

A young girl with brown hair tied back, wearing blue-rimmed glasses and a red puffer jacket, is smiling and holding a large stuffed reindeer. The reindeer is light brown with a white belly and a brown nose. She is also holding a colorful blanket with pink, yellow, and blue stripes and a cartoon character. The background shows a brick building and a green door.

Treloar's Today

THE NEWSLETTER
FOR FRIENDS
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Elin, with her toy reindeer gift from Forest Lodge Garden Centre

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About Treloar's

Treloar's are a charity which provides a highly specialist school and college and nursery for disabled children and young adults with complex needs. We are experts in our field, giving young people the emotional, physical, clinical and educational support that their complex conditions require. But we can't do this without you. We must raise £2million each year to deliver innovative support in classrooms and our residential houses to help students to reach their full potential. With you by our side, our young people are striving towards a more fulfilled life. Thank you.

Spring Edition of Treloar's Today

Hello everyone,

As I approach retirement in June, I am delighted to share with you highlights of my 20 years at Treloar's, and the fantastic changes that donors and friends like you, have supported during that time.



Firstly, our wonderful centenary year in 2008 saw the start of "Vision" Treloar's fundraising campaign to co-locate the School and College at Holybourne.

Brewer and Wessex House were built in 2008 and 2012 respectively, we finally got rid of the 'shack' (student common room) and opened the "Chillout Zone". Another massive event in 2012 was our relocation to Holybourne, ending 60 years in Froyle and marking an exciting new start for us.

Treloar's has to meet the challenges of changing times, regulations, and the complexity of disability. Evans and Gauvain House have been significantly updated, allowing our young people to live in accommodation preparing them for the world beyond Treloar's.

Since 2021 Florence Treloar Hall has been made more accessible, and in September 2021 we opened our fantastic Outdoor Learning Centre, giving students even more opportunities. As I write I can hear building noise as the new key worker staff accommodation development is constructed, ready for occupation around October 2022.

These are just a few highlights, as so much happens every day!
I hope you enjoy reading about our students and news here at Treloar's. Thank you for all your help.

Yours sincerely,
Jon Colville, Director of Fundraising

An amazing place where bridges between 'the unlikely' and 'the possible'...

...are built each and every day!

that's Treloar's

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Treloar's welcomes a very special guest

It's not every day you perform for royalty – but Treloar's School students did exactly that as they welcomed our Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex, to campus to open our refurbished performance hall. The hall had become untenable for the complex needs of our students. However, with kind support including the Constable Education Trust who generously donated £100,000, we transformed the hall.

The refurbishment includes new accessible stage ramps, automatically controlled doors, a cooling system to support students unable to regulate their body temperature, a sound system which will particularly benefit students who use communication devices, and aesthetic improvements to the hall.

Her Royal Highness officially opened the hall, cut the ceremonial ribbon and joined in a bell-ringing performance.

7 year-old Zoe performed *Abide With Me* to mark Remembrance Day. Despite a few nerves, she gave a wonderful performance and there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Led by Treloar's Director of Music Jocelyn Watkins, Zoe's classmates accompanied her with switch operated bells, so everyone

could be included in the performance. You can watch a special pre-recorded version of Zoe's performance here:



Ryan Campbell, Treloar's CEO said: "We are honoured to have the longstanding Patronage of Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex whose kindness and support is so apparent when she visits us. Our students were delighted to perform and sit alongside her on stage. It means so much to share this special relationship with Her Royal Highness, who is such a wonderful advocate for the contribution our students and other disabled people can make within society."

Homes Estate Agents helping build the Forest School

We've been fortunate to receive a £10,500 donation from Homes Estate Agents towards our Forest School project, and appreciate their support.



Not only did they fund the Forest School but Rob Barr, their Commercial Director, also spent many weeks working incredibly hard to build the den.

Lucie Barker, Corporate Fundraiser at Treloar's said: "We are so grateful to Homes Estate Agents for their donation and for building our Forest School, which will allow our students to learn about nature, and improve their health and wellbeing."

Rob Barr, Director of Homes Estate Agents was equally enthusiastic: "We love supporting Treloar's wherever we can and our entire team is delighted to help. It's impossible to do justice to the tremendous work done at the School but it shines through when you meet students and experience their enthusiasm for life. We are so pleased to support the Forest School project, a great extension to the learning resources at Treloar's and hope more funds can be raised to complete it soon."

