

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

A welcome return to visitors

Over the last three months, the team have enjoyed welcoming people into the building for group work, counselling and one to one support sessions. Whilst the pandemic is far from over, we continue to follow government guidelines during face to face activities including home and community visits. It has been wonderful to hear the bustle of activity and laughter ringing through the building once more.

Fundraising activities have come back to the fore and we have fully embraced these opportunities. Our Ladies Lunch marked the biggest single social event in the charity's history. You can read about the Lunch and the fearless amongst us on pages two and three as our staff, trustees and supporters have literally thrown themselves into (and off) our fundraising run and abseil.

During September, we were delighted to welcome Bolton North East MP Mark Logan. During Mark's visit we discussed the prevalence of domestic abuse and had the opportunity to express our views on the need for investment in Community Domestic Abuse Services to enable us to direct support to where it is most needed.



Pictured: Jill and Linda with Mark Logan MP

We now look ahead to one of the busiest periods in our working calendar, preparing for activities in the 16 Days of Activism. This year our Annual Event is back in person on Friday the 26th November. We look forward to welcoming speakers Luke Hart and Michelle Livesey to Bolton. We will also be looking back over a year of the Evergreen Project, which has highlighted the many differences in domestic abuse support required by older adults.

We are hosting a number of training and awareness raising events throughout the 16 days including a Candlelit Vigil. This year the vigil is held in conjunction with Bolton at Home at their offices and people are invited to attend and remember those lost to domestic abuse during the previous twelve months. We will live stream this event on Facebook from 6pm on the 27th November and you are more than welcome to join us to light a candle of remembrance.

As always, thank you to all our friends and followers for the many and varied ways you support us throughout the year.

Emergency packs that care

We have had so many families that have needed our support over the last few months and we know that as winter comes in and Christmas approaches the demand on our services will be even higher.

Christmas is magical time but for many of our families who find themselves in temporary accommodation or for those getting used to new family dynamics with little money it can be incredibly stressful. We have our fantastic home packs which make a huge difference to families that have fled their abusers, we know that by providing new clean bedding and giving equipment so they can make a drink and simple meal we can help them settle a little bit quicker.



Paws for Thought

'Storms make trees take deeper roots'
(Dolly Parton)

25th Anniversary Celebrations Begin...

In 1997 our founder Carole was working for Women's Aid, when Barbara, a woman in her 60's, knocked on the door asking for a help. Barbara had spent the night sleeping in the stairwell of a block of flats with her dog a Lab-cross called Barney. There was room for Barbara but not for Barney as no pets were allowed, so Barbara left to go back to her abuser as she would no more leave her beloved dog behind than she would her children.

Recognising that something needed to change, Carole and a group of friends with £79 launched Paws for Kids in 1997 – the following year securing National Lottery funding to provide the UK's first pet fostering service throughout the North West of England, enabling women and children to leave abusive relationships and know their pets would be safe until they could get them back.

Over the past 25 years Paws for Kids has developed six further services and now remains the only charity in the UK to provide support to the entire family believing that no one gets left behind.



Ladies Lunch 2021 - Enchanted Autumn

On Friday 1st October after a year's postponement our Enchanted Autumn Ladies Lunch finally took place at The Last Drop Village and Resort Bolton.

250 guests arrived and entered into our Enchanted Autumn themed room. After a thought provoking welcome from Jill Caldwell our CEO guests enjoyed music from Ali Birchenall and were treated to Tricia Penrose of Heartbeat fame singing a couple of songs.

There was the opportunity to shop at many exclusive stalls and our fantastic tombola saw guests queueing for a prize every time.

The Uncensored reviewer and This Morning favourite Antonella Brolloni gave an honest account of why she started her reviews and also why she became involved with Ruby and Daisy Boutique.

Ruby and Daisy who partnered with us for the event provided a catwalk show highlighting the latest trends from the new confidence collection and lucky guests got a sneak preview of the new Nelly Loves collection.

We would like to thank our sponsors Unique Ladies, UK Gossip Girls and Ruby and Daisy. Thanks also to the team from Barclays Bolton who supported.

Next year's event is celebrating our 25th Anniversary and can be booked now. We look forward to seeing you on 30th September 2022.



Team Endeavour

After a year that had already had its challenges including Covid and an office move our Team decided they wanted to stretch themselves even more.

So on a very overcast and damp Sunday morning Claire, Farida and Sharon joined by Darren and Lee started the climb up Holcombe Hill to the Peel Tower. Visibility was really poor and we were incredibly grateful for the day-glow T-shirts that enabled us to spot the team from the top of the tower.

Darren was the first to descend making it look incredibly easy followed steadily by Claire. Sharon and Farida partnered up and after a twirl in the middle Farida virtually ran down with Sharon taking it slow and steady. Lee finished the day with a quick and expert descent as the weather closed in.

We are so proud of the team for stretching themselves and a great amount of money was raised so thank you to everyone who sponsored them. If you would like to take part in any challenge event please get in touch, email: fundraising@endeavourproject.org.uk



Great Manchester Run 2021



Chris Ireland



Ben Marsden

The team were easy to spot in our bright green t-shirts sponsored by our friends Bolton at Home.

