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Letter from the Editor's Desk

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

As we embrace the chilly winds of winter, we reflect upon a year filled with heartwarming moments and remarkable achievements. Our care homes have been vibrant hubs of joy to create a tapestry of beautiful memories and make our residents' care journeys impactful. Let's take a stroll through the highlights of the past months.

We kick off with immense pride, celebrating Team Roseway's triumph for 'Care Home Team of the Year' at the Great British Care Awards 2023. Our Lifestyle Coordinator at Roseway House, Dawn, DCM certified, was also awarded the prestigious 'Dementia Carer Award'. The celebrations continued as Dawn was also awarded the 'Care Employee of the Year' award at the Caring UK Awards 2023. A special mention to Jeanette, Home Manager at Jasmine Court for coming Runner-Up in the 'Manager of the Year' category at the National Care Awards 2023.

It has been fantastic to see homes participating in challenges – both raising awareness for charities and raising money to support resident funds. As we step into 2024, we strive to create moments to strengthen the bonds within our Amicura family. Here's to a year filled with joy, laughter, and shared experiences.

Warm Regards,

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Special Recognition from Last Year

TEAM ROSEWAY'S DOUBLE WIN AT GREAT BRITISH CARE AWARDS 2023

We are proud to announce that Team Roseway has been honoured with the prestigious 'Care Home Team Award' at the Great British Care Awards 2023 regional ceremony. This celebration is even more special as our Lifestyle Coordinator, Dawn, DCM certified, has been recognised and awarded the 'Dementia Carer Award'. Adding to her accolades, Dawn also bagged the 'Care Employee of the Year' award at Caring UK Award 2023.



We are thrilled to share that **Jasmine Court** has been recognized as a runner-up for the highly coveted 'Management Team of the Year' award at the Caring UK Awards 2023. Additionally, our Home Manager, Jeanette, stood as a finalist for the 'Manager of the Year' award at the National Care Awards 2023.

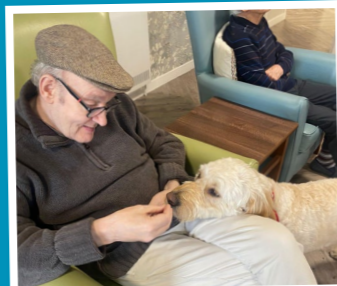


An Array of Activities and Experiences

CUDDLES, PATS, TREATS AND REPEAT

Our residents love welcoming furry friends into the home, and these adorable dogs have become beloved companions to the residents, bringing an extra dose of joy on the days they visit.

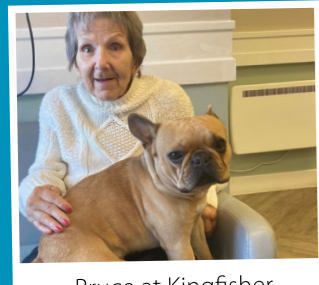
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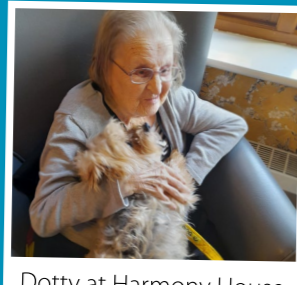
Teddy at Liberton Brae



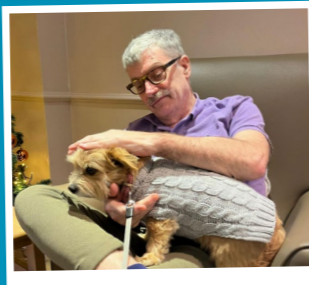
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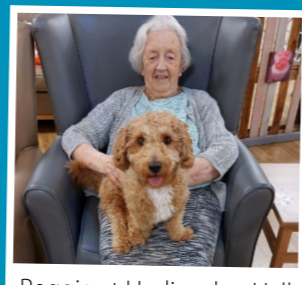
Bruce at Kingfisher



Dotty at Harmony House



Jack at The Rivers



Reggie at Haslingden Hall

DOLL THERAPY

Our residents at **The Rivers** have immersed themselves in the gentle and therapeutic - Doll Therapy. This practice has demonstrated numerous benefits, contributing to the emotional well-being of our residents in meaningful ways.



EMBRACING THE MOMENTS OF CALM

The quiet lounge at **Haslingden Hall** has become a haven for moments of calm, where residents indulge in the simple pleasures of reading a book, listening to music, and unwinding for the day.



CRAFTING PERSONALISED JOY

Here are some personalised activities that home teams curate to celebrate the different interests of residents. How fantastic!

