

What is your dream?

We ran a competition where we asked the people we support to tell us about their lifelong dreams. We pulled 50 of these dreams out of the tombola and spent the next year making them come true. Here is an overview of the winning dreams...



Michelle "To go to Disneyland Paris"

"Thanks for a lovely holiday, I really enjoyed it"

Michelle's favourite bit was meeting Mickey!

East
Midlands
winners

Ayden "To drive a Ferrari on a race track"

Ayden went to a track day at Silverstone - a world record attempt to get as many Ferraris as possible on a race track. Ayden enjoyed himself, but said that he didn't ever want to own a Ferrari as they were far too noisy!



Jonathon "To be a DJ for the day"

Jonathon went on a one-to-one DJ training course at Sheffield College of Music, where he learnt about how to mix records, how to build up a DJ set, and how to choose records for his audience. Now he's hoping to start DJing at our nightclub for people with learning difficulties at Time nightclub in Derby.

Maxine "To watch professional ice skaters at a show"



Karen "To visit the Natural History museum"

Karen went on a day trip to London with her support team and her friend Peter. The first port of call was the dinosaurs and then it was time for lots of photos next to the weird and wonderful stuffed animals. Karen said she really enjoyed her dream day out.

East
Berkshire
winners

Penny "To go to Butlins with my friends Marie, Lizzy and Katherine"

Penny enjoyed a week long girls holiday.

Paul "A trip on the Orient Express"

Christopher "To spend a day with fire fighters"

Stephen "To drive in a sports car"

Simon, one of our team leaders, offered to take Stephen out for a spin in his sports car. Here is Steven raring to go...





Sayhem

“To eat as much as I can in a top Indian restaurant”
Here is Sayhem with his family on his big night out.

South
West
winners

Eve “To have lots of hydrotherapy”

Richard “To go on a boat trip at Weymouth”

Julie “To go to London and watch the Abba show”

Roseanna “To have a wheelchair so that I can travel outdoors”

Rosie’s team had been working for a long time to find creative solutions to the obstacles that were preventing Rosie from having a wheelchair - finally all of Rosie’s team’s hard work paid off, and Rosie now has a wheelchair so that she can travel about in her local community.

Jane “To go on the Orient Express”

Lyn “To visit my family in Ireland”

Lyn was not well enough to travel, so she has swapped her dream for a big slap up meal with her family instead.

Linda “To fly in a helicopter”

“It made my tummy feel a bit funny when we took off but then it was ok & I enjoyed it. I would like to do it again. The helicopter was fast.”

Richard “To have a garden makeover”

Paul “To have a computer with a large Keyboard and Broadband”

West
Berkshire
winners

Norman “To see Joseph in London”

Colin “To go to the Heartbeat set”

Heartbeat offered Colin free tickets to visit their set in Goathland while they were filming. Colin watched a day of filming, met the stars and went on a steam train!

Michael

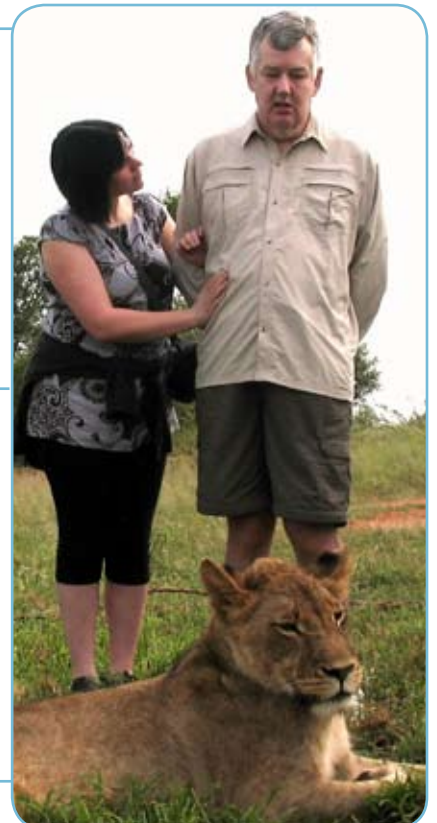
“To go on safari in Africa and meet an African tribe”

When Michael was asked about his dream, he said the words ‘Africa’ and ‘tribe’, so off to Johannesburg he went, for a safari in the Kruger Park! Michael was nervous about flying, so his team took him for a trial flight before the trip, which he loved. Michael had a fantastic time, he made lots of new friends, including the tame cheetah in the picture!