If you know a company which might like to support us, or would like further information on any aspect of company support, please contact our Corporate Fundraiser Lucie at: corporate@treloar.org.uk



Sun Life volunteers spruce up our campus

Supporters Sun Life Financial of Canada were busy last summer, gardening on our campus!

A group of 10 rolled up their sleeves, helped our facilities team enormously, and got stuck in tidying the site ready for the students' return in September.

We enjoy welcoming corporate volunteer groups onto campus, and love it to look as good as can be for everyone to enjoy!

Sadly because of the pandemic we haven't been able to have many volunteer groups here recently, but we would like to open these opportunities up again this summer.

If your company is interested in a volunteer day at Treloar's please contact our Corporate Fundraiser Lucie at: corporate@treloar.org.uk



TreloarPrint turns 20!

Set up in September 2001 thanks to generous funding from the Ian Karten Charitable Trust, TreloarPrint provides a working environment for students, and now delivers 2,000 jobs per year employing former students and supporting others into outside work.



TreloarPrint provides printed products, including business cards, letterheads, compliment slips, booklets, manuals, newsletters, flyers and posters, calendars, menus, greeting cards, postcards, invitations, leaflets, envelopes and labels, invitations, mail shots and design artwork.

During their time at TreloarPrint, students develop literacy, ICT, numeracy, and practical, social and other transferable work skills, preparing them for future life and building their confidence and self-esteem.

Aaron Dyer, former TreloarPrint work experience student, went on to gain employment locally. His career has blossomed and he's back working at Treloar's, in the TreloarPrint team.

He said: "As a former student it's wonderful to see TreloarPrint still thriving 20 years

later and providing a wide range of services to the local community.

The 'real world' work experience I gained, as part of the initial group of students to access the equipment provided by the Ian Karten Network, prepared me for the working world after leaving Treloar College in 2003.

I would not have been able to return to work at Treloar's as an Office Administrator and now part of the TreloarPrint team if the IKC hadn't been introduced in 2001."

We can't wait to see what the next 20 years brings, and how TreloarPrint can help our young people make the transition into paid employment and independent lives beyond Treloar's.



Treloar's celebrates Paralympic Champions with launch of School Team Ambassadors

Treloar's are fortunate to have some very talented Paralympians as Patrons and Team Ambassadors, and what better way to celebrate their support and successes than with their recent visit to our campus to meet and inspire our students!

The start of term brought an opportunity to appoint new Team Ambassadors for the school houses.

This year the theme was sportsmanship and we're delighted that David Smith OBE – the most decorated Boccia athlete of all time – took on the role of Ambassador for Team Fire, and Suzanna Hext, who competed in the para dressage and swim team, took on the role for Team Water.

Sprinter Ali Smith, who worked at Treloar's prior to her Paralympic career, is Ambassador for Team Air, and English Paralympic footballer Martin Sinclair took on the role for Team Earth.

Over the next academic year, each Ambassador will play a key role to help inspire their teams and foster a friendly competitive spirit.

Ali and Martin said they 'felt privileged to be invited to be team ambassadors'.

Martin said he looked forward to 'being a role model for future generations' and taking part in events 'that showcase each student's ability rather than their disability'.

To kick off the new term, the students assembled in the hall to meet their Team Ambassadors and have their photos taken, together with Paralympic memorabilia that our stars donated to Treloar's.

We also organised a special visit for Suzanna Hext to meet some of her Team Water members along with Whiskey the Shetland pony, from Broadlands Riding for the Disabled and in keeping with her

Forest Lodge Garden Centre spreads Christmas Cheer

We were thrilled to receive a gift from Forest Lodge Garden Centre in Farnham of 100 toy reindeer which arrived just ahead of the Christmas holidays.

Elin is pictured on the front cover delighted with her reindeer.

Simon Hughes, General Manager of Forest Lodge, said: "We hope the cuddly reindeer toys bring some festive magic to the pupils of Treloar's and some much-needed festive goodwill."

