

Brainwave NEWS



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Brainwave's mission is to help children with disabilities and additional needs achieve greater independence through a range of specialist therapies improving mobility, communication and learning potential.



Update from Keith Sinclair, Chief Executive Officer

“ **Welcome to the summer edition of Brainwave News. I hope this finds you and your families well.**

The team here have achieved a great deal over the last 6 months, and we are delighted to bring you the latest updates and highlights from our recent endeavours.

Our Therapy and wider support team have been working hard to make a positive impact on the lives of more children and families across the UK.

All our income is self-generated and none of what we achieve would be possible without our funders, supporters, and customers. Your unwavering commitment and generosity (even through the current cost of living crisis) have enabled us to reach new milestones and create positive change in the lives of many children and families. Thank you!

These funds have enabled us to expand our outreach delivery, to support more families, and in March, we opened our first outreach hub in the Northwest from the Gateway Centre in Warrington. It was fantastic for the

team to be back there, following the difficult decision to close our NW Centre during the pandemic. This was made possible by our amazing team of therapists, fundraisers and the National Lottery Community Fund, who awarded 3-year funding earlier this year.

In April we delivered a second outreach hub in the Southeast and travelled to Scotland in May to see more families there. These hubs have become invaluable spaces for families to access our services, who are unable to travel to our Centre in the Southwest. For more details on our service delivery, see the article from our Therapy team on pages 6 -7.

Another exciting development was our first-ever charity 'pop-up' shop at Glastonbury Festival, which was an enormous success [see pages 30-31]. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to increase awareness of our work and connect with a wider audience, whilst also raising vital funds too. The stand out moment for me, was when a young woman visited our stall and said, 'I just wanted to say that without



the support from Brainwave, my sister wouldn't be able to walk or talk.' We both then hugged and cried! We are beyond grateful to our supporters and team, who helped make it happen, and of course Cerys who designed our Glasto Crew T-shirts, which were awesome.

We must also acknowledge the financial hardships faced by many of the families we support too. The recent Disability Price Tag Report by Scope sheds light on the increased costs families face, with an average extra expenditure of £975 per month. This means households require nearly £12,000 more each year to achieve the same standard of living as their non-disabled counterparts. The higher expenses of specialist equipment, everyday essentials, and energy, coupled with an inadequate welfare system, place an unfair burden on families.

Since their last report in 2019, the world has experienced a global pandemic, a cost-of-living crisis, and soaring prices, as a result more households have fallen into poverty. It is a stark reminder that life continues to cost more for

people with disabilities.

Understanding the difficulties families face in accessing support during these challenging times, we have made significant changes to our Therapy Access Fund. Through the generosity of our funders and supporters, we can now offer more families the opportunity to benefit from our services. With most families only needing to pay a £50 deposit for an assessment, we aim to break down financial barriers and ensure that every child has an equal chance to thrive. We are determined to extend this initiative into 2024 and beyond, but we need your help to make it a reality.

I invite supporters to read my covering letter accompanying this newsletter, which outlines the many ways you can support our mission. Whether it's through donations, fundraising efforts, or spreading awareness, your involvement will make a meaningful difference to the lives of the children and families we support.

As we move forward together, let us remember that our collective efforts hold the power to transform lives and bring hope to those who need it most. Thank you for being an vital part of the Brainwave family, and we look forward to continuing our journey with you. »

Therapy Update

The Therapy Team have been busy at our South West Centre and locations across the UK...

We have seen a significant increase in enquiries and booking of appointments recently, especially for initial assessments at our South West Centre.

The changes we have made to our Therapy Access Fund (see pages 8 and 9) and the provision of support with travel have helped with this. The percentage of families that book an appointment, following completing an enquiry form, is currently more than 80%, compared to less than 30% for the same period last year.

As detailed on page 21, Shreya, Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist joined the team earlier this year and has fitted in really well. In addition, she has a special interest in sensory integration and has commenced training to become a Sensory Integration Practitioner.

