



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah c9 v6

Every moment is a fresh beginning.



Christmas Greetings from Willows

I am writing to you on a very blustery day outside, while inside Willows we have a moment or two of calm. The phones are unusually quiet and no students are in today. We have counselling sessions happening in our therapy rooms and online. It is a joy to have our building in use once again, however we remain ready should there be a possible future lockdown.

2021 Highlights

- Despite the storms brought about by CoVid, we successfully continued to respond to counselling referrals, offering sessions face-to-face, online and by phone.
- We have returned all of our counselling training programmes back to face-to-face, transitioning from running them successfully online.
- Two Counselling Rooms received a complete refurbishment.
- We implemented our 10to8 Diary system. A great addition to managing client allocation and room bookings. Plus, it is a useful source of statistics to support our fundraising.
- We launched our new website and modernised our branding.

You help us make it happen

Whatever part you play, we are incredibly grateful to you for your dedication and professionalism. Your passion keeps Willows at the forefront of the counselling, training and mental health fields, both locally and nationally. We have said goodbye to some staff and counsellors. And we wish a warm welcome to new members. We are recruiting for a part-time Counselling Service Manager, click [here](#) for details.

Our annual programme of Willows Workshops has a range of fascinating subjects for 2022. Take a look and book [here](#). It will be held mainly online, with useful topics for counsellors, teachers, leaders, youth workers, pastoral support and anyone interested in personal development.



Money Matters

Like many charities, our income continues to be adversely impacted by CoVid. Even before the pandemic, securing funds is an ongoing and enormous challenge. We continue to work incredibly hard to keep Willows afloat and to make every penny donated work even harder for us.

Would you consider helping us e.g. with a regular monthly donation of £2, £4 or £5 – the price of a takeaway hot drink? Your ideas are valued so please contact Jaq, our Fundraising & Marketing Manager [here](#).

Forward to the Future

We have a great deal to be thankful for, yet the challenge continues.

The more you can help us, the more we can help more people who need help in 2022 and beyond.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support. Remember to follow us on our social media platforms.

Blessings and peace to you and your loved ones this Christmas and New Year.

Tanya and the Willows Team