



# Sister ACT

*Why society girl and mother-of-two  
Chloe Delevingne is on a mission to make a difference*

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**F**irst and foremost, the gazelle-like Chloe – the eldest of the illustrious Delevingne sisters – is a mum. Though she loves to party (when we meet for our exclusive photo shoot at her home, she's excitedly planning her Glastonbury antics with pal and publicist Dean Piper, a former showbiz journalist), she emphasises that her children, Atticus and Juno, are her priority.

Though she grew up near Wandsworth's Spencer Park ('it will always be my childhood home'), she is now happiest in the Cotswolds, conveniently located next to Cornbury Park and a stone's throw from the fashionable Soho Farmhouse. There, she simply loves to spend time outside, horse-riding and swimming, or taking the kids out to Blenheim Palace for the day. That said, she still tries to get a night a week in London to herself. 'When I go back to London I take full advantage and have the best time,' she says. 'I have an awful lot of fun at Bunga Bunga in Battersea. They serve my favourites – pizza and Prosecco!'

Rather romantically, her husband once took her on a date to the New Covent Garden Flower Market. 'They do the best milky

teas and bacon butties,' she says. 'You have to go early, but you come home with arms full of lovely flowers.' Interestingly, given the ascent of her siblings Poppy and Cara to fame, and her heritage (her great-aunt Dora infamously seduced Winston Churchill, no less), the only cause for which Delevingne has sought out the spotlight is the Lady Garden Campaign, which supports the Gynaecological Cancer Fund.

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The charity is working to develop more effective treatments for the gynaecological cancers with which over 20,000 women in the UK are diagnosed with each year, including cervical and ovarian. 'I think there's only a reason to jump in the spotlight if you've got something to promote or something to sell,' she explains. 'For my sisters, it's their career, it's their job. For me, the only message I have is the charity.'

So, what led her to get involved? 'I studied biomedical science and human biology at UCL. One of my dissertations was on cervical cancer, so I'd always had that interest – and I had a scare myself when I was about 21. That was the second thing. And then my very good friend Mika Simmons came up with the whole concept after losing her mother to ovarian cancer. She asked me to come on board, and it was just the perfect match.' For Delevingne, whose degree certificate is proudly displayed in the downstairs loo, the scientific aspect is clearly important. 'I'm hoping I'll eventually go back to university to study,' she says. 'I love learning. After the kids go to school, I want to have a career in science.'

Behind the scenes, the solidarity and the friendships that Delevingne has fostered through the charity are incredibly special. 'There are about ten of us founding members, and it's been so nice to meet all these other women. Some of them I vaguely knew, some I didn't know at all and some I was already friends with. We're all of varying ages, and it's been great for all of us to come together.' Other girls in the gang include heiresses Tamara Beckwith and Claire Van Dam ▶



The sisters pose with their father Charles Delevingne

Beckwith, powerhouse influencer Jenny Halpern, Tatler darling Astrid Harbord, and fine jeweller Josephine Daniel.

Their aim is to raise awareness, to ensure that both men and women can talk about the issue without being embarrassed. Last year, they set up the first Lady Garden fun run in Battersea Park, which saw Delevingne's younger sister Cara take a tumble jogging alongside the likes of Donna Air, Millie Mackintosh and Putney resident Yasmin Le Bon. This year, it took place in Hyde Park, and even Princess Beatrice took part. 'Next year, we want to get bigger and introduce more family-oriented things, rides and picnics. There was such a good vibe – everyone was on such good form and enjoying themselves by doing something healthy for charity.'

Both of Delevingne's sisters have been supportive of their elder sibling. Famously, Poppy styled Cara as the face of the campaign. 'Not that she's wearing very much!' Delevingne laughs. 'She's literally wearing a hoodie with a

carefully positioned flower. I'm very blessed to have my sisters.' They've also been a huge help when it comes to rallying troops of celebrity endorsers. 'They're friends with a lot of people. Not that necessarily everyone will say yes, but I think the campaign is so positive, so good and strong, that as soon as you talk to people about it, it's hard for them to say no. When we started, it was about getting women interested and involved, and able to speak out, but it should be a conversation that's open to men too. The virus that causes cervical cancer is also spread by men.'

Next up, the trio will be designing a T-shirt together as part of a new Lady Garden collection. It's all a lot of fun, but at the same time incredibly worthy. I have no doubt that, with a little help from her friends, the determined Delevingne will succeed in her mission to change the future of female cancer treatment. **T**

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## STYLE NOTES

Chloe Delevingne wears blue and white kaffan by March 11 and the Tephi London Rome dress in coral ([tephi.co.uk](http://tephi.co.uk)), with hair by Michaela Longyear and make-up by Birute Thomas from the WeLove Salon and Dayspa in Petersfield