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About Treloar's

Founded in 1907, Treloar's is a School and College for children with physical disabilities aged from two to 25 years old, from right across the UK. Each year we have to raise around £2 million to provide our students with access to the specialist equipment, opportunities and staff that give them the confidence and skills so they can realise their full potential in life. With your support, we help every single one of our young people have the opportunity to explore and achieve much more than they or their parents would ever have imagined possible. Thank you.



Spring Edition of Treloar's Today

Thank you once again to Homes Estate Agents for sponsoring this issue of Treloar's Today – we are so very grateful for your continued support.

This edition looks back at some of the events which took place over the autumn and winter terms including our involvement at the Lord Mayor's Show, equipment that we have been able to buy with your generous help and support and, most importantly, the details of our 2019 appeal.

We are embarking on an appeal to raise £1 million to complete our new Outdoor Learning Centre. You can read more about it on page 3. We very much hope that the Centre will open during 2020.

Throughout 2018, and continuing into 2019, our supporters have helped raise much needed funds for our students and for our College facilities. Such as the Jaco Robotic Arm; Smart Home technology; equipment upgrades/revamping our Assistive Technology workshop; hoists for our residential houses and Boccia ramps.

On behalf of everyone at Treloar's, thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes

Tony Reid
Chief Executive
Treloar Trust



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Outdoor Learning at Treloar's

We are proud to announce that Treloar's has been selected as a Health Beneficiary charity of the National Garden Scheme which has chosen to support our amazing new Outdoor Learning Centre.



Our new Centre will replace the current facility, which is in urgent need of replacement. It will provide access to a wider educational programme and new learning opportunities for our students, including horticulture and animal husbandry, as well as 'green' areas for exploration, sensory and science activities, and socialising.

The Centre will provide therapeutic and educational aspects to skills development, and a focus on opportunities for practical work experience through activities such as growing and selling produce, gardening, animal care and general site maintenance.

As you can imagine, we are delighted with the plans for the new Centre as it will motivate students to enhance their lifeskills. It will also encourage them to spend more time outdoors, providing health benefits and a happier and healthier outlook on life. To complete this project, we have just started an appeal to raise £1 million and plan to open the Centre during 2020.

Here's what some of our Sixth Form students have said about how much they enjoy spending time in 'the great outdoors'...

- "We have identified the need for a new Outdoor Learning Centre, due to the increasing complexity of our students. The new outdoor area will provide access to a diverse and inclusive education that will also enhance their health and well-being." Lisa Cull, Sixth Form Tutor and Outdoor Learning Lead.
- "I realise how much I like nature and it's making me think more about how to keep our environment nice. I'm looking at different places and seeing how beautiful this world is."
- "I enjoy learning about the outside and how we need to look after our environment. I like discovering nature. I found learning about the different animals and their eating habits interesting."
- "I think it's a good experience exploring the outside world and much better than staying inside all the time. I've started to make a butterfly house to entice more butterflies, which I have really enjoyed."

Please do help us by supporting our appeal for an amazing new Outdoor Learning Centre.

For more information visit our website www.treloar.org.uk/support-us/appeal, where you can also make a donation. Alternatively, please call 01420 547 477 or send a cheque made payable to "Treloar's" to Fundraising, Treloar's, Powell Drive, Holybourne GU34 4GL. Thank you.



Treloar's appoints Suzanna Hext as new Patron

We are delighted to announce that Suzanna Hext, inspirational European Gold medallist para dressage rider has agreed to become a Patron of Treloar's. Suzanna is a European Gold medallist and ended 2017 as Grade 3 level World No. 1.

Suzanna met with Treloar's students Sophie, Phoebe and Emily who were thrilled to meet her and had lots of questions for Suzanna before embarking on a tour of School and College.

Suzanna was competing at two-star level eventing before an accident riding a young horse at home in 2012 changed her life. After 170 days in hospital and nine operations Suzanna returned fighting and won at the Para Dressage European Championships. She's proved that nothing can stop passion, drive and determination. If Suzanna's accident has taught her anything it's that "you must never let life hold you back: life is precious, life is a gift and you must embrace every opportunity that comes your way. Make memories and treasure them, enjoy life and most importantly never give up..."

