

Endeavour is the working title for Paws for Kids, a unique and diverse support service, making a real difference to all those affected by domestic abuse

## Relocation provides inspired opportunities going forward...

I'll start with an apology for our radio silence these last few months. The impact of the pandemic has been far reaching and affected lives in ways that we could not have imagined this time last year. It will come as no surprise that every project has seen an uplift in referrals and the team has worked tirelessly to ensure survivors are fully supported.

Our biggest challenge has been our relocation to new premises at our busiest ever time. Whilst relocation was at the Landlord's behest (end of lease) we have seen this as an opportunity to make a more accessible building with improved meeting and counselling facilities. We were fortunate to lease a detached property we could reconfigure to work better in these pandemic times, dividing and separating working areas allowing more flexible ways of working. The difficulty proved to be finding contractors to carry out the layout change in the one month timeframe we had. When this proved to be impossible we decided to do the work ourselves and involved family and friends to help. The results can be seen on pages two and three.

In spite of the constraints of lockdown, the year has brought with it some much needed change in the form of The Domestic Abuse Act. Amongst the many positive changes for survivors, the act places Clare's Law (Domestic Violence Disclosure scheme) onto a statutory footing for the first time. Clare's Law is the creation of our Patrons Michelle Livesey and the late Michael Brown who campaigned and fought tirelessly for this legislation in memory of his daughter. As we mark the first anniversary of Michael's passing, Clare's Law and Michael's legacy are saving lives every day.

I started with an apology and I'll sign off with a thank you to you all for support and encouragement. Please know we are still very much here to support survivors and their families and we will ensure that this is true for many years to come.



### Paws for Thought

'Every moment is a fresh beginning'

(T. S. Eliot)

### You Amazing People

Although times have been difficult for everyone during the past 15-months, we wanted to say thank you. Thank you to all the amazing people who continued to donate to the lottery when times got tough. Thank you for each and every donation no matter how small. Thank you for taking part in any of our campaigns. Thank you for each and every Christmas gift, Easter egg or Mother's Day gift. Thank you for sharing our social media, following us on Facebook and Twitter and for helping raise our profile.

Thank you for the continued support, without you we simply couldn't go above and beyond like we do...



## Meet Mabel - A True Story

It can be difficult to explain how our pets are affected by what they go through so we would like you to meet Mabel. Mabel is a true story of one of the cats that has been through our service.

When Mabel came to us she was completely terrified and shut down. It took several months for Mabel to gain the trust of humans again and by the time she was ready to go back to her owner she was a different cat although she is still terrified of water and very jumpy near men.

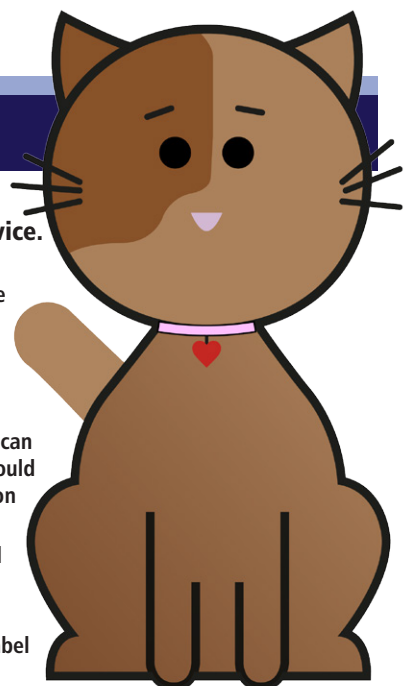
During lock down our Pet Service has received far more referrals and we have seen a prevalence of pets arriving with us that have injuries or that are in poor health.

Perpetrators use pets as a form of control and often refuse to allow them to get veterinary treatment and care. As Mabel's story shows, pets are injured to make victims do exactly what the perpetrator wants them to and they can often be used to buy a child's silence. Owning a pet can be a barrier to fleeing abusive relationships as families would no more leave their much loved pet behind than they would a child and with refuge and temporary accommodation not allowing pets, it makes everything that much harder.

