

OSM Match Funding scheme

Donation to the Sheffield Support Dogs (Sheffield)

On Thursday the 28th of September 2023 a donation was made from the West Yorkshire OSM Benevolent fund to a small local charity in Sheffield. This donation received match funding from the central OSM Benevolent fund at Mark Masons Hall so enabling a total donation of £1000 to be made. The cheque was presented by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler together with Darren Coleman-Heald, Charities Manager at Mark Masons Hall, to volunteer Gill Wilkinson



Volunteer Gill Wilkinson together with support dogs Derek and Nikki.

Support Dogs (Sheffield) is a small charity providing support to people affected by autism, epilepsy, and physical disability in order that they can enjoy a greater level of independence.

They aim to do this by giving training and support to individuals by the provision of a registered support dog. They do not charge for their services, nor do they receive any government or NHS funding and rely entirely on voluntary donations.

The branch currently has just over 200 volunteers and is currently working with 117 families and supporting the training of 52 dogs. Last year the charity provided over 600,000 hours of care for children and adults affected by autism, epilepsy, and disability.

Dany Anderson – the Charities Fund Raising Manager commented

“Providing a support dog to an individual has certain cost requirements amounting to £70 per dog, in order that they can work safely with their charges Your donation will help us to fully equip 14 dogs. This is tremendous support for which we are very grateful”.

Dave Staniforth

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