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Furniture Scheme News!

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Inside this issue 'How to make the most of the Furniture Scheme'

The Furniture Scheme is multi-faceted and at the core of our activities is supporting local people and developing their full potential. At all of our facilities we provide numerous volunteer opportunities, ranging from retailing to working in our community garden. We provide a safe and caring environment where people are respected, encouraged and valued.

Our sites include two community centres, Rockspring in Ludlow and CASCA in Craven Arms, Craven Arms Charity Bookshop, Renaissance in Ludlow, The Reuse Centre in Weeping cross Lane and our Carpentry Workshop at The Ludlow Mascall Centre.

We work hard to achieve our three primary objectives of improving peoples life chances, strengthening communities and increasing environmental sustainability.

SNAPSHOT OF THE FURNITURE SCHEME

What happens where...

WAREHOUSE, Weeping Cross Lane, Ludlow SY8 1JH Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri 9.30am—3.30pm, Wed 9.30am—1.30pm, Sat 10am—2pm **Phone: 01585 877788 for furniture donations**

- ⇒ Trading site
- ⇒ Computer recycling workshop
- ⇒ Wood & Metal recycling facility
- ⇒ Bulky waste base
- ⇒ Bicycle refurbishment
- ⇒ Volunteering and placement opportunities
- ⇒ Donation point
- ⇒ Two vans based here
- ⇒ Recycling Banks for textiles, wood & metal



RENAISSANCE, 7-8 Tower Street, Ludlow SY8 1RL Mon—Sat 9.30am—5pm.
Phone: 01584 877751

- ⇒ Trading site
- ⇒ Bookshop and vinyl records
- ⇒ Flea Market
- ⇒ Information Board
- ⇒ Volunteering and placement opportunities
- ⇒ Household battery recycling point
- ⇒ Donation point



ROCKSPRING COMMUNITY CENTRE, Sandford Road, Ludlow SY8 1SX Mon—Fri 9am—5pm. Phone: 01584 874922

- ⇒ **Head office**
- ⇒ Volunteering and placement opportunities
- ⇒ Rooms for hire
- ⇒ Events and activities
- ⇒ Donation point for clothing, textiles, books etc
- ⇒ Community Garden



FRIARS WALK, Ludlow Mascall Centre, Ludlow SY8 1RZ

- ⇒ Carpentry workshop
- ⇒ Furniture restoration
- ⇒ Training facility
- ⇒ Training, volunteer and placement opportunities available



CasCA, Newington Way, Craven Arms SY7 9PS
Mon—Wed 9am—10pm, Thur 9am—9pm & Fri 9am—5pm,
- by arrangement at other times. Phone: 01588 672847

- ⇒ Volunteering and placement opportunities
- ⇒ Rooms for hire
- ⇒ Events and activities
- ⇒ Donation point for clothing, textiles, books etc



THE CHARITY BOOKSHOP, Unit 2 Drover's House, Auction Yard, Craven Arms SY7 9BZ Open: Mon—Fri 9.30am – 4.30pm and Sat 9.30am – 1pm. Phone: 01588 673902

- ⇒ Trading site
- ⇒ Donation of books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs and DVDs



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE FURNITURE SCHEME

All of the volunteering opportunities provided by the Furniture Scheme come with full training and an allowance for travel expenses.
10 week placements for a part or full day per week are available in the first instance with opportunities for feedback and review to make sure all is going well for you.
All volunteers have the opportunity to take a qualification and get employability support if required.
For more information on any of these opportunities please contact:
Di Hyde Tel: 01584 874922 or email: diane@furniturescheme.co.uk

The Charity Bookshop

Unit 2 Drovers House, Auction Yard,
Craven Arms SY7 9BZ

Selling books, jigsaw puzzles, CD's and DVD's.

If anyone is interested in volunteering here, or as an irregular volunteer for holiday cover, please contact Di Hyde on the number above.



Customer Service Assistant

At the Warehouse and Renaissance we need help with answering telephone calls, dealing with enquiries, making sales, using the till and credit card machine, keeping displays looking attractive and using a computer.

We are flexible with time as you are being generous with yours, but ideally either 9.30am - 1pm or 1pm - 5pm.

We also need assistants in our Flea Market.

CasCA—General Assistants

Newington Way, Craven Arms SY7 9PS

General assistants needed to answer phones, set up the rooms, make refreshments (tea and coffee) and meet and greet.



Warehouse

Weeping Cross Lane, Ludlow SY8 1JH

- ◆ customer service assistants
- ◆ warehouse assistants
- ◆ **van drivers and van buddies**

You will need to be physically fit and able to lift items of furniture.

Waste Management Project

Could you help us to dismantle sofas, washing machines and other items ready for the recycling process?
Times to suit you, but you will need to be reasonably fit as it's quite hard work!

Rockspring Community Centre

We would like volunteers to assist with reception duties, cleaning and administration.

