



The John Townsend Trust

Royal School for Deaf Children Margate
Westgate College for Deaf People
Community Living Services
Monkshill Farm



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The John Townsend Trust is the new charity trustee of The John Townsend Foundation (which is the name now given by the Charity Commission to the charity founded by John Townsend in the East End of London in 1792 for the "deaf children of the poor").

Evolution and Progress

Over the years our charity has grown and changed. Since 1863 we have been based in East Kent although our roots continue to be reflected in the fact that many of our children and young people come from London. The John Townsend Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is itself a registered charity (Registered Charity No. 1127209).

The Royal School for Deaf Children Margate (Founded in 1792)

At the Royal School for Deaf Children Margate all pupils at our school have a hearing impairment or associated communication difficulty and many have additional educational, emotional/behavioural or medical problems.

We offer a high level of pastoral care and independence skills in addition to the National Curriculum.

Westgate College for Deaf People (Established in 1978)

At Westgate College we continue to build upon the knowledge and skills that young people have gained through their school education.

We offer a range of vocational and non-vocational programmes for 16-22 year olds. Courses may be delivered with support at our local mainstream college or within Westgate College.

In the School and College our Enrichment Curriculum, within the residential setting, provides opportunities in sport, creative and recreational activities and the use of local facilities encourages integration into the community.

We have a wide range of specialists including Teachers of the Deaf, nursing and medical staff, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, visual advisers, audiologist and physiotherapist. Effective communication for each individual is at the core of our provision and we work within a total communication environment to meet individual pupil and student needs. This incorporates British Sign Language, Sign Supported English and Augmentative Communication systems. A key strength of our organisation is the emotional and behavioural support that we provide for all our learners.

The John Townsend Trust 'ROAD' (Realising Opportunities & Achievements of Deaf People) Provision

Our ROAD Provision was established in response to an identified need for young people who have moved away from their home area for their education, to further their learning in a residential placement in a familiar community location where they have been at college. Living, working and leisure skills are integral elements of each person's development. Enjoying and achievement on this programme and good access to community facilities provides for transition to the next step in each person's development.

Residents have the opportunity to develop life skills to maximise their independence and continue their transition to other models of care.

Monkshill Farm – Dargate

Monkshill Farm offers placements for a wide range of learners, including those from local schools and colleges. Our programmes include Animal care; Land based programmes and also work experience and apprenticeship placements.

Facilities include classrooms, kitchens, recreational rooms and self-catering accommodation. We rear and produce our own beef, lamb, pork and eggs which are for sale locally.

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