

“Skilled”

“Creative”



“Talented”

“Inspiring”

# Inside the Ivy's - March 2026

## The Newsletter of Ivy Care

Hello everyone, I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and new year.

This newsletter covers us from November 2025 to now and WOW, what a time we have all had.

2026 is going to be a good year for us all and I cannot wait to see where Ivy Care goes this year and all the amazing things we will all be doing.

Thank you to everyone for your dedication to the people we support and each other and all the best for 2026.



**Chloe Chirnside -  
Peripatetic Manager**



**Richard Slingsby –  
Executive Chairman**

Today, I simply want to say thank you.

Your dedication, resilience, and commitment are the foundation of everything we achieve together. Even during demanding times, the positive attitudes, determination and the excellent care and support you deliver never fail to inspire me. Please know that your hard work does not go unnoticed, and you are valued and appreciated.

With many thanks

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# Christmas Festivities

As part of the Christmas festivities we cannot forget Christmas jumper day that took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Although we had training the staff still managed to take part wearing their best Christmas jumper to help raise money for 'Save the children'

£62.00 was raised in total!



*Values training group – 11/12/2025*



Ivy Lodge had the great idea of holding a Christmas carol event for all to enjoy and take part in.

There was even hot chocolate and mince pies for everyone too.

A few even got dressed up for a Christmas Nativity scene which was fabulous!

Everyone loved it and even a few of the gentlemen from Stone Lodge came over to join in the festivities.

*'We wish you a merry Christmas'*

JP from Ivy Mead went into Barnsley town centre for the karaoke event that is held inside the market hall.

JP asked to sing Jingle Bells by himself and then the Mayor of Barnsley turned up and joined in the sing a long with JP.

Fair to say it was an amazing experience and a round of applause from everyone around.



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# Christmas Festivities

The Annual Ivy Care Christmas party was amazing! The photos speak for themselves.

So, let's take a look...



**CHRISTMAS**  
- PARTY -

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# Service Inspections



Ivy Lodge have had their annual audit inspection from Barnsley Council which went very well indeed.

Great feedback was given from BMBC who carried out the inspection.

Well done to Janine and the team at Ivy Lodge for their hard work!

On the 17<sup>th</sup> December Ivy Mead had their annual Infection prevention Control Inspection.

Fair to say Zoe and the entire team at Ivy Mead absolutely aced this receiving and overall scoring of 97%!

Well done to you all this is a great achievement.



On the 27<sup>th</sup> January Ivy Cottage/Croft had their annual Infection prevention Control Inspection.

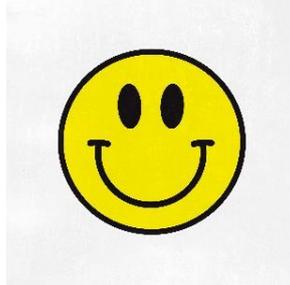
Ivy Cottage had a really good inspection and scored Light Green – this is the scoring for High compliance 95% - 100%

Well done to all at Ivy Cottage with this inspection!

# Employee service awards



Paula Wray  
10 Year Service  
Award  
Ivy Lodge



Kelly McEntee  
5 Year service award  
Ivy Dene



Doreen Goddard  
10 Year service  
award  
Ivy Mead



Jane Tiffany &  
Jackie Hutchinson  
5-year service  
award



Barbara Sylvester  
5 Year service award  
Ivy Dene



Tracy  
Taylor  
25 Year  
service  
award  
Ivy  
Cottage



Mary  
Harrison  
20 Year  
service  
award  
Ivy Dene



# 2026 Awareness Days

<p><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> – World Braille Day</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> – Blue Monday</p>	<p><b><u>February</u></b> <i>(Dignity action Month)</i></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> – World cancer day</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> – Time to talk day</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> – International epilepsy Day</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> – Rare Disease Day</p>	<p><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> – World hearing day</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Neurodiversity celebration week</p>	<p><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> World Autism Awareness day</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> World health day</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> – World Parkinson Day</p>	<p><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May – Mental health awareness week</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Dementia action week</p>
<p><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June – Men’s health week</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June – Learning disability week</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Deafblind awareness week</p>	<p><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> – Samaritans awareness day</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> – National Schizophrenic awareness day</p>	<p><b><u>August</u></b></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> August – National Purple Heart day</p>	<p><b><u>September</u></b></p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> – International day of sign languages</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – National inclusion week</p>	<p><b><u>October</u></b> <i>(ADHD Awareness month)</i></p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> – World sight day</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> – World mental health day</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> – World Menopause day</p>
<p><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> Nov – 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – UK disability History month</p>	<p><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> – International day of persons with disabilities</p>			

# Keeping Busy



Paige from Ivy Dene Celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 29<sup>th</sup> December

Paige had a fantastic day and finished it off with a party at Ivy Dene.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



## PJ Spreads Valentine's Love with Homemade Cakes

Valentine's Day came early at Ivy Mead, thanks to PJ's thoughtful gesture! PJ wanted to share a little love with everyone and spent time baking delicious cakes for the whole team and people we support.

This kind act brought smiles all around and reminded us that small gestures of kindness can make a big difference. Thank you, PJ, for spreading warmth, sweetness, and Valentine's cheer throughout Ivy Mead!



It's party time at Ivy Lodge as we wish BC a happy move to our other service Stone lodge.

Brian has lived at Ivy Lodge since March 2019 but is now moving on for his next adventure at Stone Lodge.

Brian, it has been a pleasure to support you, and I know they will enjoy supporting you at Stone lodge just as much as we did at Ivy lodge.

Happy Move!



# Who's New to Ivy Care



Hello everyone,  
My name is Mark Crabtree and I am the new service manager for Ivy Lodge as of January 2026.

I have found Ivy Care to be great and everyone has been very welcoming to me.

I look forward to working at Ivy Care and what the future holds.



*Mark Crabtree*

*Service manager Ivy Lodge*



*Sarah Lidster*

*Finance Assistant*

Hi everyone, my Name is Sarah Lidster, and I am the new finance assistant for ivy care.

Everyone at every home has been very friendly and welcoming which truly means a lot so thank you to everyone for that!

I can honestly say I have never walked into work and the people we support are so excited to see me! I look forward to working with you all in the years to come.

Hi everyone, my name is Paul Rooke, and I have worked for Ivy Care for the past 7 years as the Finance Manager.

In January 2026 I was promoted to the role of Finance Director for Ivy Care.

This is a great opportunity, and I look forward to continuing to work with you all and better the lives of the people we support.



*Paul Rooke*

*Finance Director*