We also need volunteer gardeners for our community garden.



Carpentry Workshop

Lower Galdeford SY8 1RZ

Volunteers carry out a variety of tasks from stripping and polishing donated furniture to more challenging projects.

Morning or afternoon sessions available, starting with a half day taster. You will be provided with full workshop training and support.



Jean Jarvis MBE—Chief Executive

Our theme for this newsletter is 'How to make the most of the Furniture Scheme' and as you read on you'll find out how to do that from all aspects of the wide variety of work we do. Our staff and volunteers are ready and willing to help, they work for The Furniture Scheme because they want to make a difference to people's lives. Thank you to all of them for what they do and how hard they work to provide our services.

You'll read more about our HG Enabling Fund in James' report and how that helps to break down the barriers to employment that only money can help with. From December, 10% of the donations from Friends of the Furniture Scheme will go to support this work and allow us to assist more local people in this way. Please think about joining our Friends, your support means such a lot to us and the people we help.

You'll see from Gill's report that we are losing two great members of our team, both progressing and using their newly gained skills to continue their career journeys. Thank you to Lec at CasCA and Amy who has supported Gill, James and I for three years, we will really miss them both. We are recruiting to Amy's role over the next month so look out for that.

We are planning our Annual Celebration in December at which we will launch a series of videos of interviews with people who have benefitted from our services in some way. It is wonderful to hear their voices, it really does illustrate to us that we do make a difference and it makes it all worthwhile.

Best wishes
Jean



James Cooper—Operations Manager

Throughout this newsletter staff and volunteers have offered useful tips on how to make the most of the Furniture Scheme. We know that despite the Furniture Scheme being 23 years old many people still don't know about all of our services, how to access them and how to help.

Chris Perkins, Community Engagement Worker, and I recently talked to the Doddington Friendship Club (they gave us lots of cake and a donation to the charity) about our work and they couldn't believe the breadth of the Furniture Scheme's work. This isn't the first time we've heard this but we hope that our recent marketing efforts (see page 13) will mean we hear this less and less.

The Furniture Scheme team want to make sure all those people who could benefit from our services are aware of what we do and how they could benefit.

The Enabling Fund

5 years ago we started working with another charity and created an enabling fund. The fund has a strong track record of helping local people to remove financial barriers and gain new skills, leading to sustained employment. To date the Enabling Fund has supported 126 individuals with small grants. Grants have helped pay for driving lessons, work clothes, training, literacy lessons, equipment and much more. The fund is setup to help in people on benefits and low incomes who want to improve their prospects for the future.

This is a local fund and available to people living in the south Shropshire area, specifically Ludlow, Craven Arms, Bishops Castle, Church Stretton and Cleobury Mortimer. To get an application form visit www.furniturescheme.co.uk/events-news/useful-forms

Fuel Poverty Fund

The fund is primarily available to residents of south Shropshire and can be used for gas and/or electricity.

Applicants must be referred by a local agency, such as Housing Associations, CAB, Churches, a General Practitioner, The Women's Refuge, Social Workers, Children in Need. The fund can only be accessed by the same household/person twice in one year and we must receive the receipts as proof of payment.

For more information contact the Rockspring team on 01584 974922 or rockspring@furniturescheme.co.uk

Emergency Furniture Referral

Our partner agencies can refer individuals and families, who are lacking basic furniture for their homes, to the Furniture Scheme and for £40 we can provide a range of items including kitchen equipment, linen and essential furniture. The recipient cannot choose their own items. To get an emergency pack the referral MUST come from an agency who can testify to the recipient's need. More information can be found at www.furniturescheme.co.uk/donate-receive/get-furniture/ or phone 01584 877788

Gill Pitt - Social Inclusion Manager



A few staff hello's, goodbyes and well done's

We have had a bit of a re-jig of the staff structure at CasCA. Since the Centre Manager left last autumn we have had some temporary arrangements in place to trial new ways of managing the centre. We have now settled on three members of the team sharing the team leader, site supervisor role. Well done to Lorna and Elizabeth!

Over the summer we have had to say goodbye to Alexis Seaborne at CasCA. Congratulations to Alexis on her new role as Library Manager at Church Stretton Library.

Congratulations go to Amy Morling for achieving her degree in HR. I know Amy has put in a lot of hard work over the last 12 months. She started at TFS as a volunteer and now deals with HR and Administration, based at Rockspring. Very well done Amy!

Congratulations also go to Jackie Wright, our Finance Assistant at CasCA, who has been awarded no less than a first class BA Honours degree in Sociology after a 3 year slog.

I am sure many staff and volunteers will be sorry to hear that Amy Morling left TFS for pastures new at the end of August.

Amy has written her own farewell piece but I would just like to add we wish Amy well in her new job and hope she will keep in touch!

Amy qualified with a degree in HR this year and this next step will be her first role as a newly qualified professional.



