



Friends of Wallace Kennels

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Dear Friends

I hope all is well with everyone. When I wrote my last newsletter in March, we had so much rain, at least things seem to have improved a little. It's nice for the kennel dogs to get some sun on their backs!

Well since then we have had two jumbles, both of which went really well, with people queuing at the door. Once the doors open, buyers always dash in for the bargains, so lots of hustle and bustle, which adds to the busy atmosphere. I would like to thank all our volunteers and cake makers, who all work so hard to make the jumble sales a success.

In April we held the AGM and said goodbye to Margaret Wade, who has been our long standing secretary, and also to Josie Hadley who stepped down as treasurer after many years. We would like to say a massive thank you to both these lovely ladies who have given so much of their time to Friends of Wallace Kennels. Julia Bolton was elected as secretary and Charlotte Bell as treasurer and they are both excited to be taking up their roles and have lots of plans to help raise the profile and hopefully funds for our charity.

KENNEL YAP

Dogs continue to come in on a regular basis, 2-3 a week. At one stage there were 29 dogs! Thankfully, I am glad to say they also get rehomed regularly, so we have 12 in at the time of writing. Thanks to the powers of Facebook, these dogs get seen over a wide area, which helps to find them their forever homes. Unfortunately there has been quite a few 'bully breeds' and larger dogs coming in which can be more difficult to rehome. There has also been several smaller dogs with health issues, which have cost our charity thousands of pounds in vet bills. If you don't do so already, you should follow Wallace Kennels Facebook page, to see the lovely dogs that come in to kennels and their history. These stories also get shared on the Friends of Wallace Kennels Facebook page, so following us on social media is a really good idea.

The very last of the kennel enclosures at Wallace Kennels are finally getting a refurb, which is well overdue. Obviously this doesn't come cheap and the charity will chip in to meet the costs of the materials, thanks to the funds raised by Charley Smith's 3 Peaks Challenge, which you can read more about below. Thankfully Mark is very handy and does the labour himself, which keeps the costs down.

3 PEAKS CHALLENGE

Friends of Wallace Kennels were delighted when Charley Smith kindly offered to fundraise for us by completing the National 3 Peaks Challenge on June 22nd. Charley is a dog lover and wanted to support a local charity that benefits four legged friends. This challenge involved Charley climbing the three highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales in 24 hours.

In order to prepare for this amazing feat Charley trained by completing the Pen-Y-Fan Horseshoe route in Wales and The Yorkshire 3 peaks challenge.

Charley wore a T-shirt with both the FOWK logo and Wallace Kennels logo on it, which was kindly printed for free after a facebook request on a local chat page.

We are so proud of Charley and want to say a great big THANK YOU, as she has raised an amazing £870! This will go towards kennel refurbishment, to make life more comfortable for our four legged friends at Wallace Kennels. You can still support Charley and see photos of her amazing fundraising efforts for Friends of Wallace Kennels by going to this link. [Charley Smith is fundraising for Friends of Wallace Kennels \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/charley-smith)

EVENTS

Friday 16th August - Friends of Wallace Kennels will have a stall at a **family funday** at The Brentwood Centre, Pilgrims Hatch, CM15 9NN 10:30am -3:30pm. Sue Littlechild has kindly volunteered to run the stall and will be selling doggie items and bric-a- brac as well as a fun 'Guess the name of the bear' and more. Find out more details about the event here <https://www.brentwood.gov.uk/family-fun-days>

Saturday 7th September - Jumble Sale

10am to 12 noon at Doddinghurst Village Hall

Saturday 7th December - Jumble Sale

10am to 12 noon at Blackmore Village Hall

We are also hoping to hold a quiz night in Brentwood in October/November keep an eye out on the Facebook page for details

Caroline, our eBay lady, is always on the look out for jewellery - even odd earrings or broken bits - as it all helps to raise money; also watches, perfumes and toiletries. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

It's nearly time for membership renewal, so forms are enclosed. We hope you will continue to support us so we can carry on helping the dogs that come to Wallace Kennels. We have also enclosed a membership questionnaire, so that we can gather your views. We hope you can spare a few moments to complete it, we really appreciate it.

ESSEX LOTTERY

We would like to say a big thank you to members who enjoy a flutter on the Essex Lottery, and congratulations to the three winners of cash prizes this year! As a result of you choosing us as the charity you want to support, we are on target to raise nearly £600 from the lottery this year.

If you would like to play, tickets cost £1. We will receive 50% of the ticket price, and an additional 10% will support charities across Essex. Full details are available at www.essexlottery.co.uk

WEBSITE

I hope you have had a chance to look at our new website, if not you can find it here, www.friendsofwallacekennels.co.uk - You will find all the latest news and lots of other information too! If you have rescued a dog from Wallace we would love to hear your story for our 'Real Life Rescues' page. You can email your story to Julia via the email address at the top of the page.

Thank you all for your continued support

All the best

Teresa

FOWK Chairperson

