



## Tesco Food Collection

During the Christmas Period Vestacare collaborated with Tesco to donate long life food to their Food Collection. The two charities that benefit are The Trussell Trust and FareShare who support a wide range of people in the UK who are in desperate need.



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## Silverdene News

Silverdene hosted a New Year's Eve party. The staff and the people we support had a great time eating, dancing and singing along to Auld Lang Syne.



We were really pleased to welcome Councillor Bev Craig and Alderman Paul Murphy last Tuesday when they came out to visit our stunning new short break service.

Creative Adventures invited us along to a Christmas party including lunch, disco, karaoke and magic show at Leaf in Manchester town centre. Everybody received Christmas gifts and Silverdene managers received a complimentary email about the great time had by the staff team and all the people we support.



## Colourful Days at Oakdene



On the last day of each month we will all be wearing a chosen colour, which will be different for each month. January saw us all in red – well most of us, those who forgot had to pay a £1 forfeit, and those wearing red paid 50p. Nic thought that wearing red glasses and sitting in front of a red wall would be ok, but she still had to pay the forfeit! We will let you know the colour for February soon.

All money that is collected will be going to The Factory Zone, a great place in Harpurhey offering sport and creative activities as well as a gym, café and a music suite. People we support at Oakdene love going there and joining in the fun. They make us all feel so welcome.

FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONTH AT VESTACARE GARETH AND MO WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR MAKING THEM FEEL WELCOME AND BEING PART OF AN EXCITING NEW ADVENTURE AT THE PAUL MURPHY CENTRE.



**Our namesake Paul Murphy came along to visit the new Short Break Service with his wife Anita. They have supported us throughout the conversion works and are delighted with the stunning interior and adapted facilities which will provide a fantastic short break experience with options for Hydrotherapy and day support as well.**



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