



Motor Neurones disease (MND)

As a company we have provided care and support over the last 9 ½ years to a number of service users and we have seen first-hand the affect this disease has not only on the person with the diagnosis but also the family and wider circle of friends. A number of staff have also been touched personally by the loss of family, friends and service users from this disease and this has cemented further our support of this as a charity.

We most recently started to look after Marc Springer, providing for him a night sitting service seven nights a week. Marc and his wife Ann have been inspirational in their strength and courage while dealing with Marc's own diagnosis in May 2012. Marc and Ann have two children and four grandchildren.

Marc's love of writing poems has led to Marc writing and having published two children's books *There is a Mouse* and *There is a spider* to raise money for two children's hospices and Barnardo's and his latest book will raise funds for MNDA to help find a cure for the disease.

We have been assisting with selling these books and have more copies available: Please call the office and ask Yvonne who will be able to help you. These are £5.00 each to purchase and are very sweet books of a high quality.



Amy Forsyth our Locality Coordinator is a brave lady, she has always fancied throwing herself out of a plane and as Yvonne dangled the Charity carrot Amy was hooked! Amy has personally spent a lot of time with Marc and others with MND and felt this was a charity which she wanted to also support. We were all very proud of Amy when she took up the mantle left by Yvonne, not least because it got the rest of the staff the hook for another year.

We are very proud of Amy for her brave sky dive, we will be continuing raising money with future events.

Amy's comments:

"I did a Skydive for Motor Neurons Disease Association on 02/07/2017, I raised £600 for the charity. We had 1 minute free fall, this was my favourite part. I also enjoyed the view! The scariest part was sitting on the edge of the plane waiting to fall because I didn't know what to expect. I didn't expect to love it as much as I did and would definitely do it again, it was one of the best experiences of my life!"

Amy Forsyth
Locality Coordinator

