

NEWSLETTER April 2021

***The first full month  
at  
Moss Rose Cottage***



**A big big thank you to everyone who has supported us this month!**

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Well April flew by didn't it?

We celebrated **Easter** at Moss-Rose and on our mission to ensure inclusivity for all of our colleagues, we connected to Churches in Wales and learned about 3 April Festivals including the Jewish celebration of **Passover** and the Sikh celebration of **Baisakhi**. We also had our first meeting with **Race Equality Wales** who are looking forward to joining us on our Open Day (date to be confirmed soon) to promote equality for all.

We faced a few struggles with things like trying to determine which would be the most appropriate insurances for our unique provision, but we're our newly elected **Chairperson Sean Ramezani** is now addressing this for us. However, I would argue that the biggest struggle was managing a whatsapp group chat without losing friends due to excessive 'pinging'...!! Thankfully I didn't struggle with the training from Cardiff University in preparation for our receiving Occupational Therapy Students later this year with the support of our director **Jo Roberts**.

Loads of extra special thanks to;

**Stephen Walsh** for his unending patience trying to keep me in touch with all things website and **Adam Worthington** for his keeping me 'project' focused, and forcing me to face my aversion to all things digital.

Our first official Directors Meeting was a great success thanks to the secretarial guidance of **Catherine Chambers**. I was pleased to report that we have made some great new connections with other departments at **Cardiff University, Cardiff and the Vale's Brain Injury Team**; we look forward to working together in the future.

Shout outs to **Frankie Wright, Karen Moore, Christine Parks**, all our **directors** in addition to **Renee Bolton, Tanya McGregor and Lynne Swanbo** for their support behind the scenes, not to mention their cleaning skills. The place is much brighter and smells **a lot better** after our mammoth session with bleach and rubber gloves!

**Lee Renshaw** made another generous donation on behalf of Poundland; then last but not least, thanks to **Stuart Lane** as Chief Gardener and Jet Washer who has spent hours cleaning, strimming and mowing at the cottage with **Emily-Rose**.

Lastly, we were so excited to receive a visit from **Chrissy Parks** and some of the team from **WATES Construction** who are working on exactly how they will help us with our much needed renovations and to meet our first referred colleague **Abbie**, we can't wait to see her again.

Thanks again for all your support,

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