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Our People's Newsletter



McFarlane Trust

30th Anniversary

McFarlane Trust celebrated being open for 30 years in November 2025. We would like to thank everyone who came along to our party and helped us celebrate. We hope you had as much fun as us.

New Staff at McFarlane

+ Janette Carlin - Balgownie

+ Joseph McGown - Atholl Terrace

+ Heather King - Endrick

+ Joy Deborah Nelson - Gartmore

+ Nicola Clark - Gartmore

+ Linda Erskine - Atholl

Forums are due to be held in April, more details will be provided closer the time.



ABBA Night

Caroline went to an ABBA concert for her Christmas night out. She was up dancing and singing with them and got a nice photo with the ABBA girls.



Helping Hands Award

Graham attends Helping Hands Cafe as a volunteer and he has received a Helping Hands award which was featured in the paper. We are all proud of Graham and his hard work.



Beijing Banquet – Peoples Christmas Lunch

In December, members of the Peoples Forum met up at the Beijing Banquet for the final forum of the year and enjoyed some great conversation and delicious food.

Lesley Celebrates 30 Years

Thirty years with the McFarlane Trust is an incredible achievement. Looking back on your journey with us, what moments or milestones stand out most to you personally?

Without doubt, one of the moments that stays with me is the opening of our first service, Netherlee House in Clarkston. I clearly remember Alan Paterson and I sitting on the floor in the living room (the couches hadn't yet been delivered), eating mini pork pies. It was a Friday and the staff were due to start the following Monday for two weeks of training.

I could not have imagined that I would still be here after 30 years or how McFarlane Trust has flourished and progressed.

I've had many moments and milestones but mostly I remember the people that I've supported throughout the years and how they influenced and shaped my work life.

What has kept you motivated and passionate about your work here for so long, and what does working for a charity like this mean to you on a personal level?

This is an easy one to answer. It's the people we support who keep me motivated. Spending time chatting and catching up is still the best part of my job. Unfortunately, as the charity has grown, I don't get to spend as much time as I would like with our people but that just means that when we do meet up, it is even more precious.

I feel very privileged to have spent most of my career with McFarlane Trust. When Alan and I were handed the keys to the first service, it really did feel like it belonged to us and our vision was clear. I am proud to have played a small part in the evolution of McFarlane Trust.

As you reflect on your 30 years of service, what hopes do you have for the future of the Trust—and what message would you like to share with supporters, colleagues, and the wider community?

My hope for McFarlane Trust is to continue to provide a high standard of care for the people who need it. We didn't set out to be a huge organisation; our focus was always on the quality of support we delivered. We have the best Managers and staff teams who constantly evaluate the work we do and look at ways to improve it.

We know who is important and we know who to focus on.

To my colleagues I would say, keep the person at the centre of everything you do, and you won't go far wrong.





Halloween Party Endrick

Endrick had an amazing Halloween party, where everyone dressed up, had some delicious food and lots of fun.



Glencally Christmas

The ladies at Glencally had a lovely Christmas and were absolutely spoiled. The ladies had a great time eating lots of lovely food and having a glass or two of Prosecco and they loved their matching pyjamas!



Alan's Birthday

The men at Amochrie had a great time celebrating Alan's 43rd Birthday.

Halloween Cakes

Paul enjoyed celebrating Halloween this year by making delicious cakes.



Potion Making

Crow celebrated Halloween by dressing up and making some spooky potions.



Christmas

Everyone had an amazing Christmas, and we hope you did too. Here are some photos.



Lesley's 60th

Lesley at Head Office turned 60 this year. Who would've thought! Many of the service users wanted to remind her how special she is with some lovely flowers and gifts. Lesley was very grateful and overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

Gordon at the Gym

"I have been going to the Lagoon Gym in Paisley for a while now. I really enjoy walking down to the gym twice a week with staff. I have a chat on the walk and like the fresh air. The staff in the gym make me feel welcome. I really like going to the gym and trying new machines as it makes me feel good after my workout. My New Year's resolution is to continue to be active."



Edinburgh Market

Alan and Stewart travelled by train to Edinburgh to meet with their aunty and do a bit of Christmas shopping. They also visited the Christmas market. The guys enjoyed seeing all the sparkly lights and listening to Christmas music.

Fairway Christmas party

Alan and Stewart joined in the celebrations at the Fairway Club's Christmas Party.





Loch Lomond Lunch

Mary and Barbara enjoyed a day out to Duck Bay Marina, Loch Lomond for lunch



Pettycur Bay Hotel

Good friends Sandra and Lynne went to Fife for an overnight at the Pettycur Bay Hotel. Both ladies went for a swim in the hotel pool. They had a great day and night out at the restaurant. They headed home the next day after a hearty full English breakfast.

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