IVY GATE LODGE
CARE HOME

INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

We've had a busy few months, with plenty of activities, celebrations and special occasions to share with you. One of our biggest highlights was celebrating Ivy Gate Lodge's fourth birthday, which gave us the chance to reflect on the people and memories that have made the home what it is today. We marked the occasion with an animal visit and the burial of a special time capsule, which we hope will provide a fascinating glimpse into life at Ivy Gate Lodge when it is opened in ten years' time.

Our residents have also enjoyed a memorable visit to Southport Football Club, our annual Summer Fayre, regular fitness sessions and a particularly special birthday celebration for Monica, who turned 101 in October. Alongside these events, we've been enjoying creative activities and finding thoughtful ways to recognise the kindness shown by our staff.

Thank you to our residents, families, friends and team for their continued support and for helping make Ivy Gate Lodge such a welcoming place to live and work. We hope you enjoy catching up on our latest news.

If you know someone who would like to receive our email newsletters/updates, just let us know, or forward them the newsletter sign up link below:

Newsletter Sign Up Link

Best wishes,

Amy

Amy Nwanorue
Home Manager

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

A Special Day at Southport Football Club

Our residents recently had the honour of being mascots for Southport Football Club as part of an event supporting Alzheimer's awareness.

It was a particularly memorable experience for everyone involved, giving our residents the opportunity to be part of a football occasion while helping to highlight an important cause.

Football has a special place in many people's lives, whether through memories of attending matches, supporting a favourite team or enjoying the game with family and friends. Being invited to take part in an event like this was a fantastic opportunity for our residents and staff.

We are extremely grateful to Southport FC for welcoming us and making the occasion so enjoyable. Their support helped create a day that our residents and team will remember for a long time.

A big thank you also goes to everyone from Ivy Gate Lodge who took part and helped make the visit possible.

SANDGROUN
BUSIN
AT HAIG AVENUE EVE
SANDGROUND
BUSINESS
MTC Truck & Van Ren
Alzheimer's Society

Our Kindness Tree

We've been spreading a little extra kindness around Ivy Gate Lodge with a thoughtful activity that has brought residents and staff together.

Our residents have been sharing kind words and messages of appreciation for members of our team, which have then been added to our very own Kindness Tree.

It's a simple idea, but one that means a great deal. Taking a moment to recognise someone's kindness, patience or helpfulness can make a real difference to their day.

The activity has also given residents an opportunity to express their appreciation in their own words and reflect on the people who support them.

Our Kindness Tree is a lovely reminder that even the smallest gestures can have a positive effect, and it's been a pleasure to see the messages being added.

Preparing for Remembrance Day

Our residents have been busy making handmade poppies during a recent arts and crafts session in preparation for Remembrance Day.

The poppies will form part of a special display at Ivy Gate Lodge, providing a place for residents, staff and visitors to pause and remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives.

For many of our residents, Remembrance Day holds particular significance, with personal memories and family connections to wartime experiences and military service.

Creating the poppies together has provided an opportunity for conversation and reflection, while allowing everyone to contribute something personal to our display.

As Remembrance Day approaches, we will take time to honour those who served and ensure that their stories and sacrifices continue to be remembered.

Our Fourth Birthday Celebrations

Ivy Gate Lodge recently celebrated its fourth birthday, marking four years since the home first opened its doors.

We began our celebrations with a visit from Home Safari, who brought along a selection of animals for our residents to meet.

Animal visits are always popular at Ivy Gate Lodge, offering residents the opportunity to interact with different creatures, learn about them and enjoy a change from their usual activities.

There was plenty of interest as residents spent time with the animals, and the visit provided a lovely start to our birthday celebrations.

Reaching our fourth birthday was also an opportunity to recognise everyone who has been part of Ivy Gate Lodge over the years, from our residents and their families to the staff who help make the home what it is today.

We look forward to many more birthdays and shared memories in the years ahead.

Our Fourth Birthday Time Capsule

One of the most meaningful parts of our fourth birthday celebrations was creating and burying a special Ivy Gate Lodge time capsule, complete with a commemorative plaque.

We wanted to capture a little of what life is like at the home today, giving future residents and staff something interesting to discover when the capsule is opened in ten years' time.

Every resident contributed a picture, their name and their age. Some also chose to write a short profile about themselves, sharing details such as their first job, favourite food, film and song, as well as a favourite childhood memory.

We particularly enjoyed reading the advice residents would give to their younger selves. There were some thoughtful words of wisdom, including reminders to always be kind and truthful, live life to the fullest and trust your instincts when making important decisions.

There was also a little humour, with one resident suggesting that younger people should think twice before getting married!

Alongside these personal contributions, we included a recent newsletter, details of residents' favourite activities, photographs of our staff and pictures from our birthday celebrations.

