

# Growth Points

## Camphill Devon's Monthly Newsletter

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### And, Action!

By Steve

I am delighted to be able confirm that the new Camphill Devon videos are now complete.

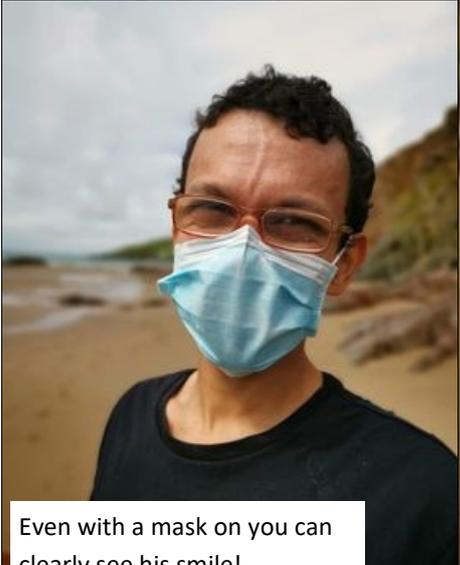
The 'final cut' of our Recruitment and Referrals videos was completed at the beginning of October and have now been launched at a "Private Viewing" with Trustees and our Management Team. They have received great accolade and really present Camphill Devon well, showing amazing drone images and some great interviews with staff and people we support. I would particularly like to thank everyone involved, especially the stars of the films, and Liz who co-ordinated the whole process. Despite the 'Covid-19' challenges of distancing, and wearing face masks, somehow we have managed for the images in video to remain Covid-free!

The videos provide an excellent way of raising our profile, and hopefully will get more people, both new staff and perhaps new people to be supported by Camphill, to find out about us.

The films are now on our website, and our Facebook page, so do please take a look, and 'Like', 'Share' and spread the word.



Merlin made the most of the last of the good weather and headed to the beach for a lovely trip out. Its great to see everyone finding ways of keeping active during this difficult time. Whether it is walks on the beach or a cycle around the site, everyone is definitely benefiting and making the most of our location. Everyone is also of course still staying safe by taking their own drinks, wearing masks, plenty of hand washing and hand sanitiser.



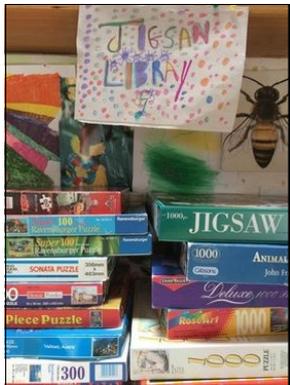
Even with a mask on you can clearly see his smile!



We have recently introduced a 'Pool' or Loan Bike Scheme, and now have new bikes and safety equipment available to our team of staff and volunteers. The scheme has been set up to provide a benefit to everyone that works at Camphill Devon, and to promote fitness as well as recognising the environmental benefits.

We initially carried out a survey to gauge how many people might use a bike if it were available to them, and the response was greater than expected, and quite encouraging. Having now purchased the bikes and some safe storage for them we are hoping that some people will really take advantage of scheme. In these days of social distancing and all of us being encouraged not to use public transport, but to walk and cycle where we can, we are keen to be able to promote and support this approach.

Whilst we are all too aware that we are cited at the top of a steep hill, and will of course forgive people from pushing up the last bit!, this new initiative will hopefully give some people a chance to get fit. If the scheme goes well we may develop our pool further and consider E-bikes in the future! Happy cycling everyone.....



### A Puzzling time

Jen has come up with the idea of making a jigsaw library for those that enjoy jigsaws. If you are interested it is located in the weavery. They have a few 1000 pieces jigsaws but could do with a few smaller ones.



### The bees are back in town

We started keeping bees around 3 years ago and now we have moved our bees on to site, and they are doing well.

## Slowly re-opening

By Liz

It has been tough over the last 6 months or so for everyone in different ways. All of the workshop leaders after a period of being furloughed came back to work initially in the houses. As new co-workers slowly arrive and new staff are recruited we are gradually able to reopen. The land and garden were the first, and now we have the pottery and soon the Weavery. With a comprehensive risk assessment in place and reduction in group sizes we are also able to welcome individuals back to day activities from offsite, giving everyone a much needed routine and reconnecting with friends.

We are hoping that metal work and wood work will also open again soon and we will be as close to normal as possible soon.



## A growing success

Pellinore house have planted seeds in their new green house and are preparing the ground in their polytunnel. Everyone is enjoying getting stuck in and it hasn't taken long to see the results of their hard work.

From this....



To this...



## A change in title

by Liz

I have worked at Camphill Devon now for 12 years. I started off as a support worker in one of the houses before becoming the Day Services Coordinator. During this time my role has grown within the service taking on more responsibility and I am happy to announce that my new role title is 'Rural Activities and Workshop Manager' as well as taking on the role of 'Enrichment and Social Media Coordinator'. I look forward to my continued work here at Camphill Devon and I am excited about the future.



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