We have an ever increasing number of enquiries from parents seeking an assessment for their children who have sensory

processing disorders, (as there is a very limited support service within the NHS), so this will help increase our capacity to support more children and families.

North West Outreach Hub

In March 2023, we delivered our first North West Outreach Hub from The Gateway, a fully accessible community recourse centre in Warrington. Bethan our Senior Specialist Speech and Language Therapist and Shreya assessed five children during the week, and we received really positive feedback from parents about the location of the Centre and ease of parking and access.



North West Outreach Hub

One parent said:

“ April 2019 was our last visit to Brainwave, and today’s visit, confirmed just how much we’ve missed it. We left feeling so positive about the future.

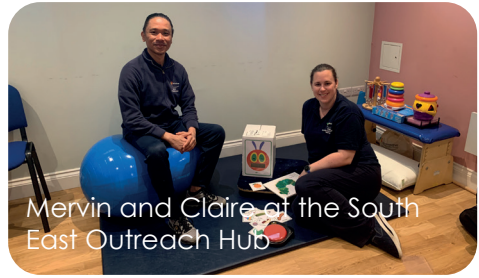
Given the success of this first Outreach Hub we will be running a further hub there in October. ”

South East Outreach Hub

In April 2023, we delivered our second hub from Holisticare in Essex. The Centre has on-site parking with a farm shop and café located a short drive away.

Claire our Specialist Speech and Language Therapist and Mervin our Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist & Sensory Integration Practitioner worked with five families, one new family, three of whom were new to the hub, but previously seen at our South East Centre and one child returning for their reassessment following their initial assessment in October 2022.

We plan to deliver another week of assessments in November 2023.



Mervin and Claire at the South East Outreach Hub

Scottish Outreach Hub

We have been running Scottish hubs for many years but had to suspend them during the pandemic. We resumed these last year, with Dawn, Senior Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist and Denise, Learning and Development Specialist returning again in May 2023 to deliver home assessments to families around Scotland.

We are currently recruiting for a Specialist Speech and Language Therapist to join our therapy team which would allow us to deliver more assessments across the UK.



Denise and Dawn during an assessment in Scotland.

Therapy Access Fund

Families supported through 2022

The generosity of supporters enabled us to conduct almost 200 assessments last year for children with various conditions, including developmental delay, cerebral palsy, and autism spectrum disorder. Among these 63 were new children and families for initial assessments with 128 having reassessments.

The full cost to support a family with a Therapy Programme is £3,500 per annum. Parents' contributions are capped at around 25% of the actual costs (£900 per annum), which covers the initial assessment and reassessment. We know that many families struggle to make any financial contribution at all, and this can often be a barrier to joining or continuing with the Therapy Programme. This has further increased during the cost-of-living crisis.

We have therefore reviewed the financial support we are able to offer and earlier this year introduced a new Therapy Access Fund to help more families receive the vital therapy support they need completely

free of charge, other than a small deposit.

Adam benefits from fully funded therapy sessions, his mum said:

“**The Therapy Access Fund allows us to be financially stable enough to attend Brainwave every six months. This enables Adam to thrive despite his diagnosis and to get the right help, therapy and support he needs to live an independent life.**”



We maximise children's potential by taking an integrated approach to their physical and cognitive development, enhancing their social skills and emotional well-being. We are dedicated to supporting children with a diagnosis, or who have not received a formal diagnosis at all.

Our goal is to help children with disabilities achieve greater independence and flourish physically, emotionally, and socially.

Brainwave receives no statutory funding; however we never turn a family or child away who needs support during a time

of financial uncertainty and change. So if families cannot afford to pay, then our amazing team fundraise on their behalf to ensure they can access the full Therapy Programme.

Our Therapy Access Fund is vital for the families we support and is only possible through the generosity of our supporters. We want, and need, to continue this support into 2024.

If you are able to support us to achieve our mission please visit our website, where you can donate, which will make a significant difference to the lives of children with disabilities and their families.