Rita “To go on a big sailing boat or ship”

Rita took to the seas on a mini cruise, enjoying a West End style show and meeting the captain of the ship.

Norfolk
winners



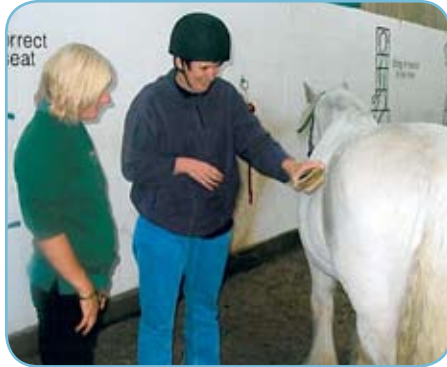
Nina

“To go up in the air in a hot air balloon”

We couldn't find a hot air balloon that Nina could fly in, so we contacted the British Disabled Flying Association who organised a flight in a small plane for Nina - she smiled through the whole flight.



Gail “To have a water feature in the garden”



Sara “To go on a horse riding holiday”

Sara went on a horse riding holiday in Keswick in the Lake District. She loved riding her horse, Haggis, through the countryside!

Ian “To make a DVD or music CD”

Ian worked with a local musician, playing drums, singing and playing the guitar. With help, Ian made this into a professionally recorded a CD.

North Central winners

Julie “To go to Disneyland Paris”

Worcester winners

Terence “To have a room adapted to suit his needs”

Terence now a bedroom with lots of gadgets designed around his needs.

Eric “To have a drive in a Rolls Royce”

Eric travelled in style to his 50th Birthday bash in July in his dream car.

Christine “To bottle feed a baby animal”

We were a little bit late for lambing season! Christine went on a holiday where she visited a working farm and spent time with lots of different baby animals instead.



Christopher “To drive a car”

Here is Christopher having his first go at the wheel on his free driving day with Driverskills, at Elvington race track.

Alethea “To go to Crufts”

Pat “To see a musical with my Mam”

Christine “To go to London and stay at the Ritz”

“It was a once in a lifetime experience”

The Ritz put a bottle of champagne in Christine's room and she had a four course dinner there before going for a night out in the West End.

Carol “To go to Disneyland with Richard”

Here are Carol and her boyfriend Richard enjoying a parade.





Julian “To have an extra birthday in Grand Prix style”
 Despite the typically British weather, Julian had a ride in a Lotus Elise at Donnington race track, with a chance to stand on the podium squirting champagne, before eating his Grand Prix cake!

Sheffield winners

Joanne “To have a wendy house in the garden”

Peter “To work in an office, talking to staff and making drinks”
 Peter now works in our Sheffield office



Eric “To be driven around all day with a flask of tea on hand”

Paul “To go to Ascot dressed in a smart suit”
 Paul spent the day looking dapper in his suit and soaking up the atmosphere at Royal Ascot.

Angela “To go on holiday to the seaside with my dog Rosie”

Paul “To go on the Orient Express”
 Paul got festive in style in December, on an Orient Express Champagne Trip.

West Midlands winners

Linda “To go to Merry Hill on a shopping spree”
 Next Plc donated some vouchers to help Linda have a brilliant day, she shopped until she dropped.

Valerie “To have a weekend pampering session with hair, beauty and massage treatments”

Tom “To go to a Man United game at Old Trafford”

Stephanie “To meet Mike Powell and Sally Taylor”
 Stephanie spent a day at BBC South in July, visiting the centre and meeting Mike Powell and Sally Taylor - her two favourite local TV presenters. She watched a live show and was swept off her feet by Mike, who presented her with a rose.

Peter “To have a summerhouse to sit in on a relaxing chair overlooking my garden”

Sean “To go and see Ozzy Osbourne with Heather”

Sean and his partner Heather went to Wembley and caught Ozzy’s only UK gig last year! They were lucky enough to have a cup of tea with Sharon Osbourne after the show, and get Ozzy to sign their CD’s!

John “To drive a sports car”

John had a fantastic time with Silverstone Rally School. He learnt how to do handbrake turns and powerslides and is now looking forward to taking this up as a hobby.



South winners

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