

The Daisy Chain

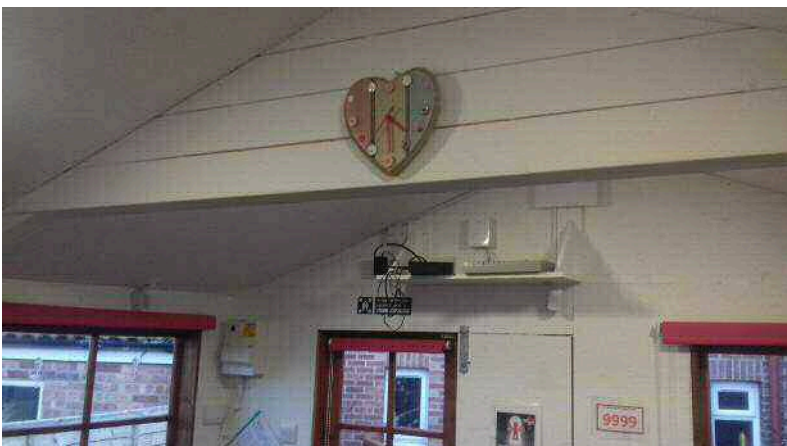


Our Office Is Now Open!

From October 2015 until September 2016, we had been operating out of Dawn's living room with a laptop. However, we since got our office (shed!) and we have moved ourselves to work in a bit more of a 'normal' office.

It has been a milestone and things have become better and better since we moved in. We have been furnishing our beautiful shed with pictures, clocks, posters and all of the kind things that you have said (and also a toaster, kettle, microwave and a fridge!)

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IN A SHED IN NEWTON ABBOT, THERE LIVED...



Our office has become quite homely. We have truly made it our own, where our quirkiness, creativity and dedication can blossom and develop. From Soph blue-tacking important documents to the wall and usually hugging a bottle of vanilla milkshake to Joseph singing Christmas songs whatever time of the year!

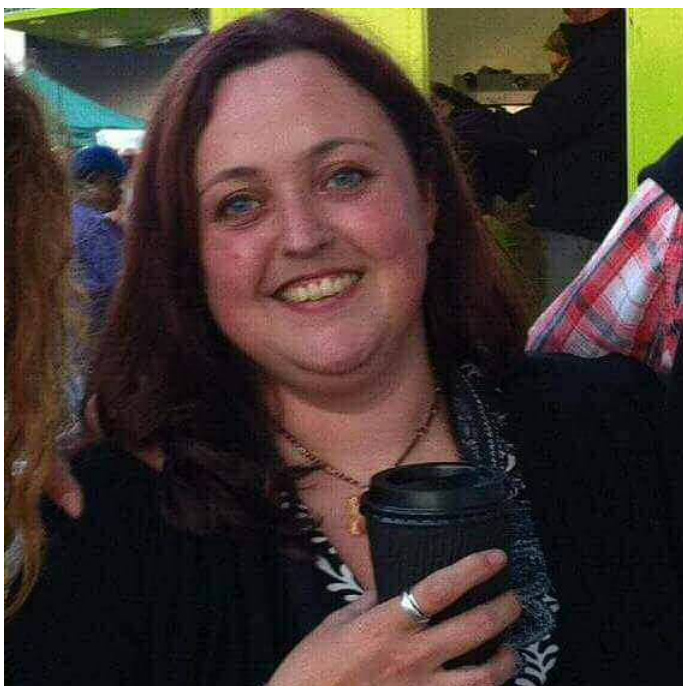
And, we often get graced with the presence of Maisie and Milly—two of the hardest-working dogs—who guard the house/sleep and eat (depending on what way you want to look at it!) Or rather, Maisie chases Milly around all day and refuses to give her a moment's peace!

The radio we have is both a blessing and a curse because we can listen to the dulcet tones of our favourite radio presenters, but

when it comes to which one we're listening to, there can be a few interesting exchanges of ideas!

We are situated literally a stone's throw away from Dawn's kitchen, so we often find some interesting delicacy to devour whilst completing all the work that we need to.

So, all in all, from Dawn and Joseph doing timesheets, visit lists and invoices on a laptop on a sofa to now being able to sit at our own desks and use proper office equipment to carry out those same tasks as well as many, many more, we have thrived and have used the expertise of some of the smartest, wisest and funniest people we could ever have hoped to work with, and, of course, you. So thank you from all of us.



Sophia Colkin BPA PGCE

Age: 37

Role: Registered Manager

Experience in the care industry: 16 years (started in 2001)

So, tell us a bit about you. How did you get into care?

Hi! My name's Soph and I'm the Registered Manager for Teign Angels. I used to be a music tutor at a special educational needs college and then I became a full-time carer. Then, I merged education and caring together and I began working as a health and social care trainer.

You said you used to be a music tutor...what instruments do you play, if any?

Well I predominately play the fiddle and I've already passed my Grade 8 exams in playing it. But I can also play the piano and I helped Joseph to learn how to read and write music, our Administrator, before he got his first keyboard.

So what do you like to do outside of work?

I play in some local folk bands called Devonbird and also in MoonCoin Ceilidh Band. When I'm not doing that, however, I like to watch films and spend time with my cat Milli.

COMMUNITY PAGE

WE WANT YOUR STORIES!

This is the part of our newsletter where you can get involved! Have you got an interesting story to tell? Maybe its something that happened to you recently, or perhaps you read/saw/heard something intriguing not very long ago. It could be that you went on a family outing to a really lovely place and you want to recommend it to others. It could be a poem or story you've written, or a painting you've done. Perhaps it's a beautiful picture you've taken. It could be a relative has done something that has made you proud and you want others to see it. Whatever it is, send it to us and we'll put it here.

Whilst we cannot promise that what you send us will appear in the next edition, it will almost certainly appear in one of the following editions. The maximum word count is 250 words and there's no minimum.

Please be aware that we may edit your stories depending on word length (and also if there's something that we think is, perhaps, inappropriate), but we will not edit things you've made. If you have something you want to share, then please either email it to: joseph@teignangels.co.uk or send it to the following address:

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We will return original pieces of work! So, please, get in touch :)