Nathan's Story

Nathan has been coming to Brainwave for assessments since August 2006 when he was three years old. He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy which effects his whole body but especially his legs.



Dawn, Physiotherapist

“ I first met Nathan when he was three years old during his initial Brainwave assessment he enjoyed doing therapy through a variety of fun games and activities.

He especially enjoyed practicing his half high kneeling whilst I knighted him with a toy sword. Nathan worked hard on his exercises and when he was five years old, he began to take some independent steps.



Nathan's walking continued to improve until at the age of nine he was able to walk across a room independently, during this reassessment I suspected that his right hip was being pulled out of joint by the tight muscles in his hip and recommended an X-ray. This led to Nathan having major reconstructive hip surgery on his right hip in November 2012.

Following his hip surgery Nathan was no longer able to walk independently, but undeterred, this is when he started competitive sport, he began with fencing and wheelchair racing, by the age of 11 he began competing at National level in 100m & 200m wheelchair events. In 2017 he won a medal at The Mini London Marathon wheelchair race and he then went on to represent England in a wheelchair athletics event in Spain during July/August 2018.



Competing in wheelchair athletics 2014

Nathan began having some pain in his left hip which increased over the next few years and in June 2019 had major reconstructive surgery again. Following this, Nathan was advised by the surgeons that wheelchair racing would be detrimental to his hips and back in the future and he should stop competing. Nathan was initially devastated by this news as his aim was to compete in the para Olympics. His resilience shone through, and he started training for wheelchair tennis. »

Nathan:

“ As Dawn has said I started visiting Brainwave in 2006, some 17 years ago, and I could not have achieved what I have without their input.

As the years have passed, they have really focussed on my aims to support me in maintaining as much function

and independence as possible as well as supporting my sporting career.

I play wheelchair tennis both Nationally and Internationally, and have recently achieved my first International trophy as runner up for QUAD doubles in a tournament in Turkey. I am currently 99 in the world rankings for singles and 65 in the world for doubles.

I have recently started wheelchair rugby and am hoping to be classified at the end of May to play competitively.

I also work, 30 hours a week in an administrative role for the NHS, which I find really rewarding, and helps to fund my sporting ambitions.

Balancing training, competing and work is a big challenge, but I also recognise the importance and benefit of continuing with my daily physio programme that Brainwave provide me with, as I know physio is paramount to my success in sport as well as optimising my independence!

I have just as much fun in the Brainwave hydro pool with Mike and Dawn at the age of 19 as I did when I was 3 years old. »

Patron and Ambassador News



Paralympian, Hannah Taunton, unveils new bungalow name...

We had the honour of welcoming Paralympian and Brainwave ambassador Hannah Taunton to our South West Centre in May. Hannah helped unveil the new name for our bungalow, which will now be known as **Wessex Lodge**.

The bungalow has been transformed with a brand new wet room, complete re-decoration throughout as well as a more energy efficient heating system, so that families will have a comfortable stay when they visit Brainwave for their assessments.

We are delighted that Hannah came along to unveil our new bungalow name and are looking forward to welcoming more families to come and stay in our accessible accommodation in the coming weeks and months.

Family feedback has helped to inform the bungalow renovations and the new name though a competition.

The comments from families that have stayed since the work was completed have been very positive.

Olly Murs meets Olivia!

Chester teenager Olivia couldn't believe it when she was given tickets from Brainwave to meet and greet her pop idol, Olly Murs, in Manchester.

Olivia has been a huge Olly fan for many years and was absolutely starstruck when she got to meet him in person, with her dad Austin by her side.

Olivia didn't take her first steps until she was four and a half years old. However thanks to her determination and support from Brainwave, she recently climbed

Wales's tallest mountain, met The Duchess of Edinburgh, and has now had a chat with Olly Murs!

We'd just like to say a big thank you to our Patron Olly and of course Olivia and Austin for all their fundraising support. We are delighted they all got to meet Olly and enjoy the show.



Congratulations to Olly and Amelia!

Congratulations, love, and best wishes to our Patron Olly Murs, on his forthcoming marriage to Amelia Tank.

