

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

Members of Group 7 of East Kent Freemasons in Dover have donated £5,598 towards the purchase of a Jukebox for Harmonia village, a home-from-home for thirty people living with dementia.

The village comprises six houses that look and feel like everyday homes, equipped to meet people's special needs, with the added peace of mind of care available twenty-four hours a day by the on-site staff. Their team of highly skilled nurses and carers are on hand to support residents and guests to live as independently as they want to.

The village hub is a welcoming community for both residents and visitors, with an exciting programme of daily activities and a café serving home-made food.

For people needing respite care or a break away from home, the village's guest house is a welcoming and supportive place to stay that can be tailored to people's individual needs.

A major review in 2017 confirmed that "among sensory simulation interventions, the only convincingly effective intervention for reducing behavioural symptoms (specifically agitation and aggressive behaviour) was music therapy". A second review that year showed "music intervention significantly reduces agitated behaviours in demented people".



L-R: Rupert Williamson, Carrie Mandeville and Mike Goodwin

Said Danielle Neligan, Fundraising and Development Officer:

"We are very grateful for the joint working and match funding from the different Lodges that enabled this donation. Particular thanks to Mike Goodwin for coordinating this.

East Kent Hospitals Charity holds and manages the funds given to the hospitals and this includes Harmonia village. Your donation will allow us to purchase the jukebox which will benefit the residents and visitors to Harmonia".