Suzanna is a fantastic role model for our students, and we look forward to welcoming her to Treloar's again very soon. Next time she visits Suzanna promises to bring her medals and we hope to take some of our students to watch her compete this year at an event.

Transforming Lives

Given the nature of our students' disabilities, it's essential we provide specialist equipment to support their very complex needs. We need to raise funds to do this, so a big thank you to our amazing donors who've helped us to provide the following support tools for our students:



- **The Jaco Robotic Arm:** a cutting-edge technology designed to transform the lives of our students with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. From now on, they'll be able to use this special arm and undertake everyday tasks we take for granted, such as picking up a drink, switching on a kettle, or scratching their nose.

- **Smart Home technology:** including Google Home, Amazon Alexa and Apple Home, which our students can try out and become familiar with in preparation for life beyond Treloar's. This technology helps students to live more independently, by allowing them to switch lights on and off, know who's knocking on their door, change TV channels, boil a kettle and much, much more.

- **Equipment upgrades/revamping our Assistive Technology workshop:** this new equipment replaces extremely old technology and allows our

technicians to provide higher quality more effective care to students.

- **Hoists for our residential houses:** these play a huge role in unlocking our students' potential and giving them a greater level of independence, choice and comfort in all areas of their lives.

- **Boccia Ramps:** Boccia is the main sport at Treloar's, one which all of our students are able to participate in, and these new and improved ramps make it accessible for all.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed towards this amazing equipment, all of which enhances our students' lives and provides countless new and exciting opportunities for them.



Sophie and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

On Sunday 16th December, Treloar's student Sophie Anderson had the opportunity to sing 'Walking in the Air' (from the film 'The Snowman') with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole, as part of their Christmas concert season.

Sophie auditioned for this part in September and was one of only two singers chosen to take part. The event itself was wonderful and Sophie sang beautifully: she hit all the right notes, was word perfect and the consummate professional.

his now famous cover version of the song which reached No.5 in the UK charts in 1985 – one for a quiz night!

Sophie also said: "it was the greatest day of my life! And it'll take some beating". We're all very proud of Sophie and her amazing achievement, and look forward to Sophie's next.



"I've always loved singing and also enjoyed watching 'The Snowman' on television every Christmas," said Sophie. "That's partly what inspired me to audition for in the Bournemouth Symphony's Orchestra's Christmas concert."

Sophie followed in the footsteps of Peter Auty, a St. Paul's Cathedral chorister and now an English operatic tenor, who sang in the 1982 animated film of 'The Snowman'. Contrary to popular belief it was not Aled Jones, who recorded



Harry goes skiing: Treloar's students Harry and Emily love skiing: the adrenaline rush as they go down the slopes, and the sense of joy and achievement when they've completed their latest skiing adventure. This is something they're able to enjoy thanks to the generosity of The Campbell Sports Fund, which enables students from the School and College to take part in accessible sports.

The students would not have opportunities like this without the supportive and experienced instructors @dsuksnowsport, and the generous contributions from our many donors.

Unique Arts Award 2018: organised by the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists Trust Fund the awards were held in October for disabled students under the age of 21. Five Treloar's students won awards namely: Cory (Photography Bronze), Connor (Digital Art Bronze), Chloe (Digital Art Silver), Marc (3D Sculpture Bronze) and Eliz (Digital Art Gold).

The Awards were held at the Copthorne Tara Hotel in Kensington.



Sailing in the Solent: each year, thanks to our generous donors, we take many of our students sailing in the Solent on a fully accessible catamaran.

This gives our students the opportunity for a taste of life on board a boat – many of them for the first time – and it's an experience they absolutely love.

Here's what Treloar's student Joss had to say about his experience:

"I had a fantastic day and it was a life-changing experience for me: I would recommend it to anyone. As a person in a wheelchair I've never felt anything like that, especially when the boat moved over the sea and I could feel the vibrations of the waves under my feet. When I steered the boat it gave me an overwhelming feeling of control, like I'd never felt before."



It's been a busy time of year for our students, so we thought you'd like to see and read about some of the amazing activities our young people have been up to.

Student Round-Up



Eagle Radio: in November 2018, Eagle Radio visited Treloar's to record our choir singing for a special Christmas recording, organised by our friends at Town & Country Couriers UK Ltd who kindly support Treloar's. The festive recordings were broadcast on Eagle Radio on Christmas Eve.