If you'd like to take part in either the Great Manchester Run or the Half Marathon next year please get in touch. We have guaranteed places and the date is confirmed for Sunday 15th May 2022.

After several false starts the Great Manchester Run finally took place on Sunday 26th September.

Our Team of runners joined 40,000 to run the iconic streets of Manchester to raise funds for our Pet Service. Our fastest runner was Chris Ireland with a very impressive 37 minutes.



Louise Morris



Adele

Want To Get Involved - visit www.endeavourproject.org.uk

No One Gets Left Behind

We continue to receive a huge amount of pet referrals for those who simply can't leave their much loved animals behind. We always aim to reunite pets with their owners but sometimes it just isn't possible. It can take longer than expected for owners to find new homes and sometimes they will be offered a property where there are no pets allowed.

There can be a change in family circumstances and the decision will be made to give up a pet. We work hard to find happy and safe new homes for these animals and all our new owners are vetted and checked.

Bertie is just one of these cats; Bertie came to us as part of family of four. Sadly the cats weren't in the best of health and the owner had become over whelmed due to her situation.

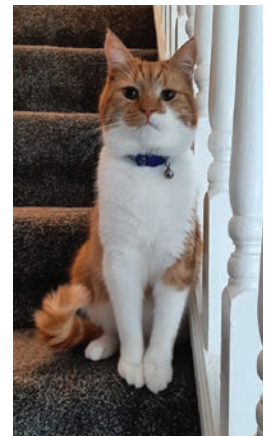
We were originally told he was 6 months old, but it soon became clear he was only ten weeks old. He went to one of our specialist foster carers where he was treated for cat flu and for a severe eye infection.

After several visits to the vets and huge expense this beautiful boy was ready to be rehomed. We had no shortage of offers and Bertie is now living his best life in his new home.

We can only care for cats like Bertie with your support, whether it be a donation, playing the Paws Lottery or buying our pet hampers.



Bertie - before and after



Fundraising

NEWS

Saving Six for Christmas

Christmas is a magical time but for those who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse or who are dealing with family breakdown and change in finances it can be incredibly difficult. Our saving six campaign working alongside Santa leaves no one behind provides those special extras that make a big difference. Children love the excitement of opening an advent calendar and counting down the days. By choosing an item from our campaign you can put a little magic back into Christmas for our families.



Mabel Merchandise

Hopefully you will all have had the chance to view Mabel's story on our website - www.endeavourproject.org.uk

Mabel is the story of just what our pets can go through when living in a domestic abuse situation.

We now have some great items that will make purrfect stocking fillers.

Our Mabel Cotton Shoppers are ideal for folding in your handbag or pocket and say clearly that you are supporting the Saving Mabel campaign.

We also have our Trolley Tokens to enable you to get that Christmas shopping without searching for a pound coin, and finally we have our Mabel Keyrings with a full size Mabel on to make it easy to find your keys.



Merchandise is priced at £2.50 for the Trolley Token, £3.00 for Keyrings and £5.00 for the Cotton Shopper or £10 for the full Mabel set.

Santa Leaves No one Behind



As we approach Christmas and all the hustle and bustle takes over we are hoping that you will consider buying and extra gift for a family we support.

Many of the larger retail stores offer 3 for 2 and these items will mean that the families we support will know that there are people who care about them.

As a parent there can be nothing harder than seeing your children with no gifts on Christmas morning. We provide toys and gifts so that this doesn't happen.

We are always short of gifts for teenagers and babies under three.

**Santa Leaves No one Behind,
So Neither Do We**

For further details email:
fundraising@endeavourproject.org.uk

We Never Forget Our Furry Friends

As we know Santa leaves no one behind and our furry friends are no exception.

We have our fantastic pet hampers for sale again this year. For just £10 for a cat or dog and £7.50 for your small furry friend our hampers are filled with quality toys and treats. We offer free collection from both Bolton and Urmston but UK wide delivery is available for £3.50 per hamper. Each hamper purchased buys a gift this Christmas for one of our treasured fostered pets.



Paws LOTTERY

ONLY £1.00 per week for a chance to WIN!

You will be given four numbers and entered into our monthly draw.
All monies go directly to support our pet service.
Latest winners from the last four months

July '21

1st Prize £150 - Elizabeth from Horwich - ticket No. 413
2nd Prize £50 - Paulette from St Annes - ticket No. 297
3rd Prize £25 - Liz from Wigan - ticket No. 316

August '21

1st Prize £150 - Mary from Leigh - ticket No. 378
2nd Prize £50 - Sarah from Bolton - ticket No. 121
3rd Prize £25 - John from Bolton - ticket No. 256

September '21

1st Prize £150 - Jean from St Annes - ticket No. 35
2nd Prize £50 - Anita from Horwich - ticket No. 72
3rd Prize £25 - Jane from Horwich - ticket No. 460

October '21

1st Prize £150 - Liz from Stockport - ticket No. 161
2nd Prize £50 - Marie from Wigan - ticket No. 310
3rd Prize £25 - Liz from Preston - ticket No. 429

