

NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING OFFICE

JULY 2025

Welcome to latest edition of the QAC newsletter. In this edition we will update you on what's been going on over the last few months and what's coming up in the next few.



Staff and supporters take on the Birmingham Half Marathon

On 4th May six supporters donned the brand new QAC running shirts to take part in the Great Birmingham Run Event. Bev H and Liv, a supporter of the Charity, took on the Half Marathon whilst Briony, Ewan, Gemma and Colin ran in the 10k. Together they raised over a £1,000.

Wheel 'n' Walk

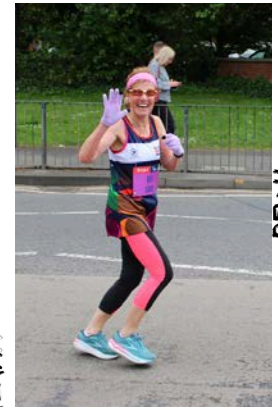
What a few months QAC has just had. As our students leave for the Summer, I'm pleased to let you know that a couple of them have been busy fundraising for the charity this year.

Furqan and Ralph both took on the Wheel 'n' Walk – Birmingham's Walk for Inclusion in Cannon Hill Park on 8 June. QAC joined with 9 other local disability charities, and were proud to have them both represent the charity on the day walking over 20 miles between them and raising funds in the process.

**BRIONY
QAC MARKETING TEAM**



**EWAN,
QAC FINANCE TEAM**



**BEV H
QAC PERSONAL ASSISTANT**



LIV



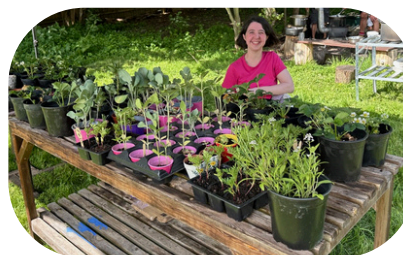
**GEMMA AND COLIN
QAC PHYSIO AND GYM TEAM**



Community Services Open Day

Community Services, who are based at our Umberslade Road Campus in Stirchley, opened their site to the local community on 3rd May.

They showcased what they do and raised some funds in the process. It was a fabulous day, with archery, outside cooking, dancing, stalls and more. A great opportunity to connect with the local community.



GREAT GRANTS!

(FROM CHARITABLE TRUSTS/ORGANISATIONS)

Safeguarding support secured:

Thank you to **The Tipton & Coseley Charitable Foundation** for a £500 grant to support our safeguarding provision. Our safeguarding team provide vital wellbeing support to students and their families.



Local Charitable Trusts support QAC

Thanks to The Alison Hillman Trust for their continued support of QAC including their most recent £5,000 donation to support our fundraising and enable us to further transform the lives of young people with disabilities.

Thank you to **The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust** for a generous £10,000 donation to support the creation of a Personal Care Room in our Bradbury Sports Centre. The new PC room will make sport more accessible for young people with disabilities and those in the community. Thanks also to **Eric W Vincent Charitable Trust** for a £1,000 to support this project. We look forward to being able to provide an update on this exciting transformation and share details of our majority funder in due course.

Thank you to **The Grimmitt Trust** for £1,500 and **The W E Dunn Trust** for a £1,000 donation. Both donations are in support of Community Services.



Thank you to **Harborne Parish Lands Charity** for kindly providing £3,200 to support our students, in a project at the Court Oak Road Allotments. The donation is funding equipment to enable students to prepare, plant and eventually harvest. This is an ongoing project for one of our student groups. However, they are collaborating with other groups across the charity to enhance their skills and align with our values.

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust serve up inclusive tennis:

Thank you to **The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust** for granting tennis equipment to enable clients at QAC's Community services to get into tennis and practice their serves. The tennis equipment includes various sizes of tennis rackets and tennis balls, throw down lines, corners and nets.

Thank you also to **The Saintbury Trust** for their recent £3,000 donation to support QAC's Community Services to ensure the continuation of our service and exciting activities for young people with disabilities.



Corporate Corner

SporTea A coffee morning with a twist

After a fantastic event on 30th June, we're thrilled to announce that our next SporTea corporate engagement morning will be back this October!

Designed to bring businesses together, SporTea offers a brilliant chance to network, discover more about QAC, and enjoy an action-packed morning of inclusive, student-led sporting activities. True to its name, the session wraps up with some well-deserved refreshments—all planned and delivered by our amazing students, supported by staff showing you first hand what our charity is about.

Interested in getting involved? We'd love to have you—get in touch to reserve your spot!



QAC Featured in the Chamber of Commerce!



QAC was featured in a full-page article in the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce News Page and also their Chamberlink Magazine, showcasing Ricoh Europe's efforts to raise funds for our college football team's kit. To read the article online visit: <https://www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/resource/college-football-team-receives-new-kit-with-support-from-specialist-workplace-integrator.html>

VIPS VISIT QAC - here's what they said:



"I had a really inspiring visit. One of the highlights was visiting the fabulous library where we all discussed what our favourite books are. It was great to stop at Independence Street which is an outside training space which allows students to learn about road safety and how to use traffic signals. I also had the pleasure of meeting with Bev Jessop who shared some very exciting ten year development plans which will help them deliver even more curriculum in the future. Thank you to everyone at QAC for the warm welcome and for the impactful work you do in our community." **Douglas Wright MBE DL, High Sheriff of the West Midlands**



"The young people I have met here today are incredible. With their determination and the support of dedicated staff they have a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and realise their full potential. I want every young person in the region, regardless of their background, to have access to the life-changing support they need to thrive in the years ahead." **Mr Richard Parker, Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority.**

GET INVOLVED



This lottery enables you to support the charity for £1 a week, whilst also giving you the chance of winning a variety of prizes up to £25,000! Join the Birmingham Community Lottery by scanning the QR code:



A STAFF MEMBER RECENTLY INFORMED US OF A £250 WIN!

ARE YOU UP (13000 FT UP) FOR A SKYDIVE?



FRIENDS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA CHARITY

FRIENDS OF QAC OUR NEW INITIATIVE

When supporters contribute regularly to the charity, it helps us budget and determine how to use our resources wisely.

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

You'll receive a charity pin badge, regular newsletters throughout the year, and an annual invitation to join us as our guest at an exclusive event.

FROM £25 A MONTH

Become a friend of QAC by support the charity for £25 a month (equivalent to £300 annually).

WHAT A REGULAR DONATION WILL DO

Your support will have a direct impact on our young adults with disabilities, providing them with the essential equipment and resources they need to achieve their full potential.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO KEEP OR GET IN TOUCH!

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