandwiches as part of their food preparation sessions. From peeling and chopping fresh vegetables to carefully cooking and serving their meals, everyone demonstrated great focus, teamwork, and dedication. The result was a nutritious and hearty lunch. These sessions not only encourage practical cooking skills, but also build confidence, independence, and a sense of achievement. Well done to everyone involved!

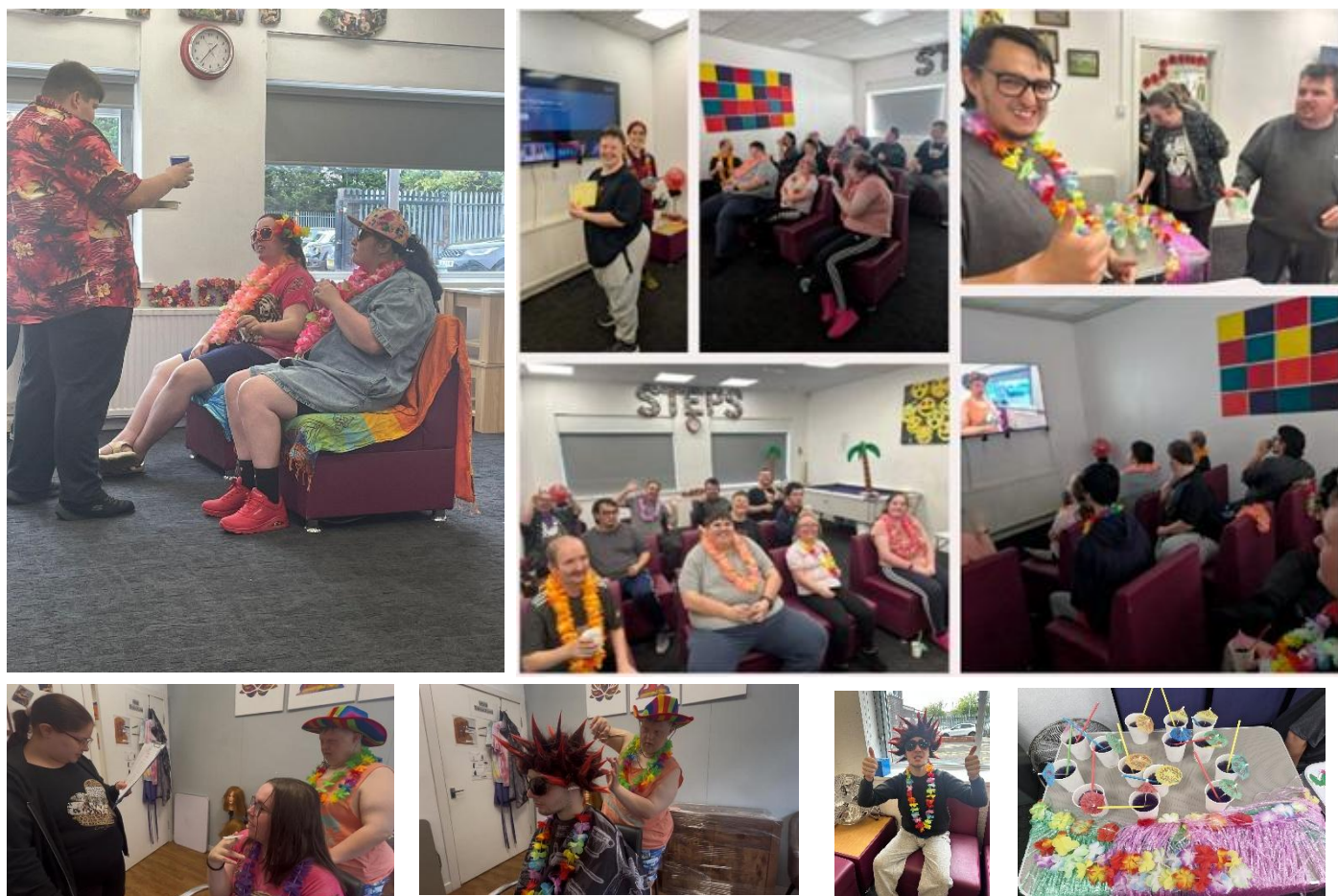






Our amazing Expressive Arts group has been busy bringing the fun and chaos of Benidorm to life! After weeks of creativity, laughter, and hard work, we've watched the premiere of our first production, and we are proud to share the final cut of our scenes inspired by the hit TV series. They've done a fantastic job, please copy the link to view, or visit our website [www.stepsbic.co.uk](http://www.stepsbic.co.uk). We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed creating it!

<https://youtu.be/L9d9ahCu7rU?si=kkIU03IXrED3dkbV>



Our attendees have been engaging in valuable hands-on learning within our onsite salon, gaining practical experience in both hairdressing techniques and customer service. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for them to develop real-world workplace skills in a supported, professional environment.





As Christmas approaches, please find reminders of our upcoming timetable and our Christmas opening times. Recent letters sent home also have all the information as per below. If not already done so, can you please return the reply slip to advise if attendees will be attending service over the festive period, this is so we can plan and manage staffing effectively. Copies can be reissued

**Attendee Christmas party**, this will be held on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, at St Williams CYMS Club, Patricroft Road, Ince **WN2 2DF**. Time 3pm until 7pm.

Attendees can be left to party, any attendee who has Personal Assistants will need to be supported during the day as per normal support.

We have caterers providing hot buffet, consisting of Hot Pot, bread and condiments, Curry and rice, nan bread and mini bhajis then assorted gateaux for dessert.

As per previous year, family members are welcome to join us to celebrate. The bar will be open. This is always a popular event. Let's get ready to party with a fabulous DJ, fun and games. Please return the reply slip if not already done so, so we can confirm with caterers.

### **Christmas Dinners at STEPS – 8th–12th December**

We're delighted to announce that our festive Christmas dinners will be served at STEPS during the week Monday 8th December to Friday 12th December. This gives all attendees the chance to enjoy a delicious seasonal meal. Each day, attendees can enjoy a three-course Christmas dinner, including: Soup, Traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings Chocolate roll and mince pie.

The cost is £6.00 per meal, per day, and attendees are welcome to enjoy the Christmas dinner on as many days as they choose. We are able to cater for all dietary requirements.

For any attendee who does not wish to have the Christmas dinner, please ensure a packed lunch is brought in. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### **Christmas and New year Opening Hours**

Week Comm	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025</b>	Open as normal 9-4	Open as normal 9-4	Open as normal 9-4	<b>Closed Xmas day</b>	<b>Closed Boxing Day</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025</b>	Open as normal 9-4	Open as normal 9-4	Open as normal 9-4	<b>Closed New Years Day</b>	Open as normal 9-4

**Please note –** Council Transport may not run over the festive period. I am awaiting confirmation of working days. They usually finish on Christmas Eve and return after New Year.