Our Pet Fostering Service provides safe accommodation within a family environment until the pets can be reunited with their families. All our pet foster carers are given support throughout the placement and we cover the cost of food and any veterinary treatment required. For pets like Mabel it can be life saving.

We are getting ready to launch our 'Saving Mabel' merchandise range and all profits will go to ensure cats like Mabel get the love and care they need.

You can view Mabel's story on our website [www.endeavourproject.org.uk](http://www.endeavourproject.org.uk)



## Goodbye Chorley New Road

On Monday, 24th May we said a final good bye to Chorley New Road, loaded the vans and arrived at our new home at 340 Chorley Old Road.

The building that had previously been 'Lords Independent School', had been empty for over a year and we knew that there was plenty of work ahead of us.

We were lucky to have a handover period and Darren, husband of Jill our CEO, came along and worked his magic. Darren kindly gave over 200 volunteer hours and literally changed the layout of the building.

The kitchen which had been in the cellar was completely rebuilt on the ground floor and this entailed putting in walls plumbing and new units. We really can't thank Darren enough for his hard work and for all the hours he gave.

The building is accessible to the front and all public facilities are on the ground floor including adapted toilet facilities and a baby change area.



*Pictured: Kitchen before with Darren hard at work.*



*Pictured: Completed kitchen looking fantastic, thanks Darren!*

## Our New Welcoming Meeting Room

**It is so desperately important that everyone who visits or uses Endeavour's services feel relaxed.**

The open plan ground floor space was divided into a meeting room and kitchen with a new corridor created. This gives us a wonderful room that is bright and welcoming and suitable for many activities.

We had some wonderful artwork created on one of the large wall spaces by **Just Another Sign of The Times**, and we are sure you will agree it certainly adds a lovely touch to the room. Other rooms in the building have also been treated to the amazing designs created by the very talented, Danielle.



*Pictured: New meeting room with wonderful wall art.*



*Above: Danielle and her amazing creations*



## Our New Counselling Rooms



*Pictured: Counselling & Safe Haven before*

We now have a wonderful counselling room that has been created as a calm and welcoming environment. Again a room was divided and new walls were built to create a purpose built peaceful and welcoming space for the counsellors to use.



Our counselling service has increased tremendously and we have gone from offering four sessions a week to 34. Our clients find that counselling really helps them deal with the issues they are left with when they leave abusive relationships and our fully qualified counsellors initially offer eight sessions and this is continued if the need is still present.



## Our Service Rooms

Upstairs, the open plan large office has been split into three and is now home to our Safe Haven, Evergreen, Panah and YIDVSA projects.

Our service offers long-term, medium risk support by providing an outreach service; this includes liaising with multi partner agencies and supporting through the criminal justice system. We also provide emotional and practical support.

Our young person's independent domestic and sexual violence advisor works with young people 16-19 who are at high risk of serious harm or homicide. The new offices give the staff the ability to carry out virtual meetings and confidential conversations with clients.



*Pictured: Our newly transformed Safe Haven Rooms*

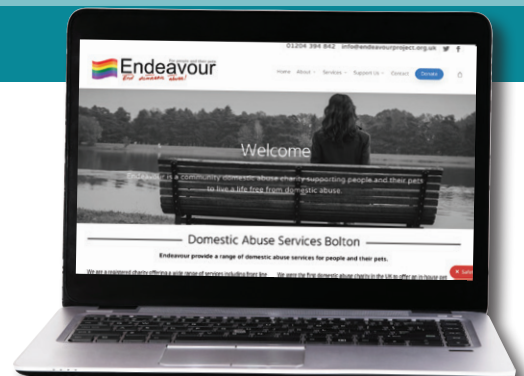
## The Launch of our New Website

Our new website is now up and running and is really easy to navigate.

It's bright and clear and gives up-to-date information on what we do. Here you can find information on all our services and you can download our information booklet and range of service leaflets along with referral forms.

Each section is detailed and we have a great gallery that gives and insight into our events both internally and externally.