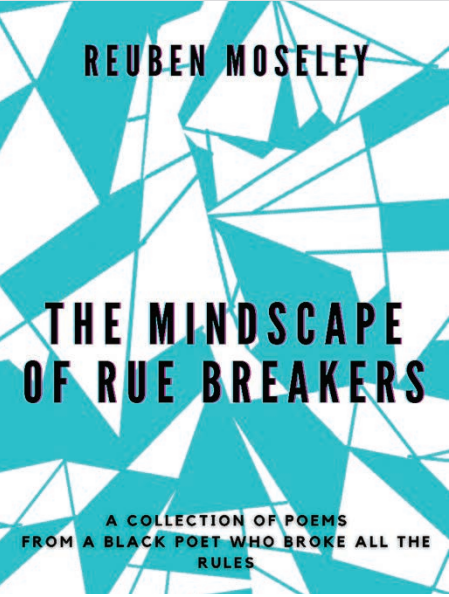


equestrian passion! Suzanna said after her visit, "days like today mean the world to me".

These athletes are flying the flag for disabled people everywhere, so we were thrilled to welcome them to Treloar's and celebrate their achievements. At Treloar's we want everyone to dream big, and to know that being disabled doesn't stop you being able to do whatever you want.

Not all of us can be champion athletes – very few people are – but everyone can do good things, if you work hard practice and focus, and most importantly enjoy what you are doing.

School stories



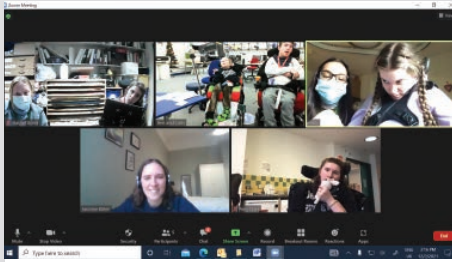
Student Reuben Moseley publishes debut collection of poems.

Reuben’s poems are an unflinching and powerful exploration of the social and emotional effects of living with disability, and growing up dealing with its mental and emotional ramifications. His poems are an expression of how it feels to be different and defined by your disability in a judgmental world. The Mindscape of Rue Breakers is out now.



School students donate Food Hampers to Alton Community Cupboard

Students Daisy, Ryan and Ella took time out from their lessons to visit Alton Community Cupboard with a donation of food hampers collected during the Treloar’s Harvest Festival celebrations. Daisy, Ryan and Ella were in Alton town centre as part of their community skills training. Trips like these are essential to give our students the skills and confidence to live as independently as possible.



College Eco Council learn about COP-26

The College Eco Council was joined via Zoom by Jasmine Killen, who works for the Scottish Government encouraging businesses to decarbonise in order to meet Scotland’s ‘net zero by 2045’ target.

She shared her experiences of COP-26, answered our questions about net zero issues, and outlined what Treloar’s students can do to make a positive difference to our environment. Jasmine advised us on the best ways to use renewable energy, by cutting down coal use and natural gases.



Supported interns are back to school!

The Supported Internship students started their work placements this term, which take place two days a week for the rest of this academic year. Given current events, this is a fantastic achievement for our Progress and Transition team and we’re very proud of them.

Andre is at Amery Hill School, supporting the office team. *“I really enjoyed my first day and am settling into working life with my very helpful P.A. Holly.”*

The Supported Internship opportunity allows students to gain hands-on experience, as well as develop valuable skills and workplace experience.



On the fast track

Students Josh and Hashim visited Scuderia Prestige in Camberley as part of a work-based visit to find out more about the different jobs in the garage.

Both students are seeking work experience in the luxury car sector and are following the new employability pathway. Amy and the team at Scuderia Prestige were extremely helpful, giving the students an overview of the roles within the sector. Josh and Hashim’s favourite cars were the McLaren Senna, Ferrari 488 and Mercedes SLS.



New rainbow shelter in Primary Playground

A huge thank-you to Sun Life Financial of Canada for donating a bright rainbow shelter for our Primary playground. This means our Primary students can spend even more time outdoors as part of their outdoor enrichment activities.

Our students have been enjoying Halloween and Christmas parties, their weekly cheerleading club and learning how to cook, all under the rainbow shelter protected from the elements! The shelter can be used all year round so students can enjoy the great outdoors even when it is raining or very hot.

