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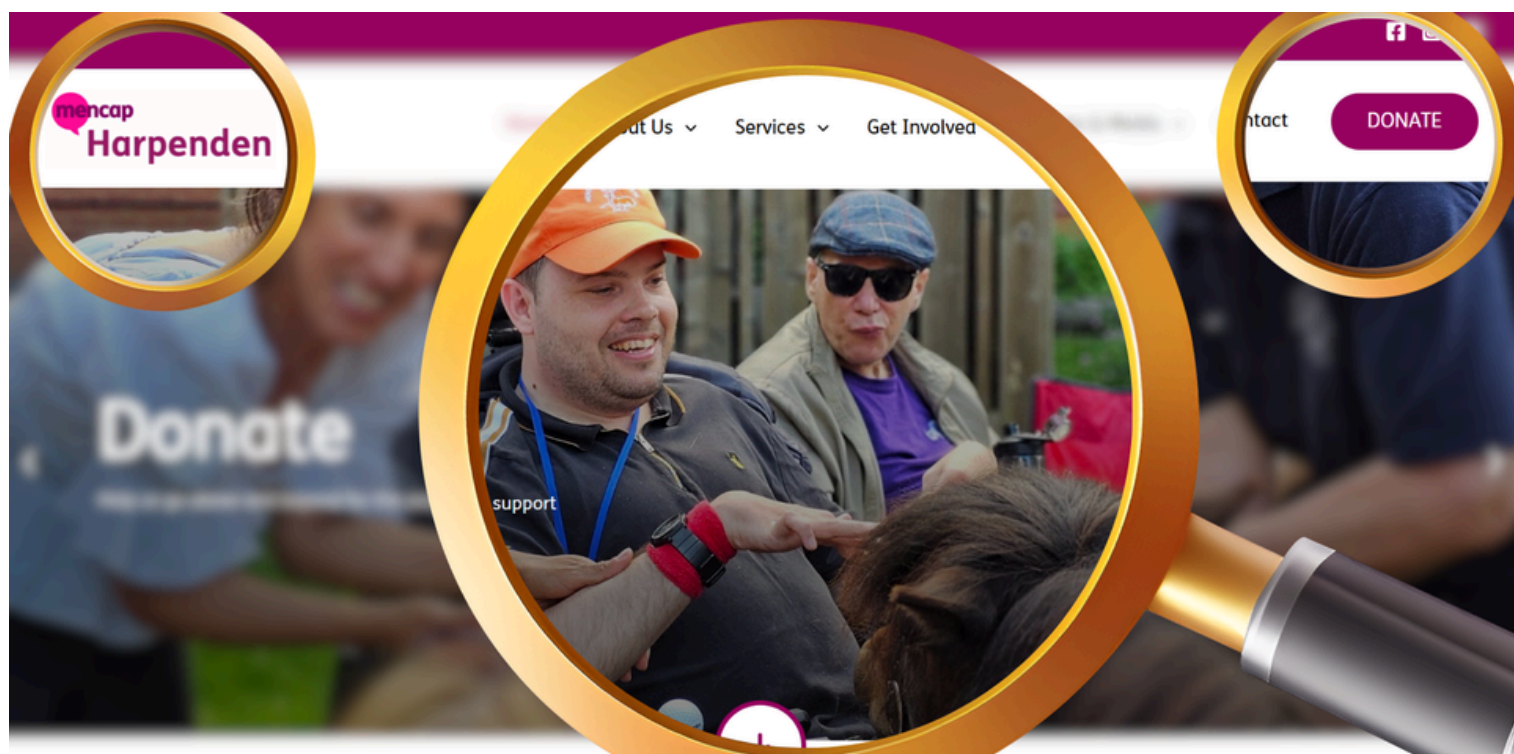
Your Newsletter



Dear _____

Welcome to the October edition of Your Newsletter from Harpenden Mencap.

Check out our brand new website



www.harpendenmencap.org.uk

Upcoming Christmas appeal



Help us go 'above and beyond' this Christmas

Only two weeks to go until the launch of our Christmas fundraising appeal! If you're thinking about giving a gift this Christmas, we hope you'll consider supporting our appeal to make moments that matter for local people with learning disabilities over the festive season.

Please look out for our email on 10th November with more information about how you can take part and go 'above and beyond' this Christmas.

New job vacancy

We're hiring a Finance Manager!

Location: Hybrid with meetings in Harpenden (Hertfordshire, AL5)

Hours: 20 - 25 per week

Salary: circa £45,000 FTE

Closing date: Wednesday 12th November at 5pm

If you are interested in learning more about this role, receiving the application pack or applying, please email HR@harpendenmencap.co.uk

Celebrating our new supportive community

Last month we held a street party to celebrate our new community in Batford. Our tenants and their families enjoyed the festivities, including a buffet and entertainment from St Albans City Band.

The Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Robert Voss joined us as our special guest, spending time getting to know tenants and cutting our celebratory cake to mark the occasion. In his speech he commended the excellent collaboration between Harpenden Mencap, St Albans District Council and Hertfordshire County Council, in building this new safe and supportive community.

He also officially opened our new Support Pod which will provide working space for staff, as well as being a site for training, supporting greater independence for our tenants.

You can read the press coverage of this event [via our new website](#). Thank you to everyone who volunteered their support to enable the street party to take place.



We raised some dough

We couldn't quite believe the response to our market stall outside the High Street Methodist Church last month, with homemade cakes and pies donated by the local community selling out in a matter of hours!

We raised over £400!



Other popular items were the bookmarks and lavender bags created by Britannia Club members, and jams and chutneys from produce harvested by our Allotment Club. Run by the people we support, this empowering event helped 'Raise Some Dough' for our clubs and services.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Introducing Lucy

We're really pleased to welcome Lucy Barrett as our new Marketing & Communications Manager.

Joining us in February 2025 as a volunteer, Lucy enhanced our social media and communications with photography from Britannia and Allotment Club, as well as supporting with applications for grant funding.



Since June, Lucy has been providing marketing support to Harpenden Mencap and is determined to use her expertise to ensure we are no longer the town's 'best kept secret'!

Your Feedback

We'd love to hear your thoughts on this latest edition of Your Newsletter. If you have any comments or would like to make any suggestions for future editions please get in touch via the email address below.

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With grateful thanks for your support,

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