The wedding is taking place this summer, after Olly got down on one knee and proposed to Amelia, (on a clifftop), whilst on holiday with her family in Plymouth.

We take this opportunity to thank Olly for all his support and wish them both a happy married life together!

Noah's Story

Imagine being nine years old and facing challenges that most children never have to endure.

Meet Noah, a spirited young boy from Harrogate who has captured our hearts with his determination and zest for life and who has cerebella hypoplasia which affects his movement and speech.

In March 2023, he travelled to Warrington, with his family for his first reassessment with Brainwave since 2019.

Noah's assessment was conducted by two of our amazing therapists, Bethan, a Senior Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, and Shreya, a Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist, who would guide Noah on his path to

progress. Physically, Noah demonstrated remarkable resilience. Despite his challenges, he has the ability to sit, crawl and with the aid of furniture, is able to pull himself up into standing balancing for several minutes.

Shreya recognised the immense potential within Noah and tailored his home Therapy Programme to address his specific needs. Through a series of exercises, she aimed to improve his sitting balance, enhance hip and trunk stability, and refine his standing and walking capabilities. As a testament to his resilience, Noah attends a mainstream school with one-to-one support, and has an infectious sense of humour and love for jokes.



Bethan and Noah using his communication aid

Whilst he can articulate himself in five to six-word sentences, Noah's condition makes it challenging to coordinate his mouth, tongue, and jaw, often leading to speech clarity issues. Bethan, with her unwavering dedication, collaborated with Noah to compile a list of words he aspired to pronounce more clearly. Being an avid football fan, Noah's list included "Leeds United," "Liverpool," "Champions League," and "striker!"

To aid Noah in overcoming communication barriers, he has an assistive communication device that could speak for him when he has difficulty in being understood. However, he had been hesitant to use it both at home and school. Bethan, armed with creativity and understanding, showed Noah how he could utilize this device to direct his family members in performing various comical actions. This newfound ability sparked his motivation, and he began to embrace the device as a means of self-expression.

Recognising the importance of continuous support, Noah's parents were provided with invaluable video clips featuring Noah and Shreya, meticulously demonstrating each of his physical exercises.

These resources served as a point of reference for home practice and empowered them to guide Noah's one-to-one support at school.

Noah's journey is a testament to the power of determination and the support our team can provide to families.



Shreya and Noah practicing standing balance

Retail Updates

Superstores!

Did you know Brainwave has two superstores located in Dawlish and Crewkerne?

These stores are stocked full of bargains for all the family! Why not visit soon and meet our friendly team who will be very pleased to help you find that fantastic item at a bargain price!

The shops are open from 9.30am until 5.30pm and are easy to find, Dawlish is situated opposite the main railway station and just down from the seafront car park (Richmond Place, EX7 9LT). Crewkerne is situated opposite the supermarket and just across from the main shopping car park area (10 Market Street, TA18 7LA). We also have another 11 Charity Shops, across Somerset, Devon, Dorset & Wiltshire – check out our website for the addresses & opening hours.

We stock a range of fantastic Cosy Feet shoes, slippers and accessories which are very sought after! Stock is changed on a regular basis; so why not pop in and get a treat for your feet!

By shopping in our charity shops, you will be helping to fund the charity to assist many children achieve a better quality of life, as well as saving the planet by buying pre-loved and reducing your carbon footprint!

If you are clearing out your wardrobes, we will always be happy to receive donations at any of our shops!



Why not volunteer at one of our local shops?

We are looking for loyal volunteers to help in our busy shops! If you are mad about books, love your fashion, like to socialise, and make a real difference, volunteer today!

Thank you!

Brainwave would like to thank our very special supporter, Cosyfeet. They have been a valued donor of stock for over 10 years! We are so grateful for the funds that have been raised over the years from the sale of their donated items. Thank you to all Cosyfeet staff, you are amazing and have enabled us to support more children to achieve their potential and of course provide our shoppers with an extra 'spring in their step!'

