

Thank You to all the shops and businesses that have very kindly held our Topcats donation tins/buckets over the last year.



Thank You!!!!!!

To the COOP Local Community Fund who have very kindly donated Topcats a massive £1,474.46 from their in-store collection scheme from April and November.

This will go into our Mini-bus fund.

Thank You so much to the COOP members!!.....you really do help to make a difference.

On Wednesday 20th November Topcats (Choices) and 'Dance This Way' hosted a fantastic evening of dancing at the Seagull Theatre.

The Choices group and our wonderful Management and Support Staff had been practicing for weeks with tuition from Naomi and Stuart from 'Dance This Way' to perform in front of a packed audience.

This was a huge success and raised a 'Strictly' astonishing £844.00

Well Done everyone and thank you so much Naomi and Stuart!!

One of our wonderful Support Staff organized a fantastic fundraiser at the Lowestoft Bowls Club on Friday 8th November.

There was music from Kevin Barry and a raffle, and the whole evening raised a superb £400

Well Done Sarah and thank you to everyone who attended.

Huge Thanks to Naomi and Stuart from 'Dance This Way' for matching the amount raised on 'Topcats Does Strictly' on Wed 20th November.

It's a fantastic gesture, and the money from this event has been added to the Aviva Community Fund. (Please see Announcement below)



Notice

As of 2020, Topcats will be holding its AGM at the beginning of June. This change of date is to assist with financial and Managerial reports.

Topcats held its AGM on 29th November, and as a result here is a list of the elected Officers and Board of Trustees.

Chairman-; Stewart Battrick

Treasurer-; Linda Rushmere

Joint Secretaries-; Dave and Eddie Jordan

Trustees-; Ruth Lo, Naomi Spearman

Joke

Who is the Rock 'N' Roll King of Santas helpers?

Elfis

Announcement

Topcats are now part of the Aviva Community Fund!!

We are attempting to raise £10,000 through crowdfunding which will go towards us purchasing our very own Topcats Minibus.

Please share the page with all your friends and family.....we have just 30 days to raise ALL of the funds and reach our target or we don't get any of the money!!

<https://acf.crowdfunder.co.uk/topcats-transport-1>

Thank You!!

On November 22nd the wonderful Vanessa Madle hosted another one of her amazing Quiz Evenings here at Topcats and raised £130.00

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

So far these quiz nights have raised an incredible £1066.00

Thank You so much Vanessa for all your hard work!

I Love Topcats!!!!

Merry Christmas Everyone





December 2019 Newsletter

Reg' Charity Number 1109307

Important Dates

Holiday Club -: Friday 20th Dec

(Booking Forms Available)

Topcats Closed -;

Saturday 21st Dec – Thursday 2nd Jan 2020

Café Dates

Friday-: Dec 6th

Friday-: January 17th & 31st

Friday-: February 14th & 28th

Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December

6.00pm- 7.30pm

Tickets £5.00 per person (Carers £1.00)

With a special visit from Father Christmas!!



2019



2019 has been another fantastic year here at Topcats with even more improvements. We have just had a brand-new open plan kitchen fitted, we also have a new All-Inclusive Music Room with interactive equipment.

We have plans to refurbish all our toilets and bathrooms next year, this would mean that every aspect of Topcats has been either rebuilt, refurbished or redecorated over the last 2 years.

The number of Young People accessing our wonderful service has continued to grow, and the level and professionalism of the staff we employ has just got better and better.

We have had a steady stream of funding coming in that means we can improve every aspect of Topcats and continue to add lots of new and exciting projects and activities for the Young People to engage in.

The 'Topcats Lifeskills Diploma' has been a massive success and the older Service Users are gaining so much from being involved in the 'Qualification'. It has also had lots of positive feedback from Suffolk CC, Activities Unlimited and Social Services. We will continue to develop this, and we are now in the process of creating a Level 2 in all the Units to further the Young Peoples skills and development.

Topcats has continued to grow through the dedication and commitment of a few very very special people who are determined to see the Charity develop. Special thanks go to Linda and Ronnie Rushmere, my fellow Board of Trustees who were re-elected at the recent AGM, Dave, Eddie, Ruth, Linda and Naomi (who offer so much of their time to Topcats but rarely get recognition).

Also, thanks to Lyndy and our amazing Support Staff, who's love and dedication toward the Young People is so evident.

Thank you to all the Funding Organisations that have contributed to, and continued to support Topcats, and to anyone who has sponsored the Young People in fundraising events., and Well Done to Sara for finding all the money.

Thank you to anyone who has helped in any way, whether its physical help, financial or with equipment/materials. The list is endless (you know who you all are!!)

But the biggest thanks must go to Topcats Service Manager Anne-Marie (she'll kill me for this) who has taken the Charity further than anyone could possibly have imagined. No-one realises all the hours she commits to making it as successful as it is. She not only spends all her time at her desk, but also does untold hours on her laptop or phone while at home.

Anne-Marie's dedication to the Young People is incredible and she always has time for them and their families to ensure their lives are as enriched as possible.

And lastly, a massive **Thank You** to all the Young People who attend Topcats!!

WELL DONE, YOU ARE ALL BRILLIANT!!!!

Let's push on again in 2020 and make Topcats even better!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Stew x