**Hair raising! – carers do extraordinary things to raise funds**

Stevie Housley, Martyn Brown, and Andrea Learoyd are all keyworkers for [Ambient Support](https://www.ambient.org.uk/), a UK provider of social care, that look after some of the most vulnerable in our society.

In separate feats of altruism, they have each taken it upon themselves to do something extraordinary to raise money in a bid to bring cheer and smiles to the faces of those they support during this extended period of lockdown.

Plans include creating weather protected visiting space for residents, the transformation of gardens and personal treats to keep people’s moods upbeat during this pandemic.

Each one of these incredible people are going above and beyond because they have such a passion for the people they care for.

Stevie Housley is the activities coordinator at Gardenia House Care Home in Dartford and she is dying her waist length hair all the colours of the rainbow to raise a minimum of £500 to help fund a gazebo in the garden, so residents can continue to enjoy socially distanced visits from their relatives, regardless of the weather. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stevie-housley>

Martyn Brown is the manager at Holmers House care home in High Wycombe that supports people living with dementia. Martyn and 6 male team members will be having a body wax on the 18th July to raise £1,000 to transform their outdoor space so residents can enjoy gardening, growing flowers and vegetables.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holmers-house>

And finally

Andrea Learoyd has worked as a cook for 4 years at The Croft in Amersham, which provides personalised care and support to older people. She will be shaving off her long blond hair on June 26th to raise £500. She is doing this simply because she wants to do something for the lovely residents and challenged herself to do something courageous. She says, “There is nothing in particular I want the money to be spent on, I just wanted to give it to the service for the residents to choose a treat for themselves.”

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrea-learoyd>

**About Ambient:**

Ambient Support (formerly known as Heritage Care and Community Options) is a registered UK charity with over 25 years’ experience in providing care and support services for older people, people with a mental health need and people with a learning disability. At Ambient, we believe that everyone is unique, and they should be able to lead valued lives in their communities, treated with dignity and respect no matter their age, health condition or disability.

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* One of the Top 20 generic Not-For-Profit Health & Social Care Providers in the UK Ambient Support (formerly known as Heritage Care and Community Options) is a registered UK charity with over 25 years’ experience
* They deliver services that meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable adults in our society. Operating in over 130 locations, they provide over 30 thousand hours of care to people on a weekly basis to support a range of needs due to the ageing process, learning disability or mental illness
* Their wide range of quality specialist services are delivered by dedicated, professional, and passionate staff and their success is built on supporting people to live a full and meaningful life.
* Ambient currently employs around 1,400 people across the UK in a number of settings
* Ambient can also help young adults who are transitioning from Children’s to Adult Learning Disability Services
* The Charity has an above industry average with 88% Registered Services rated as GOOD by CQC.