Our dedicated team at **Liberton Brae** curated a special Rolling Stones Fan activity for a resident who is a big fan of the legendary band.



Our football enthusiasts of **Kingsley** were treated by the team to a special screening of the Scottish League Cup at home with freshly baked pie and refreshing drinks.



MEMORABLE OUTINGS ACROSS AMICURA HOMES

LIBERTON BRAE

The ladies from **Liberton Brae** embarked on a musical journey at Queens Hall, where they attended a captivating concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.



JASMINE COURT

Residents of **Jasmine Court** experienced a perfect day out at the theatre, enjoying the captivating performance of The Houghton Weavers. The show brought joy, laughter, and a shared appreciation for the arts.



ROSEWAY HOUSE

Residents of **Roseway House** had a magical experience as they visited the local theatre to watch "Sister Act" the musical. Another group visited St James Park, the Newcastle football stadium and had a wonderful day.

Strolling in the charming streets of the 1950s village at Beamish, immersing in the wartime stories and vintage memorabilia. Roseway House had a lovely day out with lunch in the park, singalongs over a pint and great company.



KINGFISHER

Residents at **Kingfisher** started their day with a leisurely walk to the local town, followed by a delightful coffee catch-up

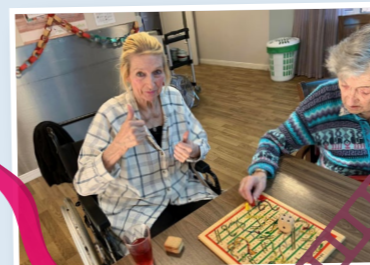
FUN AND GAMES GALORE ACROSS OUR HOMES

In the arts and crafts session at **The Glen**, the residents painted dragons, and designed lanterns for the Chinese New Year celebrations.



THE GLEN'S GAMES SESSION

At **The Glen**, the residents played an array of entertaining games - rounds of Hoopla, ping-pong matches, Jenga, and Snakes and Ladders.



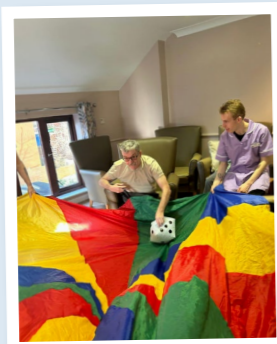
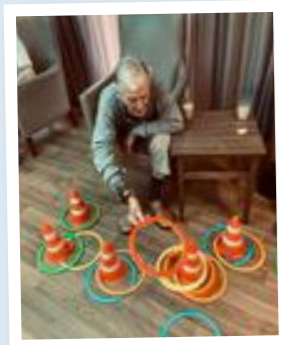
KINGSLEY'S NOUGHTS AND CROSSES CHAMPION

Kingsley's residents enjoy a game of Noughts and crosses, and we see a cheerful smile on Ann, the champion of the game. Chinese New Year celebrations.



THE DYNAMIC BLEND OF FUN AND FITNESS

Our residents across **The Rivers, The Glen, Haslingden Hall,** and **Kingfisher** have been actively engaging in gentle movement workouts with music, fun and games. Whether it's a friendly game or a fitness challenge, the residents enjoy their activity, and it helps to balance their physical well-being.



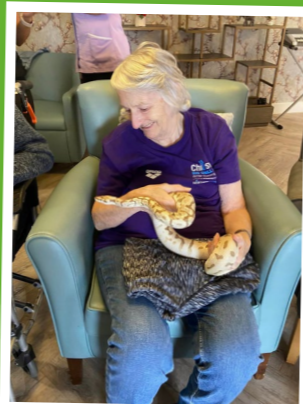
BAKING DELIGHTS AT THE RIVERS

Our residents and team at **The Rivers** had a blast whipping up some delicious memories with homemade rice crispy buns.



EXOTIC ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT KINGFISHER

The residents at **Kingfisher** experienced the thrill of exotic animal visits, bringing joy and fascination to the residents.



COME DINE WITH ROSEWAY HOUSE

Dawn, the Lifestyle Coordinator at **Roseway House** started this initiative to encourage new bonding and community involvement. Inspired by the popular TV series, Dawn started this initiative, where residents visit other care homes to dine together. Her thoughtful initiative is to encourage new friendships, bonding, and community involvement. The 'Come Dine with Me' is a big success, Dawn has been featured in the Care Talk Magazine and also received a grant from The Big Local Jarrow to support this initiative. The initiative has seen numerous wonderful events with other care homes including a spooktacular Halloween party to dress to impress gatherings.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVENTURES AT ROSEWAY HOUSE

For our history enthusiasts at **Roseway House**, the morning was filled with excitement as they delved into the fascinating world of archaeological wonders. Guided by the delightful Molly from Jarrow Hall, residents explored treasures from the 70s around Jarrow Hall and St. Paul's Church.