To view the website visit - [www.endeavourproject.org.uk](http://www.endeavourproject.org.uk)





# Fundraising NEWS

## Pet Fostering Increasing

We have seen an unprecedented increase in referrals for our pet service. Many of the pets that come to us have been used as a form of control by abusive perpetrators. They come to us in poor health having often been denied the opportunity to visit vets. One beautiful cat wasn't able to eat as his teeth were so badly affected and had to have ten of them removed.

**Last month we had vets bills totalling £980!**

As always, we support a variety of pets and have had budgies, cockatiels, rabbits and turtles come into the service, all much loved pets that have needed our care whilst their owners found new homes.

All our events and fundraising activities pay to ensure that we can continue to provide the care these pets need.

## Trafford Centre Abseil

We are very excited that mass participation events are back and Team Endeavour never disappoint.

We have places in the **Trafford Centre Abseil** on Saturday 25th September. Why not challenge yourself and enjoy the breath-taking views from the top of **Barton Tower** before abseiling 170ft to the ground. There will be full event support available on the day and no previous experience is necessary as you will be talked through each step by experts.

T-shirt and sponsor pack will be provided. There is a minimum sponsorship of £100. If you are interested please contact:  
[fundraising@endeavourproject.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@endeavourproject.org.uk)

## Join Team Endeavour 170ft Charity Abseil

**Book Today**

## Manchester's Great 10K

Join Team Endeavour in the Great Manchester Run on Sunday 26th September and take part in Europe's largest 10K.

Pound the streets of Manchester to raise the pounds. Each participant will be provided with a running t-shirt, sponsor pack and certificate.

To register your place email:  
[fundraising@endeavourproject.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@endeavourproject.org.uk)



## Join Team Endeavour Book Today

## The Bolton Fund

We were delighted to have received support from the Bolton Fund which has enabled us to increase our emergency essentials packs. These provide families who have fled with everything they need to allow them to get through those first few days. Packs include air mattresses if they haven't been able to get beds, duvets, pillows, bedding, kettle, toasters and food packs.



## Ladies Lunch and Fashion Show

At last we are able to get together with our friends and family and enjoy a catch up and what better way to do it than have an afternoon of fun, fashion and fundraising, **1st October 2021 at Last Drop Village, Bolton**. We are delighted to have partnered with the amazing Ruby and Daisy who will be showcasing their Confidence Collection.

We will have special guests including **Antonella Brollini 'The Uncensored Reviewer'** and **Tricia Penrose of Heartbeat fame**. Guests will enjoy a welcome drink, three course meal, entertainment from **Ali Birchenall** and a fantastic Fashion Show along with exclusive shopping opportunities, plus an amazing raffle and tombola. We only have a few limited tables left, so please get in touch to enjoy this fantastic afternoon.



# Paws LOTTERY



## For Just £4.00 per month you can win £150!

You will be given four numbers and entered into our monthly draw with first prize £150, second prize £50 and third prize £25. All monies go directly to support our pet service.

The following nine supporters won prizes in the last four Paws Lottery draws.

### March '21

- 1st Prize £150 - Julie from Hebden Bridge - ticket No. 68
- 2nd Prize £50 - Graham from Winchcombe - ticket No. 381
- 3rd Prize £25 - Angela from Urmston - ticket No. 9

### April '21

- 1st Prize £150 - VJ from Bolton - ticket No. 173
- 2nd Prize £50 - Alison from Bolton - ticket No. 143
- 3rd Prize £25 - Carol from Bolton - ticket No. 195

### May '21

- 1st Prize £150 - Angela from Wigan - ticket No. 103
- 2nd Prize £50 - Jane from Horwich - ticket No. 15
- 3rd Prize £25 - Sheila from Wigan Bridge - ticket No. 271

### June '21

- 1st Prize £150 - Chris from Westhoughton - ticket No. 284
- 2nd Prize £50 - Ann from Manchester - ticket No. 318
- 3rd Prize £25 - Briege from Bolton - ticket No. 244