Dame Jacqueline Wilson, Patron: Treloar's Patron, Dame Jacqueline Wilson, very kindly agreed to take part in a Q&A session for Treloar College students which featured in the College Magazine. Students asked a wide range of questions to Dame Jacqueline including where she grew up, how long she has been writing for, what inspired her to start, and what was the first book she ever wrote. The final question was "if Donald Trump was a character in one of her books, what would she call him and what would he do?" Dame Jacqueline said 'what brilliant questions everyone!'



BBC South Sports Get Inspired Unsung Hero Awards: in December 2018, former Treloar's student Gemma Mitchell won the BBC South Sports 'Get Inspired Unsung Hero Awards 2018' for her work with Victoria Community Boccia Club.

Gemma said, "I'm super proud and overwhelmed!" Well done Gemma! We're all very proud of you.

Treloar's Events Update

A big thank you to everyone who has attended one of our recent events – we hope you had as much fun as we did! Our events contribute nearly £200,000 a year to our fundraising target, half of what we need to pay for three new minibuses. Here's a summary of what we got up to:

Dummer Fair

2018 saw one of our busiest and most successful fairs to date. With over 95 stalls and 1,000 visitors, the event raised over £32,000! Thank you to everyone who helped: shoppers, stallholders, our sponsors Savills, our invited advertisers and our wonderful volunteers. We hope you'll be able to join us again later this year.



Art Lecture

In November we were delighted to welcome back Cambridge Fine Arts graduate, lecturer, TV presenter and author Douglas Skeggs. During his Art Lecture, Douglas explored 17th Century Dutch art and how it dealt with the lives of its people. A huge thank you to the committee and all our attendees who helped to raise over £3,500.



Christmas Concert & Fayre

It was a very Merry Christmas at Treloar's! Our festive Concert was kindly sponsored by Town and Country Couriers and saw the Hart Male Voice Choir perform alongside Treloar's Choir. Over 150 guests enjoyed a melody of Christmas classics, including stunning solo performances from students Daisy, Sophie and Sally, as well as the Treloar's Bell Ringing Team. Our science teacher Mr Acon's, very energetic cameo as Santa Claus - complete with a full fleet of prancing staff reindeer - finished the event in style!

The following day was the Christmas Fayre sponsored by Marshall BMW & MINI Hampshire, which was officially opened by Treloar's former student and Paralympian David Smith MBE. Students, staff and guests enjoyed a selection of Christmas nibbles alongside mulled cranberry, as well as the opportunity for some last minute Christmas gift shopping. Together these events raised over £6,500.

Partnering with Treloar's

Company partnerships are hugely important to Treloar's, providing a great way for businesses to engage and motivate their staff, and meet Corporate Social Responsibility objectives.

At Treloar's, we work with companies in many different ways including sponsorship, charity of the year partnerships, volunteering days and gifts in kind, all of which can be big or small. Partnerships are a great way for companies to demonstrate their social responsibility commitment to staff and customers, and promote their brand and services to the Treloar supporter base, staff, volunteers and the local community.

Speaking about why Homes Estate Agents chose to start supporting Treloar's, Rob Barr, Director said: "All 40 team members across our local offices were aware of Treloar's School, but it was only when we were invited for an informal tour around the facility that we fully appreciated the enormity and significance of what Treloar's actually achieves for its students. Innovation, vision, commitment, dedication and deep compassion is evident throughout the whole Treloar's organisation and it's a privilege to now be supporting them. Estate agents are notoriously good at descriptive phrases, but there's only one word to sum up Treloar's - incredible!"

We've received some amazing support from companies over the last few months including our sponsors - Marshall BMW & MINI Hampshire, Homes Estate Agents, Savills, Town & Country Couriers and Virgin Media, volunteer teams from Bidfood, Enterprise rent-a-car, Unum, SAP and SunLife Financial of Canada together with many others. We'd like to thank you all for your generosity.



The Homes Estate Agents team at a recent on-site management meeting.

If your company is interested in partnering with Treloar's we would love to hear from you! Please do get in touch with Lucinda Gillingham in the Fundraising team on 01420 547464 or email lucinda.gillingham@treloar.org.uk

The Story of Treloar's...

