

# Bevern View News



## Storm battered but surviving!

As Storm Eunice struck the village, power was lost at Bevern View. We were assured that our power would be restored by the evening, so at that stage, we weren't too concerned. Dinner was cooked by one of our friendly Barcombe neighbours, emergency lights were dug out, windows were shut, and curtains drawn. It was early to bed for our residents to keep them warm. Unfortunately, the power didn't return that night and our poor night staff were chilled to the bone by morning.

As the morning progressed, we had to take action to ensure that we could keep our residents warm, as well as fed. The complexities of our resident's diets mean power is essential. We had one resident who was being barrier nursed due to having Covid and as we had no hot water, the laundry and sluice room were becoming dangerously full.

Our amazing staff and friends from the village pulled together to provide cooked food, but we were starting to worry about a further night with no power, when Tim Austin, another kind soul from Barcombe turned up with his own generator and set to work fixing it up for us! Spirits were raised and lunch was served when power was restored!

We were so grateful to the generous individuals who helped us, and to our parents for being so supportive. We've pulled through two recent rounds of Covid together but the goodwill from our staff and community just keeps on coming.

We will now be raising funds for our own generator which will, at the very least, mean we can keep our residents warm next time we lose power. Alice, our Operations Manager, would like to name it Eunice after the storm and her Grandmother who was also a force to be reckoned with!



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Bevern View is a purpose-built residential home in Barcombe providing life-long care for 11 young adults with profound disabilities.