Spooktacular: Halloween Fun

KINGFISHER'S ARTISTIC GHOST DECORATIONS

At **Kingfisher**, residents showcased their artistic flair by designing ghost decorations, adding a touch of spookiness to the home's ambience.



PUMPKIN PAINTING

Residents at **Haslingden Hall** and **Harmony House** indulged in a pumpkin painting extravaganza, transforming pumpkins into pieces of art.



THE GLEN'S HALLOWEEN SCARECROW COMPETITION

The Glen hosted a Halloween Scarecrow Competition, inspiring residents to unleash their creativity and craft some spookin' creations.



PUMPKIN CARVING TRADITION

Residents across **Kingsley** and **Kingfisher** carried on with the Halloween tradition of pumpkin carving.



HALLOWEEN PARTIES ACROSS THE HOMES

Residents, staff, and families came together to celebrate the spooky season with Halloween parties. Here's a glimpse into the fun festivities that captured our care homes:



INTERNATIONAL DAUGHTERS DAY

The residents of **Jasmine Court** spend quality time with their beloved daughters on this special occasion.



CELEBRATIONS AT THE GLEN

In a heartfelt effort to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Day, The Glen hosted a delightful 'Wear it Pink' afternoon tea party. Residents adorned themselves in shades of pink.

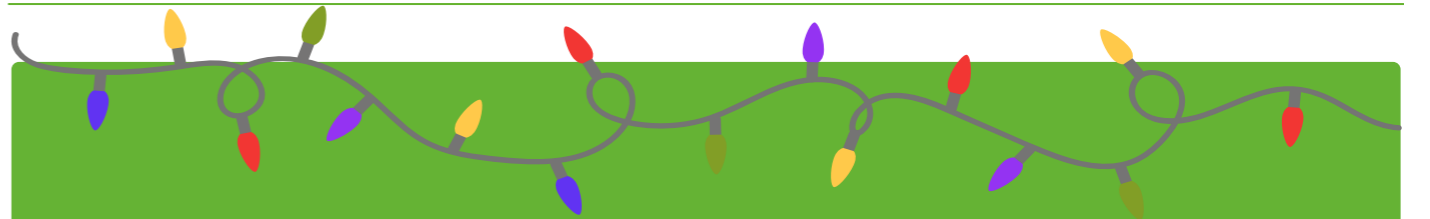
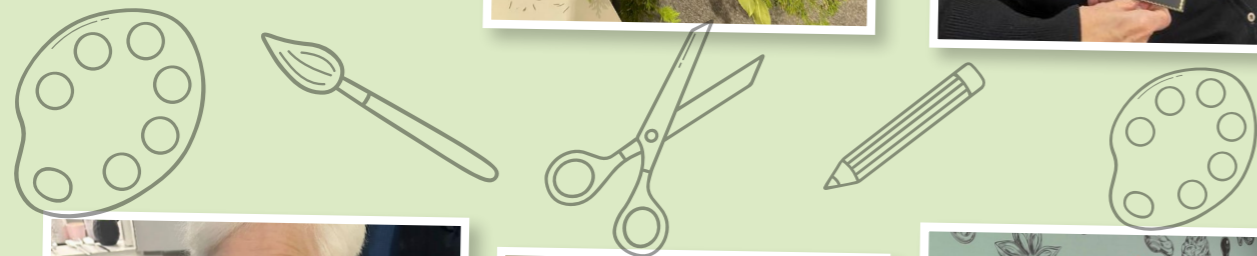


The Glen lit up with excitement as residents came together to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night.



Christmas Arts and Crafts Wonderland

From handcrafted ornaments to festive wreaths, the magic of these creations by our wonderful residents added a special touch to the festivities. The residents at **Kingsley** designed decorative centre table pieces for their Christmas party, whilst **The Glen** made ornaments of clay. Fun and festive arts and crafts session brought smiles as the residents had created beautiful Christmas cards at **Kingfisher, Jasmine Court, The Rivers, and The Glen.**



CHRISTMAS TREES LIT UP

The residents paid special attention to decorating Christmas trees across the homes. Adding a personal touch to the trees, the residents crafted unique ornaments and decorations.



The Glen



Jasmine Court



Kingfisher



The Rivers



JINGLING TO JOY: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The highlight of the season are the home's Christmas parties. The homes were decorated with twinkling lights and festive decorations as residents and staff gathered to enjoy the holiday celebrations. From delicious treats to lively music and joyful dances, every moment was filled with the magic of Christmas.



