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## Message from CEO

Although covid is still doing the rounds, it does finally feel like we are beginning to get back to normal; a huge cause for contentment! Well done to all of us for surviving individually and as a group pulling together to bring Listening Post through one of its most challenging periods. We couldn't do any of what we do without you, **thank you!**

Which brings me onto my next thought, which is that we'd love to welcome you to St Aldates for a picnic on Wednesday the 1st June (all details on the right). We really want to celebrate you all, and what better way than to kick off Volunteer's Week and thank each of you with a little get together? It's also running into the long weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, so come wearing a bit of **RED**, WHITE or **BLUE**.

Although Listening Post is always running at full stretch, we're beginning to feel the positive effects of having a full clinical team in place looking after all our counsellors and clients, which is a wonderful step forward. I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming **Natasha Dancy**, as Team Leader for the Cheltenham Centre, our most recent and welcome addition to the team…

I do hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and I look forward to connecting with you all over the coming weeks…



*Linda Bullock*

**In other News…**




We're delighted to have fundraised sufficiently to retain our wonderful former Kick-Starter, **Paige Renouf-Preece**, for at least the next 6 months. It helps so much to have a bit more womanpower in the office, and Paige has proved to be worth her weight in gold. Here she is receiving her Certificate on successful completion of the Kickstart Scheme!

**We're recruiting new tutors.** Our Foundation and Diploma courses have tutor openings. Contact alice@lpost.org.uk for more details.

**Amazon Smile.** If you shop with Amazon, can you help Alice meet the fundraising target by signing up to Amazon Smile and putting Listening Post as your designated charity?

**Stroud Centre.** Thanks to a donation made, we've been busy at the Stroud centre giving it a lick of new paint, changing the blinds, putting in some pictures in our Elderflower, Primrose and Bluebell Rooms and there's even some new furniture coming!

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Listening Post Volunteers Week Get Together: 1st June

**When:** Wednesday 1st June, 4pm-7pm

**Where:** St Aldate Church (Outside / Lady Chapel)

**What:** Bring a picnic and a picnic blanket, drinks provided

**Wear:** Some red, white or blue as it's the week of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Why:** Celebrating you! We are SO thankful for our volunteers (and staff too!)

### Community Fair in aid of Listening Post: 16th July

@LazyGraze in Montpellier Courtyard, Cheltenham. Guess the weight of the cake, raffle with prizes donated by local businesses, live music and more.

Come and pass an hour or two with us. Jacqui and Alice will be manning a Listening Post stand. More details to follow.

### AGM: 26th September

We are due to hold our Annual General Meeting on the 26th September 2022 at St. Aldates. You are all invited! Details to follow…


Bluebell

**Mud Runner is cancelled.** The Mud Runner event is no longer taking place on the 15th May. If you sponsored us and haven't been contacted for a refund, please let alice@lpost.org.uk know.

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