Cosyfeet are specialists in extra-roomy footwear, socks and hosiery and are based nearby in Street, Somerset. Visit Cosyfeet.com for more details!

Gift Aid

When donating your items, don't forget to Gift Aid! It's simple and easy to do, and as a result we can claim another 25p for every £1 your items sell for.

Go on, Gift Aid away, and make that difference!



clicksit

Did you know that you can donate to our shops without having to visit! All you need to do is pack up your goods, label it and drop it off at your local Collect+ store. For more detailed information, please visit brainwave/clicksit. Once we receive your donations, we will process and send out to our stores for sale. It's that easy and you will be making a great difference to children's lives and helping the next customer to have that extra special bargain!

A right royal party!



One of our fantastic Volunteers, Rob, and our Langport Shop Manager, Rose, had the honour of attending a Royal Coronation Garden Party at Buckingham Palace which was also attended by the King himself! Rob was so thrilled and stated:

“ We had a brilliant day, explored the gardens and enjoyed afternoon tea and cakes and to experience the preparations for the King's Coronation is something that will be cherished and remembered! ”

Celebrations!

Charity of the Year!

We are delighted to announce that we have been chosen by Centurion Chartered Financial Planners to be their first ever Charity partner.

This is fantastic news for Brainwave, and we look forward to working closely with the Centurion team over the next two years on the exciting initiatives that they have planned.



Justine Stannard from Centurion said:

“ We are very pleased to be working with Brainwave as our first ever Charity Partnership initiative.

Following our recent visit to the Centre in Bridgwater, we were left inspired by the work they carry out on a daily basis to support children with disabilities and their families.

We feel the charity fits in with our core values here at Centurion where we also support vulnerable clients to reach their potential.

This is a very exciting new venture, and we look forward to supporting Brainwave over the coming years. ”



National Lottery Funding will make a huge difference...



In February 2023, we received an award of £303,093 from The National Lottery, to enable us to increase access to specialist therapy services across England for existing and new families.

During this year and beyond, the funding will enable us to expand our team of qualified therapists and specialist staff to deliver support from our Centre in Somerset, outreach hubs, home visits and online. Community and peer support for families will increase networks, which will have a positive impact on their family life.

The funding will develop the charity's reach, to provide vital life-changing therapies to new families, whilst supporting more children with disabilities to help improve their communication, mobility, and emotional resilience.

A new physiotherapist has recently joined the team and this three-year funding will increase sustainability, providing a secure platform for us to adapt, grow and continue delivering vital services long into the future.

Sharon Honour celebrates 10 years with Brainwave

May marked the incredible achievement of 10 years with Brainwave, and we couldn't be more grateful for Sharon's tireless efforts.

Keith Sinclair, our CEO, presented Sharon with a gift, as a token of our appreciation and on behalf of the charity expressed his gratitude for Sharon's unwavering commitment, dedication, and hard work.

Congratulations, Sharon, on this remarkable milestone! You are a true inspiration, and we are so fortunate to have you as part of our Brainwave family.



Staff updates

We would like to introduce new staff members, who have joined the Brainwave team recently.

Meet Amy

“ My name is Amy Davis, and I am thrilled to join the Brainwave team as Marketing and Communications Officer.



I am very excited by the possibilities for creativity and diversity within this job role, and I can't wait to make an impact on Brainwave's digital media channels.

My first impressions are very positive, working within what is a supportive and friendly environment.

The charity does an amazing job at providing life-changing therapy, care and support

for children with a range of complex needs. I hope to learn and promote the amazing work we do and raise our digital media profile.

About me - 25, Virgo, friendly and approachable. I have a wide range of interests and hobbies - from Aerial Sling and Hoop, growing cactus plants and having a pet Rabbit called 'Barry'.

I also love eating out, visiting at least a couple of different restaurants per week, of which people comment, 'The Eat out to Help Out scheme has ended!'