A new film put together by our students, in collaboration with 104Films and funded through a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, is now available to view on our website: www.treloar.org.uk/about-us/our-history/



The film includes original recordings of speeches by our founder Sir William Purdie Treloar and shows films taken from the London Metropolitan and Hampshire Archives, as well as old photographs and interviews. School and College students helped with the research, filming and production of the final film.

In the film you'll see how Sir William provided an education for disabled people, which went against the prevailing attitudes of Victorian and Edwardian England, together with his inventive fundraising methods (and his unusual link to Charles Dickens!)

There is a discussion of the two different parts of the College, and the children's education and physical development through the highly-skilled work they carried out. This short film includes details of the Treloar's museum, Sir William's awards, contributions from current Treloar's students and much, much more... it is definitely worth a watch!



Spring & Summer cards and gifts

A very belated huge thank you to everyone who purchased Treloar's Christmas cards and gifts helping raise necessary funds for our students. We would also like to thank Caffé Nero which very kindly supported us again this season through selling Christmas card designs in store which really helped boost sales.

Our Spring & Summer cards and gifts brochure has just launched! The catalogue features partyware and Easter decorations from Meri Meri, cards and prints from Jessica Hogarth Illustration and beautiful stationery items from Roger la Borde. Every purchase you make from the Treloar's shop has a direct benefit to the students. Please call Karen Sanderson direct on 01420 547478 to order your copy of the brochure or place your order online: www.treloar.org.uk/shop



Cards for Good Causes

We were delighted to be accepted as a guest charity at the Cards for Good Causes shops and their online store in 2018, which generated record Christmas card sales for Treloar's.

We're very grateful for this opportunity and hope we can build on this relationship for 2019.

Cards for Good Causes supports more than 250 UK national and local charities - they do this by selling the widest choice of Christmas cards online and through their 300 seasonal pop-up shops.

Please do pop in and buy our cards!

Or buy online at the Cards for Good Causes website: www.cardsforcharity.co.uk



Volunteers

We are looking for some keen volunteers to join the Fundraising team.

A commitment could either be on a regular, weekly/monthly or ad hoc basis'.

Help is needed in a variety of roles at our events, out and about in the community and within the Fundraising office.

Whether you can spare a few hours a week or a few hours a month we would love to hear from you!

For more information about what volunteer roles are available please get in touch with the Fundraising team on 01420 547477 or email fundraising@treloar.org.uk

Calendar of Events

We have a packed year of fabulous events. Alternatively if you are looking for a different way to raise funds why not consider taking part in some of our other Challenge Events. There is something for everyone's taste and fitness level, ranging from treks, runs and swims to triathlons and parachute jumps.

www.treloarevents.org.uk



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**Treloar Talks
Five Inspiring Speakers**

Glaziers Hall, London

Hosted by Alastair Stewart OBE.

Tickets: £30 including wine and nibbles



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**St Swithun's Way
5 or 10 mile walk or run**

Treloar's to Farnham Park

Dogs welcome. Entry: £12 Adult, £6 Under 16, £30 Family 2 Adults & 2 Children



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Tea for Treloar's

Host a tea party with friends and family

You and your tea party can make a difference. Host a party or join us online.



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**Friends of Treloar's
Plant Sale**

Treloar's Campus, Alton

Plants, cakes, refreshments and much, much more to enjoy. Entry: Free



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**Cowdray Park
Golf Day**

Cowdray Park Golf Course, Midhurst

18 holes in a four ball, followed by a sumptuous dinner. Entry: £65 per person



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**Treloar's Secret
Mid-Summer Banquet**

Hampshire

Drinks and dining at a stunning Grade I listed neo-country house. Entry: £100 pp



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Supporters' Day

Treloar's Campus, Alton

Experience a morning in the life of students.
Email: charlotte.preston@treloar.org.uk



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**British 10K
Race Through Central London**

Central London

Entry: Minimum sponsorship target
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**Ride London – Surrey 100
The UK's Biggest Cycling Event**

Olympic Park, London

Entry: Minimum sponsorship target
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**Superhero Tri. The UK's
only disability sports series**

Dorney Lake

Anyone with a disability can take part.
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Gala Dinner

Mansion House, London

By permission of RT Hon The Lord Mayor of The City of London. Tickets: £140



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The Dummer Fair

Dummer Cricket Club, Basingstoke

95 stalls of fabulous gifts, clothing, homewares and food.