Together, these items provide a snapshot of the people, personalities and everyday experiences that make Ivy Gate Lodge special.

It's fascinating to imagine who might open the capsule in ten years' time, what they will think of its contents and how much life may have changed by then.

We hope it will be a lovely reminder of the residents and staff who were part of Ivy Gate Lodge in 2026.

IVY GATE LODGE
CARE HOME
Ivy Gate Lodge
time capsule has been planted here, on the 21/08/2026.
Please dig up after 10 years on the 21/08/2036

Keeping Active

Our residents continue to enjoy regular fitness sessions, bringing movement, exercise and a little friendly competition into our activity programme.

The sessions are designed to encourage residents to stay active while taking part in exercises that are enjoyable and suited to their abilities.

There's always plenty of enthusiasm, particularly when the boxing pads come out! Some of our residents can get rather competitive, and everyone enjoys cheering one another on.

Alongside the fun, these activities help support mobility, coordination and physical wellbeing, while giving residents the opportunity to work towards their own goals.

Staying active is an important part of maintaining independence and confidence, and it's encouraging to see residents enjoying their sessions and getting involved at their own pace.

Our Annual Summer Fayre and Open Day

Our annual Summer Fayre and Open Day was a tremendous success, bringing residents, families, friends and members of our wider community together for a day of entertainment and activities.

Guests were welcomed with a glass of Prosecco or a refreshing mocktail before exploring everything we had organised for the occasion. Even our hardworking stallholders had the chance to enjoy a well-deserved glass!

There was plenty happening throughout the day, with a variety of stalls to browse and activities for visitors of all ages.

The ice cream van proved popular, while the bouncy castle was a particular favourite with our younger visitors. A few members of staff couldn't resist joining in the fun either!

Our kitchen team also prepared a delicious barbecue, which was enjoyed alongside live entertainment throughout the event. The music helped create a lively atmosphere, with plenty of opportunities for everyone to relax, socialise and enjoy the day.

Events like our Summer Fayre are a great opportunity to welcome families and friends into Ivy Gate Lodge and bring different generations together.

We would like to thank everyone who attended, all of our stallholders, the entertainers and our staff team for their hard work in making the event possible.

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves, and we are already looking forward to our next Summer Fayre.

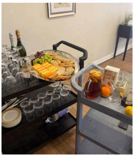
SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Monica's 101st Birthday

We had a very special birthday to celebrate at Ivy Gate Lodge when our resident Monica turned an incredible 101 on 5th October! Reaching such a wonderful milestone certainly called for a celebration, and we made sure Monica had an enjoyable day surrounded by good company.

We welcomed Cool Country With Johnny R, who provided live musical entertainment for the occasion, while residents enjoyed delicious cheese and wine. There was plenty of conversation and laughter as everyone joined in to celebrate Monica and wish her a very happy birthday.

Birthdays are always important occasions at Ivy Gate Lodge, and celebrating someone's 101st is particularly special. We hope Monica thoroughly enjoyed her day and would like to wish her continued happiness in the year ahead.



COMING UP

Looking Ahead

As we move further into autumn and towards the winter months, there will be plenty more happening at Ivy Gate Lodge.

Our regular activities will continue alongside fitness sessions, arts and crafts, music, entertainment and opportunities for residents to enjoy time together. We'll also be marking Remembrance Day with our handmade poppy display and taking time to reflect on its importance.

With Halloween and Bonfire Night approaching, we'll be enjoying seasonal activities before turning our attention to preparations for Christmas and the celebrations that come with it.

We're also looking forward to welcoming families and friends to join us for more activities and events over the coming months.

Thank you once again to our residents, relatives, friends and staff for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more news and photographs from Ivy Gate Lodge in our next quarterly newsletter.

EXTERNAL LINKS

Social Media

Make sure to check out the Ivy Gate Lodge Care Home Facebook Page for all our latest photos!

Don't Forget To 'Like' Us!

Leave A Review

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to write a review for us:

Carehome.co.uk and **Google** Reviews

IVY GATE LODGE
CARE HOME

Created by ChitChat Marketing Limited

View email in browser

You are receiving this email as it is the quickest and most efficient way we can keep you updated with our news and communications as a contact of our home. We hope you find our newsletters interesting and informative. We use ChitChat Marketing as our marketing partner (https://www.chitchatmarketing.co.uk/chitchat-gdpr-data-processing-agreement) and Mailchimp as our marketing platform (https://mailchimp.com/legal) and as such your information is transferred to them for processing. All information is treated professionally and with respect. You can of course unsubscribe at any time by clicking the 'unsubscribe from this list' link at the bottom of each email.

update your preferences or unsubscribe

INTUIT mailchimp