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Ivy Care Newsletter November 2025

The Newsletter of Ivy Care

Welcome to a new edition on ‘Inside the Ivy’s’ newsletter.

It is so refreshing to see all the amazing activities and events that everyone has been doing.

Thank you to everyone who lives at Ivy Care for being amazing!

And also thank you to everyone for all their hard work and dedication to Ivy Care and the people we support.

I look forward to continuing to issue this newsletter and for all to see what amazing work we have been doing over the next few months.



Chloe Chirnside - Peripatetic Manager



A big hello to all, my name is Ben Blackburn and I joined Ivy Care in September 2025.

It has been a great first 8 weeks getting to know as many people as possible and understand what fantastic Care and Support the teams at Ivy Care deliver to the people that live in our services.

I am extremely excited about the journey ahead and leading the fantastic operations team at Ivy Care on a new journey.

Here’s to the future and a new chapter for us all at Ivy Care.

Chief Operating Officer

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Part of your 5 A Day

Andrew from Ivy Stone Lodge has been keeping himself very busy on his allotment that he has in his village.

Andrew has had his own allotment now for the past 6 months.

Andrew goes down at least once-twice a week with support from staff.

Andrew loves growing and maintaining his allotment so he can bring the produce back for meals for him and the people he lives with.

Can you believe the size of the vegetables he has grown!

Fair to say the beetroot went down a treat.

All the hard work has definitely paid off, now for some rest time while the allotment closes for the winter time then back to it when it re-opens in 2026!



Everyone Loves a coffee morning



Well done to Paul from Ivy Mead who had the fantastic idea of holding a coffee morning for all to enjoy.

Paul organised this all himself and he knew exactly what he wanted to bake for the occasion.

Paul took the time to prepare all the ingredients and then bake all the goods for the coffee morning.

This is a wonderful step forward for Paul and Ivy Mead.

Everyone loved eating cake for breakfast!

The event went smoothly start to finish and everyone involved had the best time.



Macmillan fundraiser and braving the shave

What an amazing fundraiser event Ivy Lodge held to raise money for Macmillan.

Their hard work and dedication paid off and they raised a huge £291.98 for Macmillan!

The buffet looked amazing and everyone certainly enjoyed this.

They had a range of games which could be played to win prizes, tombola and they also had a member of staff Steve Sykes who braved the shave to help raise funds for charity.

Huge well done to all at Ivy Lodge and thank you to Ivy Dene who attended and contributed to the total amount raised.



Should anyone wish to donate to Macmillan please use the link below or scan the QR code
[Donate to Macmillan Cancer Support | Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

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Employee service awards



*Emma Lancaster – Ivy Court
5 Year service award*



*Pauline Hill – Ivy Dene
10 Year Service Award*



*Cheryl Lewis – Ivy Dene
5 Year Service Award*



*Ann Walker – Ivy Court
5 Year Service Award*



*Martin Coward – Ivy Mead
15 Year service award*



*Kerry Lucas – Ivy Court
10 Year service award*



*Barrie Middleton – Ivy Dene
5 Year service award*



*Ashley Radley – Ivy Cottage
5 Year service award*



*Chelsea Dent, 5 Year Service award
Andrew Galvin – 20 Year Service award*



Alan Drury – Ivy Cottage 10 Year service award & Alan Tate – Ivy Cottage 5 Year service award



*Agnieszka Gunia – Ivy Cottage
5 Year service award
Julie Dwyer – Ivy Cottage
10 Year service award*

*Vanda Oates – Retirement
Ivy Court*

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Employee service awards



Mandy Williams – Ivy Cottage

25 Year service award

What an achievement!

Keeping Busy



Well done to Lee from Ivy Dene on delivering his first training session to the staffing team.

This was an opportunity for Lee to share what support he needs and the team can best support him.

We can't wait to see how Lee continues to deliver this training to the staffing team with support from Adele Taylor

(Service Manager, ID)



Steven from Ivy Croft loves to visit the York Air Museum when he has the time for a day exploring.

On his visit Steven said he saw loads of different planes but his favourite plane of all is the 'Lancaster Bomber'.

