

NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING OFFICE

Find out about what's been going on over the last few months and what's coming up for the rest of the year!

From staff taking on challenges to support from charitable grant giving organisations and businesses, find out how money is being raised and what it's being spent on. If you're up for getting involved we'd love to hear from you - maybe you could feature in our next edition?

A DONATION OF DOUGH!

Thanks to the support of The Plough Harborne, our Residential Services Social Group have enjoyed two pizza nights over the last few weeks. The second coincided with their end of term Halloween Party which also included fancy dress and karaoke. The pizza was a huge hit and appreciated by all who attended.



Super Supermarkets Support Community Services

Stirchley Morrisons recently made a surprise visit to our Community Services Hub in Stirchley with a donation of a slow cooker, food mixer and electric can opener. These items are a very welcome addition to their kitchen which is well utilised with clients cooking everything from cakes and treats to batch cooking for home.

Huge thanks to Morrisons at Stirchley and Aldi in Redditch and to Neighbourly.



Aldi in Redditch also recently provided Community Services with bags full of food through the Neighbourly Scheme. This is where surplus food is offered to charities to avoid food waste.

Congratulations to our very own Deputy Principal, Jan Gormley on successfully completing the Stratford 10k in September. Jan not only looked the part in her QAC running shirt but was raising funds for the charity as well as proving to herself that she could still run a 10k, ten years after running her last one!

Jan on the run!



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GREAT GRANTS!

(FROM CHARITABLE TRUSTS/ORGANISATIONS)

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF THE COVERED WALKWAY



October half term marks a year since we implemented the first covered walkway cover at our QAC Court Oak Road site.

The cover has been an incredible improvement to the campus and has supported students and staff alike in all weathers and seasons.

It has been a particular benefit to visually impaired staff and students who previously experienced a disability glare from bright/low sun during bright summers days and low sun on winter days.

Thanks again to the **Eveson Trust** for their support and an incredible **£29,238** donation to support this project and make it a reality.

FEEDBACK FROM SARAH QAC'S VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SUPPORT OFFICER:

"The students are really appreciating the canopy which provided good shelter from the rain and bad weather that we experienced over last winter. The canopy has made it easier to trail from one building to another without getting wet and makes going outside more comfortable and motivates students to use the other building and campus more.

Over the summer, the canopy provided some shade from the sun providing a shaded pathway, helping those visually impaired students who suffer from light sensitivity, a sheltered pathway from one building to another."

COMING SOON:

Looking ahead, following a generous £30,000 grant from **Birmingham Royal Institute of the Blind** a second covered walkway is set to be installed at the entrance of our Court Oak college site.

BUILDING GROWTH AND BELONGING AT COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thank you to **The Finnis Scott Foundation** for a £2,833 grant, to fund a brand new polytunnel for our Umberslade Community Services site.



Our previous polytunnel, which supported many of the horticultural activities we offer, had sadly fallen into disrepair due to general wear and tear—made worse by the devastating impacts of Storm Darragh and Storm Eowyn.

Our clients and students can once again further develop and unleash their horticultural abilities and gardening skills in a safe, weather-resistant space that encourages growth, learning, and connection with nature.

LOCAL TRUSTS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT QAC:

Thanks to the **Charles Brotherton Trust** for their continued support of QAC including their most recent £250 donation to support our young people with disabilities specifically Birmingham residents.

Thank you also to the **We Are All Making A Difference Charitable Trust** for a further £1,000 donation to support QAC's activities.

Employment Solicitors, Spencer Shaw Solicitors, sponsor QAC Christmas Card



"It's always rewarding to support local charities, and it has been a pleasure getting to know Queen Alexandra Charity.

When we sponsored a month in last year's calendar we were blown away by the students' artwork, and we're excited to see the final piece chosen for the Christmas cards. We will be proud to have our logo on the final product, celebrating QAC's work and QAC students' incredible achievements."

**Laura Rollason, Practice Manager,
Spencer Shaw Solicitors**

Businesses across the West Midlands support 2026 Calendar

The QAC calendar is set to return in 2026, featuring new art work from talented QAC students.



Thank you to our wonderful sponsors including: **Acc-Unique Solutions, ABM Catering, CMCS, CleanTEC, Talbots Law, Jigsaw Print Solutions, PIB Insurance Brokers, Wilkes Solicitors and V12 Sports.**

Look out for our 2026 QAC calendar coming this December.

QAC ENJOYS 'AWARDS SEASON'

A huge congratulations to Senior Fundraising Officer, Pippa Preston, who at the recent Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Young Professional of the Year Awards, won one of just two Highly Commended awards. Commenting on her achievement, Pippa shared: "It was a pleasure to have been a finalist under the Charity and Social Impact category. I was delighted to have been presented with an award to recognise my work within the charity sector. I look forward to continuing to support young people with learning difficulties and disabilities to live fulfilling lives through the brilliant projects and work that I am involved in at QAC."



Our Principal and Chief Executive, Bev Jessop along with Rose Woodall, who runs Sight Village, attended the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Charity Awards on 17th October at Millennium Point in Birmingham. Termed as showcasing the best of Birmingham in the fields of business, arts and media the evening included a drinks reception and live entertainment as well as the awards ceremony. Rose commented: "QAC's Sight Village was nominated in both the Large Charity Impact Award and Digital and Technology Innovator of the Year. Although these categories were won by Faizan Global Relief Foundation and Birmingham Open Media, it was a real achievement to be amongst the incredible organisations nominated and, of course, the winners."

GET INVOLVED

Support the local shops on Harborne High Street this December and then take a well earned break and support a local charity for a Christmas themed...

AFTERNOON TEA



£20 PER PERSON

FRI 4TH DEC | SLUG & LETTUCE

HARBORNE HIGHSTREET

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Birmingham Community Lottery

This lottery enables you to support QAC 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: 

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SAY NO IN NOVEMBER SO WE CAN SAY YES!!

FUNDRAISE OR DONATE THE MONEY YOU SAVE!

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO GIVE SOMETHING UP FOR THE MONTH.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE TODAY!

RAISE £30 TO GET A T-SHIRT!

See who has already signed up...
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HARBORNE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON SAT 15TH NOV, 4PM-6PM

QAC are joining Harborne BID for this year's Christmas Lights Switch On. Visit our stall and come and enjoy the QAC Collective who will be performing.



FESTIVE JUMPER DAY

Get into the Festive spirit and don your Festive Jumper on Friday 12th December. Join with friends, colleagues or family to admire your attire and donate to QAC. Don't forget to send us your photos, we'd love to share them on our socials mentioning your support.

Make QAC better, get on that sweater!
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/qacc-hristmas2025>

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FRIENDS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA CHARITY

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

When supporters contribute regularly to the charity, it helps us budget and determine how to use our resources wisely. 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. Friends of QAC receive a charity pin badge, regular newsletters throughout the year, and an annual invitation to join us as our guest at an exclusive event.

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