A big thank you to everyone I've met for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to working with the Brainwave team. ”

Farewell to Nicky

Sadly, we say farewell to Nicky Evans, Fundraising Manager based in the South East. She leaves to take on a new role, with more responsibility, at another charity.

Nicky will be greatly missed by us all and has done an amazing job

in the time that she has been with us, generating funds to enable us to support more children and families in the South East and wider.

Good luck in your new role from your Brainwave family, our loss, is their gain.

Meet Shreya



“My name is Shreya Phalnikar and I joined the team as a Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist in February, soon after finishing my Master's degree.

I joined Brainwave soon after I finished my masters degree. Before that, I was working as a clinical paediatric physiotherapist at a Paediatric Rehabilitation centre in India for over two years. In that centre, I worked with a range of children with neurodevelopmental disorders. I had finished my formal training as a physiotherapist before that

and received a bachelors degree in February 2019.

It has been a huge learning experience already since I started at Brainwave. Everyone in the team is extremely supportive and accommodating.

I love the time that we get with children and families as well as the fact that we get to work together as a team to ensure that the child gets the best possible care. The home-based Programmes we provide are multidisciplinary, realistic and also tailored to individual needs.

Overall, I love being part of this team and I am excited to work and support more families coming here at Brainwave. ”

We would also like to welcome:

Barbara Harrison - Crewkerne
Temporary Retail Assistant

Deborah Ames - Minehead R/A

Sam Betts - Bruton Retail Assistant

Su Jenkins - Sensory Garden
Support

Welcome
to Brainwave!



North West Fundraising *Thank you!*

Thank you **Clogau** for your kind sponsorship of the Cheshire shoot and for donating the team prizes. The Cheshire shoot takes place on 28 September at Delamere Manor, your support is very much appreciated.



nss

Collaborating with the Team at **NSS Group** is great fun with a variety of ways in which they support Brainwave from sponsoring or taking part in our events to gift in kind support with vital maintenance work at our Bridgwater Centre – we thank you for your continued support.

A good luck to the **Golf Captains at High Legh Golf Club** on your year of captaincy.

We really appreciate your support.



Thank you, Jayne O'Gorman, and the team, at **Azure Travel** for hosting a wonderful in aid of Brainwave in March raising over £3,000. They nominated Brainwave as one of their charity partners at their Valerie summer Ball on 7 July at the magnificent Grosvenor hotel in Chester.



A big Congratulations to **Austin Philips** and **Leon** who completed the 24-hour Three Peaks Challenge in 23.30 hours.

Austin challenged himself after his daughter Olivia walked up Snowdon last year after receiving physio which allowed her to walk from the age of five - thank you for your continued support.



South East Fundraising Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to all at **LinkNurse Agency** in London for their support over the years, raising awareness and funds for children on a Brainwave programme through events and direct company donations.

Apple Jacobs, Company Founder said:

“Brainwave is a special organisation, unlocking children's potential, it is the very reason I and the whole of my team at LinkNurse, believe the cause and support Brainwave in ways we can, by creatively bringing together healthcare professionals to raise funds yearly.

In this every changing and challenging world, we live in, seeing every milestone achieved by each child brings joy to me personally. It allows the child to face the world equipped with the skills needed to live with hope that things can be better. We truly hope the amazing work continue and we will be around to support, always.”



A special thank you to **John and Gerry Pyatt** for their long-standing support. Since 2011 you have made a huge difference to the lives of children with disabilities on a Brainwave Programme.

The Swan P.H., Little Totham in Essex supported Brainwave as their charity of the year 2022, raising a fantastic £1,347.

Thank you to Phil the Landlord, Jo, Martin, and Sam (previous Brainwave family) and all supporters for their fundraising activities and kind donations.



In April 2023, we were delighted to attend **Syniad IT Solutions** Business Networking event in London. Thank you to the Team at Syniad for your continued

support through events and donations – you are transforming children's lives!



South West Fundraising Thank you!

Freemasons

Wells

We were pleased to receive a donation of £400 raised through a fundraising event from the Wells Benevolent Lodge. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Bridgwater

We were delighted to receive a donation of £2,000 in order for us to purchase a specialist changing bed for our hydrotherapy pool. Thank you to all in the lodge who kindly supported this donation.

