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Ready, Steady, Grow!

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

It has been an incredibly busy start to 2022 and this looks set to continue, as we have big growth aspirations for our business this year.

In this issue, we have lots of stories and news from across our business and homes to share. So, why not take a moment to read about what our amazing teams have been doing and what we have planned for the coming months! As always, if you have any feedback, please do drop us an email at info@nextstepindependence.co.uk.

NSI joins the Mind Of My Own Community

Last month, we officially became a member of the Mind Of My Own community.

This is a new and exciting chapter for us and our children and young people.

The MOMO team have worked brilliantly with our team of trainers and the whole team are really enthusiastic about using the apps and tools with our children and young people by giving them more choices and opportunities to voice their views.



Growing our team!

We have recently attended a number of Career Fairs: Taunton, Plymouth, Exeter, Swindon and Bristol.

We met so many wonderful people who have never thought of working with children and young people before and we spoke to some lovely like-minded people who can help our young people gain the skills and confidence they need to find work! The whole experience was so rewarding, we are doing it again—so pop along to one of these event and let's have a conversation.

[Swindon, 18th May](#)

[Bristol, 16th September](#)

[Bath, 22nd September](#)

[Swindon, 23rd September](#)

Home Spotlight: Perinville House

This is a lovely large and welcoming house that can support up to 3 young people, in a semi-independent accommodation home.

It is located in the bustling community of Babbacombe, a district of Torquay. It offers good transport links into the busy town of Torquay and the city of Exeter, and there are lots of employment opportunities and access to Further Education, including the South Devon College.

There is also a beach at Babbacombe, which is within walking distance of the home.

The home has a large kitchen, a separate dining room and a lovely bright, sunny lounge. All the bedrooms are good size doubles with plenty of space for our young people to relax in and make their own. There is also a sun/garden room which leads out to a huge patio where our young people and team can enjoy a BBQ, along with a lawned garden to chill out in.

The home is led by a highly experienced Manager, who together with a lovely team, will work with our young people to support them on their journey to independence.

They will be encouraged to take part in the home's monthly challenges, and they will be supported by the team to learn to cook, clean, gain employment and explore education opportunities, as well as undertake key workers sessions and make the most of the facilities on offer in the local area.

Our team will work hard to provide a safe and nurturing environment and of course there will always be cake on hand to enjoy!



Ahoy Me Hearties!

On July 24th, we are attending the North Devon, Rotary Club of Bideford's annual event—the **Water Festival and Cardboard Boat Regatta**.

We've set ourselves the bold task of making 3 floatable boats out of cardboard and racing them in the water!

We intend to make this a great Summer day out for our team and their families to enjoy and we are embracing the 'Pirate' theme by encouraging everyone to dress up, as there will be prizes for the best dressed pirate, the best decorated boat and lots more...

If this has inspired you to join in the activities and build and sponsor a boat, then here's the website where you can find all the information about building the boats, sourcing the cardboard (all the cardboard is supplied and donated by a local company) and costs etc.

[Rotary Club Water Festival website](#)

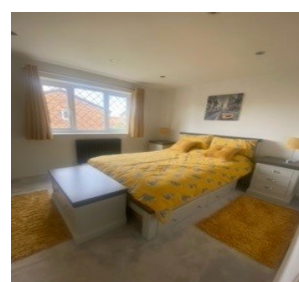
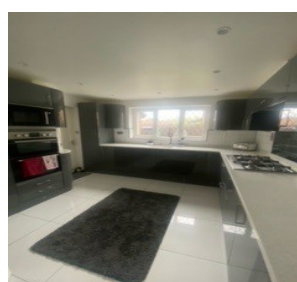
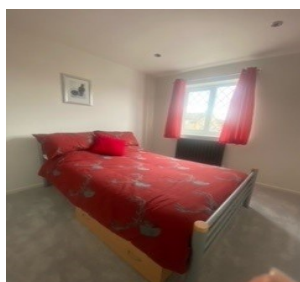


A new addition to NSI's portfolio

As we mentioned at the start of this newsletter, we have ambitious plans for our business and 2022 is a significant year for us— with the expansion of homes in the Wiltshire area. We are delighted to share with you our newest addition and the 10th home in our portfolio.

Stoneybeck, like all our other homes, will be a warm and welcoming home, led by an experienced core team who will provide 24/7 support and encouragement to the children and young people living there.

Here's just a few pictures to give you an idea of what it looks like—so watch this space and we will make a further announcement when the home is open!



Art Box Challenge—getting creative!

Art is recognised universally as a great way of breaking down barriers and allowing children and young people to express themselves.

Last month we decided to set up our own **Art Box Challenge** for our children and young people to use.

We filled four very large plastic boxes with a mixture of craft and art materials and set up two art challenges in each box:

1. New Beginnings—what does Spring mean to you?
2. Water Festival - On the ocean waves!



The boxes are being used and we are delighted to share our first piece of art work, completed by one of the young people at Victoria House— what a masterpiece!

Are you looking for new quality services in your area?

At NSI, we have built our reputation on delivering quality services for children young people aged 8-18 years throughout Devon, Somerset and now Wiltshire and we are still expanding further afield.

Through on-going collaboration with our local authority commissioning colleagues we continue to identify areas in which to develop our offering further. If you are looking to develop services within your own area then we would like to speak with you.

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