



## A Partnership Creating a Legacy

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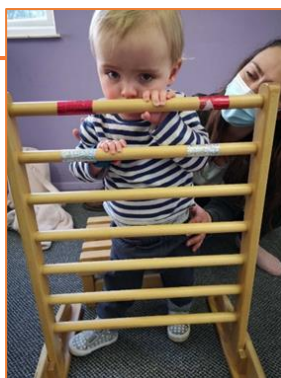
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### The lasting impact of the Livery

Thanks to the generous support of the Livery, we continue to provide financial assistance for young people affected by meningitis across the UK. So far in the current financial year we have made 54 awards, totalling £40,422.

Below are some examples of the meaningful difference that your support has helped us to achieve:

**Location - Norfolk**



**Amount Awarded - £353.00**

A Standing Ladder and Stool for a 2yr old boy who contracted pneumococcal meningitis aged 2 months old resulting in a stroke and weakness down his right side. The young boy uses a standing ladder and stool in therapy sessions to 'sit and pull up' to promote independence and increase co-ordination, stamina and confidence. Having a ladder and stool at home will help his parents to replicate the equipment available in his therapy sessions and it is also anticipated it will help with potty training and reduce strain on his parents lifting him up from the floor.

**"That's wonderful news, thank you very much!"**

**Location - Scotland**

**Amount Awarded - £789.00**

An Adapted trike for a 6yr old boy who contracted bacterial meningitis as a young baby resulting in cerebral palsy, partial sight, ABI, learning difficulties and non-verbal communication. This adapted trike will replace the existing one he has grown out of. As the same company is being used, there has been the opportunity to 'trade in' his existing bike to not only help towards a financial contribution, but to help another child benefit from his current trike. This bike will help with mobility, muscle strengthening & independence whilst enabling him to enjoy bike rides with his siblings.

**"We are absolutely thrilled - after a week of hospital admissions and pretty unwell kids (we all have COVID) it was a much-needed boost!"**

**Location - Gloucestershire**

**Amount Awarded - £528.95**

A Roger Phonak Pen for an 8yr old boy who contracted HIB meningitis aged 9 months old. This has left him with hearing difficulties & balance issues. The Roger Phonak Pen is a universal, wireless microphone that bridges the understanding gap, in noise and over distance, by wirelessly transmitting the speaker's voice directly to the listener. With being so discreet it can improve self-esteem and also be used in sport.

**"That is such wonderful news, thank you so much. It really will help him feel more confident and less embarrassed by the equipment he needs."**



Location - Greater London

Amount Awarded - £299.00

A Drawing tablet for an 11yr old girl who contracted pneumococcal meningitis as a baby resulting in an ABI, cerebral palsy, developmental delay, epilepsy and learning difficulties. This young person has struggled with the transition to her secondary school and finds it hard to express herself which results in 'meltdowns'. Art therapy has been found to significantly help and using a drawing tablet has proven to be calming and help regulate her behaviour. Also having a movement disorder means conventional drawing and art is difficult so this will enable a picture to be drawn on her tablet and projected onto a computer screen or printed for display.

**"This is so amazing it has made me cry! Thank you so much."**

**"This tablet I know will help her to calm. Thank you again so much "**

Location - Surrey

Amount awarded - £1000.00

Contribution towards Gymnastics lessons for a 7-year-old who contracted HIB meningitis in 2016 aged 2yrs. This young girl is partially deaf, and has balance, mobility and growth plate issues. The family have tried many activities but with the help and support of her specialist physio, gymnastics has proven to be an activity she not only loves but will help her physically to increase her muscle strength, co-ordination and body control.

**"Wow that's amazing!!! Thank you so, so much!!!**

**This will be brilliant."**



Location:

Stroud Subscription  
Rooms, George Street,  
Stroud, Gloucestershire  
GL5 1AE

## Invitation



Believe and Achieve Graduation Event

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Stroud Subscription Rooms**

Believe & Achieve is our programme of support for young people aged 14-25. Every year we arrange workshops, tutorials and a weekend long residential aimed at giving young people who have been impacted by meningitis the tools and opportunities to fulfil their potential.

The Graduation Event is an opportunity to meet a number of young people who have benefited from the support from the Livery and celebrate as they are presented with their C.V – which is constructed from all of their work throughout the 5 years since we launched this initiative.

Official invitations will be sent to the Master and the Charity Chair – however, we extend our invitation to any member of the Livery who wishes to attend (perhaps one who may be Gloucestershire based or near) – any interested parties please kindly email [markj@meningitisnow.org](mailto:markj@meningitisnow.org)



# The Challenge is underway!

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

The Livery have shown wonderful support for the 100 Mile Challenge event, which has been launched with the aim of bringing together members from across the UK in a celebration of our partnership.

This challenge underlines the lasting impact of your support in the following ways:

- **Livery members making a difference** – enhancing their personal wellbeing by getting active, emboldening the community spirit of the Livery by engaging with others taking part; collectively aiming reach the 100-mile total.
- **Raising awareness of meningitis and fundraising towards our work** – although there is no set fundraising requirement to take part, we have been delighted to receive donations, all of which will make a significant difference to those that we support.
- **First of its kind** – this is the first time Meningitis Now has created a virtual challenge event for one of our supporters. We now have a template to extend to other partners which will generate engagement and donations.
- **Barney's Dash** – Liveryman and Meningitis Now Trustee Rod Adlington aims to hold annual running events in memory of his son Barney. Our Barney's Dash team represents the inaugural challenge which will launch this new tradition.
- **Bringing people together** – the celebratory reception at Butcher's Hall will be a chance for members of the Livery to celebrate alongside Meningitis Now staff and Ambassadors. We have invited all of our previous Court speakers to return to Butcher's Hall for the event – Mary Garley, Jo and Lily Arnold and Graeme and Gail Burridge.



**16 members of the Livery taking part**

(at time of publication)

Following the Celebratory Reception in May, The Charity Committee will be sent a special report that is specifically about the impact and achievements of the 100 Mile Challenge campaign.

*Thank you  
for your support!*