



Day Care Centre
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NEWSLETTER JULY 2026



Meet the team

Anne McConville - Support Manager
Fiona Fraser - Depute Manager
Mary Walker - Care Assistant
Shannon McGuire - Care Assistant
Andrea Gourlay - Administrator
Kate Kilgallon - Cook
Cha Swan - Caretaker
Marlyn Young - Volunteer
Anne Carruthers - Volunteer
Maureen Vidler - Volunteer
Jennifer Kilpatrick - Volunteer
Fiona Murray - Volunteer
Janet Letham - Volunteer & Driver
Libby Bowman - Volunteer
Robert Perry - Volunteer Driver
Mary Douglas - Volunteer
Daniel McConville - Volunteer
Willie Alcorn - Volunteer Driver
Yvonne Marshall - Volunteer
Alyson Marchant - Volunteer
Christine McWilliams - Volunteer
Chuck Collins - Volunteer Driver
Terry Hoar - Volunteer & Driver

If you can or know anyone who would like to become a volunteer by either driving or assisting with our clients, please get in touch with any member of our team.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Terry, who has joined our volunteering team.



Again we have been successful with securing funding for the centre. We are still part of the co-operative charity of the year and will receive the final award in October. The Double 5 recently completed a sponsored walk and raised £453.60 for the centre and we have had various donations from supporters, friends and families. The Claremont Nursery in Redmill has recently held a garden open day and money raised will be donated to Answer. They are holding another one on Sunday 26th July from 1-4pm if you are able to attend.



Our garden is looking lovely. Edinburgh Airport provided funding for the new planters that are in the garden and there are a further 2 to follow. Thanks to Armadale Shed for making these planters for us and to Chris from Willow Home Rescue who came along and stained the new planters along with the existing furniture free of charge! The plants were purchased from Klondyke with funding and The Woodland Trust are also supporting us, and there are 15 new sapling trees arriving in November to be planted in the garden. Thanks to Cha for looking after the garden for us.



Some of our clients & volunteers celebrated their Birthdays recently



Gwen

Anita

Ken

Willie

Volunteers Week 2026



Volunteers Week 2026 was held between 1st and 5th June. Three of our volunteers attended an awards event and Fiona who volunteers in our kitchen was awarded the runner up for the Assisted Volunteer of the Year. Well done to Fiona and all our volunteers. Without them we would not be able to support all the users and their families.

Activities

Funding has allowed us to have various people in to entertain us over the past few months. We have had a few entertainers, Harry from Therapet, trips to the garden centre and The Seagull Trust, visit from Generation Arts, Milo the Pony and Calum from Cool Creatures. The creature visit went down well, and all our users really enjoyed meeting all the reptiles, our staff and volunteers not so much!!



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter raffle & tombola. In total we raised over £1000 which will go towards entertainers and activities for our users.



20th Anniversary Celebrations

We recently celebrated 20th year's since Answer House opened. It was lovely to be able to come together to support this occasion, and a great afternoon was had by all.