A December to Remember: Feeling Festive

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

At **Harmony House**, our residents immersed themselves in a month filled with enchanting activities from crafting beautiful Christmas decorations to cosy movie afternoons, playing games, and enjoying at-home entertainment. The atmosphere was vibrant and joyful throughout December.



Neddy Eddie, the resident's favorite elf, spread laughter and mischief around **Kingsley**, creating joyous moments that residents fondly remember.



Presented by Northeast Producers, A Christmas Carol, marked the beginning of the festive month at **The Glen**. Residents and families jingled all the way, singing along to the tunes. Also, Santa made a special visit, surprising residents with Christmas gifts, and adding a touch of magic to the festive celebrations.



Haslingden Hall went the extra mile by sending out personalised Christmas photos to our residents' families, making the holiday season even more special. moments that residents fondly remember.



The residents at **The Glen** and **Kingsley** had a fun-filled atmosphere with at home entertainment, singing Christmas carols, and enjoying old classical Christmas tunes. **Haslingden Hall** and **The Rivers** had visits from local school children, spreading the festive cheer and enjoyed doing activities with the residents.



Residents at **Jasmine Court** enjoyed a traditional mulled wine toast, accompanied by tasty, minced pies. **Kingfisher** residents' showed their Christmas spirit by dressing up in Christmas jumpers for a church service at home. **Roseway House** had a special visit from the therapy donkeys, adding more warmth to the festivities.

Creating unforgettable moments: Going Above and Beyond

A grateful applause and heartfelt thank you go out to the homes, for their incredible efforts to raise funds for resident's activities.

TEAM KINGSLEY'S SANTA DASH

The team **Kingsley**, participated in the Santa Dash. Dressed up to the festive theme, the team walked with enthusiasm and showed dedication to raise funds for residents. Well done Team **Kingsley!**



A DEMENTIA UK WALKING CHALLENGE CHAMPION

Joan, at **Kingfisher**, participated in the Dementia UK Walking Challenge throughout September. The challenge set a target of 30 miles, but Joan's determination knew no bounds—she went above and beyond, walking 49.10 miles to extend her support. Congratulations Joan – what a wonderful achievement and a cause very close to all our hearts.



Words of appreciation

We are grateful to receive such kind words of appreciation from residents, their families, and friends. These kind testimonials serve as a reminder of the meaningful impact we have on the lives of those we care for, and they inspire our team to always maintain exceptional standards of care. Here are a few of such amazing reviews received on carehome.co.uk.

Liberton Brae

Daughter of a resident from Liberton Brae states:

"The staff are amazing. They show care and compassion to all residents. My dad is very happy and settled. He has not been here long but the change in him is amazing. My dad continues to improve daily. His room is fantastic, almost like a small contained flat. The facilities at the home are first class. Very clean and comfortable. No request is too much for the staff."this a real home is the care and heart of the team. Thank you to them all."

The Glen

Daughter of a resident from The Glen states:

"My father, who has Dementia, moved into Kingsley in April 2022. He is very comfortable in his own room surrounded by personal belongings. The home is warm and welcoming, modern, spacious and beautifully decorated. The outside space during the warmer months is a lovely accessible area well used by residents and visitors alike. Dad thoroughly enjoys the high standard of meals and home baking. His room is always immaculate and the general level of cleanliness throughout the home is very good. Kingsley is very fortunate to have a wonderful activities team who provide a varied programme of events and activities that my Dad has willingly participated in. Regardless of how pleasant the surroundings are the most important element of any home is the care and attention residents receive. All the staff at Kingsley help support my Dad with all activities of daily living looking after his health and welfare. This excellent care is led by the wonderful manager and her team of nursing staff and carers. Thank you."

Honoring Our Heroes: Remembrance Day Commemoration

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In remembrance and heartfelt tribute, the residents of Amicura Homes came together to honor and pay respect to the brave souls who served the nation. **At Kingsley**, residents create a stunning poppy display, a symbol of remembrance and gratitude, and gathered to watch the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, where they reflected on the sacrifices made by veterans. The day was made even more special with a heartwarming afternoon tea featuring delicious home-baked cupcakes.

At **Kingfisher**, the residents had a week filled with activities from crosswords to a War Movie Morning, and arts and crafts which included making poppies. Residents went into the community to pay respects by laying a cross for Remembrance Day.

The residents of **The Glen, Roseway House and Haslingden Hall** also attended the service and paid their respects at the cenotaphs in the local towns.



The Glen



Kingsley



Kingsley



Kingfisher



Haslingden



Roseway House

Valentine's Day word search

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