

**Local care home team step closer to target with sponsored walk**

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Back row: (Left-right) Melissa Thetford, Evie & Jade Montgomery, Dawn Edworthy, Andrew Shannon, Heather (Audrey's daughter) & Audrey Davies.

Bottom row (Left to right) Louise Salisbury, Elsie-Louise Warner, Sian Oughton and Katie Hughes

*(11th August 2021)*Staff at St Audrey’s care home in Old Hatfield are a step closer to reaching their £5k target following their latest fundraising drive - a 19km walk!

St Audrey’s are raising funds to buy a wheelchair accessible polytunnel so residents can enjoy year-round use of the garden.

Initiatives so far have included a Talent Show which combined with the sponsored walk have raised a staggering £1695 towards their target.

**St Audrey’s Team members, Sian Oughton and Louise Salisbury who have spearheaded the fundraiser are delighted with how it went. Sian said:**

*“There were 10 of us that took part and we ended up walking for 12.5 miles! We were delighted to be joined by one of our amazing residents Audrey, who is in her 80’s, who walked a whopping 8 miles alongside her daughter Heather. We were also joined by Jade - one of our Senior Carers - who brought along her 7 year old daughter Evie, who did brilliantly and walked for 8 miles. I was delighted to be accompanied by my daughter Elsie-Louise, 13, who completed the entire walk with me. I cannot thank everyone enough for taking part and for the very generous donations. Every step we take brings our closer to our target.”*

The event was captured by George Salisbury, son of organiser Louise, who took some stunning photos as the team walked the Welwyn Garden City centenary. **Louise added:**

*“It was super tough going, but I can honestly say we all had a blast and kept each other going when we wanted to give up.  It was a great team building event and we look forward to the rest of our initiatives this summer to keep spirits lifted and reach our target.”*

Part of National Charity, [Ambient Support](https://www.ambient.org.uk/), St Audrey’s forms part of the Hatfield House Estate, a 19th Century Manor house with beautiful gardens. Residents enjoy gardening but are currently limited to summertime and are reliant on good weather, a polytunnel will enable residents to enjoy the benefits of gardening all year.

Additional fundraising events will continue across the summer. Please donate now and help St Audrey’s reach £5,000 via their fundraising page [St Audrey’s Just Giving](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-audreys?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=st-audreys&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=fe8383a1a68d433ba0be8c2ee1c73555)

If you are a local business and would like to provide a prize for the raffle, or you are a gardening or building company and can give time to help install the polytunnel, please contact [louise.salisbury@ambient.org.uk](mailto:louise.salisbury@ambient.org.uk).

**About St Audrey’s**

[St Audrey’s](https://www.ambient.org.uk/services/st-audreys-care-home/) care home is an intimate Residential care home that provides care and support to 35 residents. Forming part of the Hatfield House Estate, it is a beautiful 19th Century Manor house that provides a friendly, supportive, and welcoming home-from-home environment with regular and varied activities and events.

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* They deliver services that meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable adults in 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
* **Latest results from Ambient Support’s 2021- Satisfaction Survey show:** 97% of people supported in **Learning Disability** services said Ambient have helped to make their life better, 95% are happy with the support Ambient give them and 94% of relatives and friends said their loved one is safely supported by Ambient.  
  In **Mental Health Services** 93% said that staff believe in their wellbeing and recovery, 91% of people said they knew how to provide feedback or make a complaint and 89% report being given information and support to make choices  
  In services for **Older People,** 98% report being treated with kindness, dignity and respect and 97% of relatives agree, 91% of friends and relatives report that their loved one’s life has got better since Ambient started supporting them and 97% said that they are happy with the care and support they receive
* Ambient currently employs around 1,325 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 Outstanding and GOOD by CQC.