**Dartford Care Worker Celebrated**

**in ‘Caring in Covid’ Book**

***(16th December 2020)*** Stevie Housley, an Activities Coordinator at Gardenia House care home, run by National Charity, [Ambient Support](https://www.ambient.org.uk/), is featured in a new book celebrating the UK’s ‘caring heroes’.

Care providers across the country have played a vital role throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, caring for some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

The National Care Forum (NCF), the leading membership association for not-for-profit social care providers, bore witness to incredible acts from its members and decided to record and celebrate their response to the outbreak and ensuing restrictions by bringing together a collection of wonderful stories in a ***Caring in Covid*** book.

Stevie raised an astonishing £1,350 dying her hair waist-long hair all of the colours of the rainbow- the money went to improving the lives of the residents she supports at Gardenia House, a community based, purpose-built care home in Dartford.

***CEO of Ambient Support, Mark Milton, says:***

*“We are incredibly proud of Stevie and what she has achieved, going above and beyond her day-to-day duties to support residents when they needed it most. To be recognised in this wonderful book by the NCF is truly deserved.*

*“Ambient Support has a total of three stories included in the book which is testament to the on-going hard work that is being done across the entire charity. Our care providers’ stoicism and courage are truly commendable and inspiring.*

*“Despite ongoing challenges our care teams have done their upmost to kept our residents safe, supported and engaged. We are extremely proud of each and every person in our team.”*

***Vic Rayner, Executive Director of the National Care Forum said:***

*“Through the collection of Caring Heroes stories, the reader peeks behind the closed doors and experiences what it was really like for care staff, residents in care homes, and people needing support in their own homes during lockdown. This book is more than just a nod to social history, it demonstrates how people’s lives are enriched by the role of those working in the care sector through their creativity, dedication and passion, and through their many skills and talents.”*

Read the inspiring stories from [Ambient Support](https://www.ambient.org.uk/) (www.ambient.org.uk) and other providers in the NCF’s **Caring in Covid** book- available in e-format from today, Wednesday 16th December. You can view it [here](https://www.nationalcareforum.org.uk/ncf-caring-in-covid-project/).

**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. Ambient 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. To find out more visit [www.ambient.org.uk](http://www.ambient.org.uk)

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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 85% Registered Services rated as Outstanding and GOOD by CQC.