Shepton Mallet

We welcomed David Cole to the Brainwave Centre and were thrilled to receive a cheque for £1950 towards our Therapy Access Fund. Thank you to David and all members of the lodge for your fundraising efforts.



Linus Quilters

It was a pleasure to welcome Jaci Elliott from Linus quilters to our center as she delivered more beautiful handmade quilts and blankets, made by volunteers, for our families.

Jaci said:

“It was lovely to visit the therapy and family rooms at Brainwave and see the situations where our quilts and blankets will be used. I was able to report back to my groups of quilters and knitters, they are delighted to know how their work is to be used.”



We are grateful for the continued support that Brainwave have been given by **Barrettine**, with a donation of £3,000 bringing total donations in recent years to £12,730.

“ We at Barrettine are very touched and moved by the work that Brainwave does.

Their incredible support meets the needs of individual children and the family as a whole. We can't think of a more worthy Charity and feel humble and privileged to be able to support Brainwave and their incredible Team. ”

Mr Steve Bailey, Group Managing Director

We are delighted to announce that Bridgwater based retailer and distributor **Hippychick**, that provide an innovative range of baby and toddler products, have chosen them as their charity partner for 2023.

Founder and Managing Director of Hippychick, Julia Minchin said:

“ Having had the privilege of undertaking a tour of Brainwave in January, we couldn't be happier to make them the target of our charity focus for 2023. We were overwhelmed to see how they support children, transforming their lives, as well as their families, through their amazing therapy programmes. Brainwave has a wonderful team of people who are utterly dedicated to improving quality of life. It's truly humbling to witness. Throughout this year we will invite donations through our website from our generous customers, as well

as collaborate on a variety of fundraising events. ”

We are so pleased that Hippychick have chosen to support us as their charity of the year and are looking forward to working together over the next 12 months. This partnership will help to increase awareness of our charity and enable us to achieve life changing outcomes for more children and families, both locally and across the UK. We feel fortunate to have them walking alongside us on our journey.

Charity partnerships are beneficial for both businesses and charities and can have a positive impact on team building, networking, employee engagement and brand awareness for both.

To find out how your business could benefit by becoming a charity partner of Brainwave, please contact: sarahcummins@brainwave.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
20 August 2023	Ben Nevis Trek Trek to the top of the UK's highest mountain and take in the views.
3 September 2023	Snowdon Sunrise Challenge Trek to the Snowdon summit by moonlight and see the sunrise from the mountain slopes on this unforgettable charity challenge.
15 September 2023	Charity Golf Day Come and join the Brainwave Charity Gold Day at Enmore Golf Club this September.
21 September 2023	Kidz to Adultz West and Wales Our Family Facilitators will be in attendance.
23 September 2023	Jurassic Coast Challenge Take in the beauty of the Jurassic Coast on this hike which also has a half marathon option.
28 September 2023	Cheshire Clay Pigeon Shoot Our annual Cheshire Clay Pigeon Shoot returns again in 2023.
14 October 2023	North West Annual Ball Our popular North West Ball returns in 2023.
1 December 2023	Showdown Ho Ho Hoedown Come and join us for a fun day of Clay Pigeon Shooting at Catton Hall.

🎪 The Annual North West Ball 🎪

MOULIN ROUGE

🎪 Saturday 14th October 2023 🎪

Join us and our Patrons, Lord and Lady Fellowes,
for a drinks reception, three-course dinner with
live entertainment, fantastic raffle and auction

Book a table of 12 for £900
with individual tickets £75 each
Bookings can be made by contacting
joannefreeman@brainwave.org.uk

Glastonbury Photos







Brainwave
Unlocking Children's Potential



Brainwave transforms the lives of children with disabilities by helping to unlock their potential and achieve greater independence

Find out how we can help your family or someone you know by visiting our website and filling out our online family enquiry form:
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