

Leuchie Outlook: your regular e-newsletter
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What a year!

Well what a fun-packed year that was! So much happened; special visitors, new roles appointed, makeovers, fundraisers and events – it's impossible to include them all here.

The support of the Leuchie community has, as ever, been overwhelming; the generosity of our donors, the dedication and commitment of our fundraisers and the time given by our volunteers will allow us to continue our commitment to providing unique respite breaks to those who desperately need them in 2020.

Here are some of the highlights...

The tattoo came to Leuchie!

We were thrilled to have the Edinburgh Tattoo visit Leuchie in August. Guests, and staff, were treated to a spectacular performance in the gardens of the house by The Tasmanian Police Pipe Band, The Hjaltibonhoga Shetland Fiddlers and The Tattoo Dance Company before they headed back to the capital to perform at the castle for

the Edinburgh Festival. We can't thank them enough for making the effort to come through to East Lothian for our guests.



Funding secured for a digital skills assistant.

Technology can be life changing for our guests and carers and we've long recognised the need to help them by providing bespoke IT support. We were over the moon to receive funding to allow us to employ a dedicated digital skills assistant to do exactly that.

Guests will be shown how best they can access the technology they need to make their lives easier and to help them feel more connected to the world.

[Find out how our regular guest Bob got on at the Apple shop!](#)



A Royal visit.

On 4th July 2019, Leuchie marked its 8th year as an independent charity with a visit from a very special guest, HRH Princess Anne, Her Royal Highness. She was able to officially open the Aviemore Lounge, which has been restored in memory of former guest, Margaret Abbott. She also met day guest, Rachel Mylne who was celebrating her 84th birthday by displaying a selection of her beautiful artwork in the lounge.



Scottish Open.

We were incredibly grateful to be chosen, alongside the My Name's Doddie Foundation, as a charity partner of The Scottish Open for the second consecutive year. We received amazing support from the organisers, players, spectators and, of course, our brilliant volunteers.

The Renaissance Club and their members showed remarkable generosity

throughout, hosting the charity Pro-Am and Gala Dinner to help raise additional money for Leuchie, not to mention the Hero Challenge which saw Matt Fitzpatrick donate his prize winnings. If that wasn't enough, the world ranked top 10 disabled golfers from the European Disabled Golf Association (EDGA) visited Leuchie to teach some of our guests the tricks of the trade!



Leuchie Leaves Project.

North Berwick art group pARTicipate worked with guests at Leuchie to create an Autumn art installation. Using a variety of mixed media, guests decorated wooden heart-shaped leaves, inspired by the Leuchie Logo and the trees that line our drive.

Three guests 'unveiled' the artwork in the North Berwick Telephone Exchange Installation space.

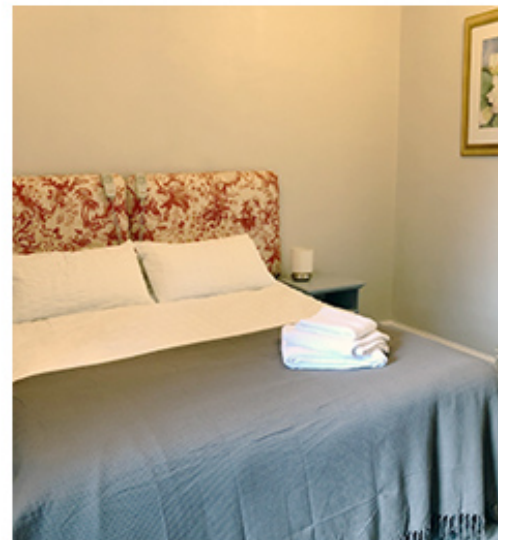
The project gave guests (many of whom have been coming to Leuchie for years) the chance to give something back to the East Lothian community they have come to know and love.





The house gets a makeover!

We've been working away breathing new life into the rooms with fresh paint, new curtains and carpets. As well as the transformation of the First Floor Lounge into the new Aviemore Lounge, the dining room also got a new lick of paint. The colour 'Potters Pink' was chosen by our guests to match the curtains and we don't think they could have chosen better! And last but certainly not least, guests' carers will be able to enjoy a more luxurious stay at Leuchie in 2020 with newly refurbished rooms and the adjoining shower room having had an overhaul too.



The fabulous Leuchie community do it again!

Phew! Where to start!? Our supporters went to extraordinary lengths and demonstrated amazing talents to raise funds for Leuchie. Some set off at 3am to complete the 100 Holes Golf Challenge, others cycled the entire length of Ireland in torrential rain to conquer the #MizMal Challenge. And a dedicated team spent an entire year putting together the striking and inspiring [Edinburgh Revisited Picture-Poem Exhibition](#) and book.

Guests and staff got involved too! Iain Elder led the guest's fundraising charge once again with his wife, Janice, during their 31 Days Wifey and a Wheelchair challenge, and 'Anne's Groupies' took part in all four Kiltwalks to support their friend and Leuchie guest, Anne Kydd. Sponsored slims, marathons and skydives made up the support from Leuchie staff and family members.



We were fortunate to have the support of Charles River for the second year who launched their #WheelsforWellbeing campaign in an effort to match fund the balance of a new accessible vehicle alongside The North Berwick Trust. After a year of baking, raffles, fundraising, volunteering and hosting two large scale events, including a sponsored cycle and the 'It's a Knockout' inflatables challenge, we are delighted to announce that they did it! Our #newsetofwheels is due to arrive this month to get our guests moving in 2020!



And there was no shortage of Leuchie events this year either! Highlights include Elaine C Smith kicking off our annual Ascot Afternoon fundraiser at the luxurious Waterfront Pavilion at Archerfield, the Luffness New Golf Club kindly choosing to host its 125th Anniversary Golf Day in aid of Leuchie House and our very first fundraising dinner held in Glasgow, hosted by Fred MacAulay and supported by Gavin Hastings.



These are just a few – THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who made 2019 a year full of kindness, generosity and amazing community spirit.

2019 Leuchie Christmas Connections appeal.

A long-term condition should not stop you from being connected to the things that help you live a full and happy life. Our Christmas Connections Appeal aimed to raise awareness of the work we do in helping our guests and their carers re-connect to the things that are important to them. To date the appeal has raised £10,300 (THANK YOU!!!!) and it's not too late to donate by clicking on the image below.



Book now!

We have some late availability in February and March and would like to extend the opportunity for carers to join guests for half price during this time. If you need to recharge your batteries after Christmas, before our very busy Spring rush, then book now by calling Jo or Katy on 01620 892864 or [visit our website](#).

If you're planning a break with us later in the year we have limited availability so please do get in touch soon to secure your dates.



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