2022 Appeal - Creating a fully accessible swimming pool

The increasing complexity of their needs means the number of students who can use our onsite pool for swimming and hydrotherapy is dramatically reduced, as it’s difficult to get them in and out of it.



Our plan to renovate the pool would increase capacity by 60% through:

- Adding five new changing rooms with direct tracked hoists to the pool
- Reducing the depth of the pool, so students can be supported in the water by carers
- Improving ventilation to reduce fatigue
- Re-tiling the pool to help the students’ visual needs

These changes would provide significant physiological and mental health benefits to students, and other disability charities who use our facilities during holidays.

We urgently need to update the pool at Treloar’s so it can remain open...

“Swimming is a fantastic opportunity for many of our wheelchair bound students to experience a physical freedom different from their day-to-day lives. Many students enjoy a level of independent movement they cannot achieve outside of the water, which promotes their confidence and self-belief. Time spent in the water has a long lasting impact on our students’ quality of life.”
Ellie, PE Teacher at Treloar’s.

We need to raise over £300,000 for this vital project, and your donation will give more students the chance to experience the exhilarating freedom of movement provided by swimming and hydrotherapy.

To make a donation, please visit our website www.treloar.org.uk/donate, call 01420 547477, or send a cheque (payable to: “Treloar’s”) to: Fundraising, Treloar’s Powell Drive, Holybourne, Alton, GU34 4GL.



Win up to £5,000 with TRELOTTERY for only £5 per month!

We are delighted to bring you the rebooted and relaunched TRELOTTERY, with even more chances to win each year together with the opportunity to win £5,000 with our weekly rollover prize.



“Treloar’s is a place where people like me are encouraged to reach their full potential and where they’re allowed to be who they want to be. Furthermore, it’s a place where we’re respected, have fun and are treated like family, both in and out of the classrooms and houses.” Oscar

Money raised through TRELOTTERY enables us to deliver innovative support to our students in classrooms, and in our residential houses every day, to help young people like Oscar to reach their full potential.

To take part in this fantastic lottery, and be in with a chance of winning a prize, simply complete the enclosed sign up form and return it to us in the FREEPOST envelope, or sign up online at: www.trelottery.org.uk

Here’s what you could get for just £5 per month:

- A weekly rollover that can reach up to £5,000
- A weekly top prize of £500
- £2,000 top prize at Christmas
- Over 600 prizes a year to be won
- Prizes are automatically posted to the lucky winners each week

If you are already a member of TRELOTTERY, thank you for your valuable support and we will be in touch to let you know all about the relaunch and the prizes on offer.

More information can be found on our website www.trelottery.org.uk

Calendar of Events

Take a look at our exciting events planned this year.

We'd love you and your friends to be involved this year as we aim to raise £2million a year for our students

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Walk for Treloar's

Treloar's Alton OR Virtual

Take on one of our circular walks, starting from Treloar's.

Can't be with us? Why not take part virtually!



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Celebrity Football Match

Eastleigh Football Club

Come and watch a host of celebrities as they get their football boots on and take part in a special charity match for Treloar's.



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The Treloar's Charity Dinner

The Ageas Bowl, Hampshire

Join us for a fantastic evening of fundraising and inspirational stories. Guests will enjoy live and silent auctions, a three-course meal and entertainment.



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The Treloar's Charity Golf Day

Old Thorns Manor Hotel, Liphook

Join us for a fantastic day of golf at Old Thorns and tackle the par-72 course set in the rolling hills of Hampshire.



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The TCS London Marathon

London

Fancy taking on the 26.2 mile challenge of the London Marathon? We've got a limited number of places available!



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The Dummer Fair

Dummer Cricket Club, Basingstoke

Our popular Dummer Fair returns, with over 75 stallholders, offering an assortment of gifts, homewares, clothing and freshly made food. www.dummerfair.org.uk



Overseas Treks – Several dates available for 2022 and 2023

Adventure of a Lifetime

Enjoy the adventure of a lifetime and trek the serene island of Sri Lanka, cycle your way from Vietnam to Cambodia, or even climb Mount Kilimanjaro!



Get Involved

If you would like to get involved with any of the above events, please get in touch with our events team at events@treloar.org.uk.



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