After Steven had visited the museum he finished his day off with a trip to the café for his dinner and we can't forget the piece of chocolate cake too.



Keeping Busy



Beverley from Ivy Cottage is a woman who knows and loves how to shop!

After having a nice day out at White rose shopping centre in Leeds treating herself to all things nice for her birthday Beverley needed a rest so she could go shop some more.



Ivy Cottage and Ivy Croft got creative designing their own hats for the Royal Ascot.

It was a fun filled day, sat out in the sun with arts and crafts, Karaoke and lots of laughter.

What a turn out it was too!



Ivy Cottage's carnival day was a hit all round!

From games, food, laughter and dancing it was a real success and a great day for all.

Kirsty and Sharon loved 'Busting a move' and soaking up the atmosphere.



Keeping Busy



Earlier on in the year Alan got the chance to get a private tour of Doncaster Eco stadium for his birthday.

Alan has been a Doncaster Rovers fan all his life and Alan say's they are the best team ever!

On speaking to Alan about his experience this is what he said,

'I went inside the football stadium and had a good look around everywhere, and I got to sit at pitch side too.

I got to go into the locker rooms where the players get ready for the match and I saw all their kit in their booths.

Alan said he really enjoyed this and can't wait to do it again in the future.



Service Managers

We thought we would re-introduce Ourselves as service managers to you for each home location just so you know who we are.



Hi everybody, my name is Adele Taylor and I am the new registered service manager for Ivy Dene, Rose and House.

I joined Ivy Care in June 2025 and it has been the best experience ever.

The people we support are amazing and so are the staffing team.

I can't wait to continue to work for Ivy Care and support all to the best of my ability.

Thank you to everyone for your help and support in this journey.

Ivy Dene

Hi, my name is Zoe Jessop, I am the new registered service manager for Ivy Mead and Ivy Court.

Some of you may remember me when I worked for Ivy Care between 2012 – 2018. I'm delighted to say that I have now returned.

I am really excited to be back with Ivy Care and to work alongside such a dedicated team once again. I look forward to getting to know everyone – old faces and new and to continue to build on the excellent work that is already being done.



Ivy Mead & Ivy Court



Hello, I'm Kirsty Pease and I am the registered service manager for Ivy Cottage and Ivy Croft.

I joined the company in July 2024 covering maternity leave as service manager and then in May 2025 became the permanent registered service manager.

I love my job at Ivy Care and getting to spend time with the people we support and also getting to help them in their everyday life.

Ivy Cottage & Ivy Croft

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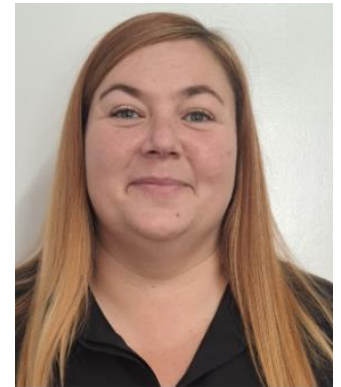
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Hi my name is Rachel Turner and I am the service manager for Stone Lodge.

I love working with Ivy Care as their principles are very much my own. When I first started in the Care industry my role was a part time domestic and I worked up to a manager role.

This shows if you dream big you can achieve anything. Working with Ivy Care is all about promoting the people we support in their dreams and aspirations and I am happy to have joined the team and have the opportunity to promote this.



Stone Lodge



Hello, My Name is Kelly McHale.

I have worked for Ivy Care since May 2022. When I first Joined I was the manager of Ivy Lodge and then I became the dual registered Manager in July 2024 for Ivy Lodge and Stone Lodge which I still am.

In February 2025 I became Area Manager for the company.

It has been amazing to meet so many new people and to get involved with the people who live in our amazing services, and my goal is to continue to support and provide the quality care to all.

Ivy Lodge / Area Manager

Comments from Richard Slingsby executive Chairman:

Some real great achievements have happened as we can all see, Keep it up.

On behalf of the directors we would like to thank you all for your hard work and also to wish you and your family's a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



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