

DIAL West Cheshire (DIAL House) celebrates 30 year milestone!

DIAL West Cheshire was delighted to welcome guests, volunteers and staff at their recent 30th Anniversary Celebration Event at Chester Racecourse.

Committed to enabling disabled people and older people in West Cheshire and the surrounding area to lead sustained, independent lives the charity provides a range of valuable services including Advice & Information, a Community Café, Shopmobility Service and Volunteer & Learning Scheme.

As a local charity with only 12 paid staff, they rely upon the commitment and dedication of over 80 volunteers each week to deliver their services to thousands of disabled and elderly people in the local community. (Approximately 70% of their staff and volunteers have a disability or long term health condition themselves.)

The celebration event was attended by approximately 150 guests, including high-profile public figures David Briggs MBE, KStJ (Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire), Cllr Angela Claydon (Lord Mayor of Chester), local councillors and MPs as well as representatives from partner organisations, funders and the business community.

Keith Roper, DWC's Chief Officer said:

“The event was a delightful occasion which marked how the charity has been improving the lives of disabled people for 30 years. On behalf of the Board of Directors at DWC I would like to thank our sponsors and guests, not forgetting our staff and especially our wonderful volunteers, for supporting the event and being there with us to celebrate this milestone.”

“On a more serious note, challenging times lie ahead for DWC. The austerity cuts are not only affecting our disabled client group – but also biting us as a charity and we are struggling to cover the costs of running the organisation. So whilst we are putting some exciting plans in place to help us become more sustainable over the next few years, we will also be approaching the local business community, partner organisations and key influential figures to develop Business Partnerships and Corporate Sponsorship Packages. In order for us to continue to deliver our vision of a society where disabled people and elderly people can participate equally as full citizens, we hope that you will do all you can to support us on this journey.”

To find out more about DWC visit www.dialwestcheshire.org.uk .

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