Amy Morling—HR & Administration Officer

I would like to wish our new starter, Kerrie a warm welcome. Kerrie will be working as a General Assistant at CASCA in Craven Arms.

As we welcome Kerrie, we must also say goodbye to a member of staff at CASCA, Alexis. Alexis has now moved on to work at Church Stretton library. We wish her all the best with her new job and her yoga classes.

Sadly, we must also say goodbye to another member of staff – Me!

After three years of working with The Furniture Scheme, I am moving on to another HR role in Telford.

I'm very excited to be starting my new journey with the TTC Group, but I'll definitely miss my colleagues at The Furniture Scheme, especially the lovely staff and volunteers at Rockspring Community Centre. I'd like to say a great big thank you to you all for being such amazing friends!

I'd also like to say thank you to the Senior Management Team at TFS – Jean, Gill and James – I wouldn't have been able to get to where I am today without your guidance and support.

Keep in touch.



The Warehouse, Weeping Cross Lane

TO DONATE FURNITURE PLEASE TELEPHONE: 01584 877788

The Warehouse has a wide range of household items from washing machines and cookers, refrigerators, tables, chairs, sofas, lamps, beds, mattresses, crockery etc at reasonable prices and is **open to the general public**, not just people on benefits.

The Warehouse is open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am-3:30pm, Wednesdays 9:30am – 1:30pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm. Do call in and have a browse.

Don't Dump it, Donate it!

Donating furniture to the Furniture Scheme is easy and it goes a long way towards helping your community.

Here are some of the items we accept:

Electrical

Fridges
Cookers
Vacuum cleaners
Washing machines
Freezers
Irons
Toasters
Microwaves
Lamps
Televisions (slim only)
Stereos
Computers

Kitchen & Household

Saucepans
Crockery
Cutlery
Waste bins
Washing up bowls
Baking tins
Ironing boards
Tables
Chairs
Clocks
Freestanding cupboards
Sideboards

Living

Settees/sofas
Armchairs
Coffee tables
TV stands
Fireguards
Mirrors
Pictures
Rugs
Books

Bedroom

Beds
Mattresses
Chests of drawers
Wardrobes
Bedside cabinets
Sheets
Pillowcases
Duvets
Blankets
Curtains

Unfortunately we are no longer able to take printers

There are 3 things to remember before you get started:

<p>1 We pick-up Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm</p> <p>MON TO THURS</p> <p><small>* We will contact you to confirm your donation</small></p>	<p>2 Your item must be in good condition</p>  	<p>3 This must be on your sofa*</p>  <p><small>* If you're donating a sofa!</small></p>
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**To donate: please call 01584 877788
or go to www.furniturescheme.co.uk to book your item in online**

The Warehouse



What furniture and household items can we accept?

We can only accept goods that are in a good quality condition, suitable for reuse. Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept large TVs, only flat screen TVs.

If you are donating sofas, armchairs, mattresses or divan beds they must have the fire safety label attached. They're usually attached to your sofa behind the cushions. If these items do not have one, unfortunately we cannot accept it.

For a full list of what we will accept please see page 8. We now also take clothes that are in good condition.

What happens to donated furniture?



Furniture is either booked in for the van crew to collect, or the customer sometimes drops it off to the warehouse directly.

The items are then put into our storage area to be either transferred into the shop area when there is available space, or to be tested if they are electrical items.

Suitable items are then sold to the public at low cost, helping those on a low income to furnish their property.

Anyone in receipt of Universal Credit, Tax Credit, Pension Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, or Housing Benefit can claim a further 25% discount with any proof of the benefit that they are claiming. This discount only applies to items we have received via donation not those we have purchased.

Those in severe need can be referred to us by a partner agency for a £40 referral pack.

Some furniture goes to our workshop where staff and volunteers restore and upcycle it before it goes on sale at Renaissance. With the money raised from donated items, or items bought in our shops we are able to improve people's life chances, strengthen communities, increased environmental sustainability and to help make a difference.

What if an item is not fit for re-use?

We recycle wood, metal, textiles, small electricals, cardboard and books. It is very rare that we have to take anything to the Household Recycling Centre. Every year we divert around 200 tonnes from landfill.

Can anyone buy from the Warehouse?

Yes! We are open to the public 6 days a week.

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am-3:30pm, Wednesdays 9:30am – 1:30pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm.



Renaissance

Quite often at Renaissance we are surprised by the quality of furniture that comes in. To think that someone would be kind enough to donate such interesting and unique pieces in support of our charity is incredible.

We sometimes hear from customers that they didn't know that we were here, and often how surprised they are by our diverse stock. These customers often remark that they thought we were a high priced antique shop from the outside but are then gobsmacked by our affordable prices.

So, how can customers get the best out of Renaissance?

- Visit regularly. We change our stock at least once a week.
- If you want adjustments or alterations made to the furniture, be sure to ask. We are often able to help.
- If you see an item that you really want, don't hesitate. We often hear disappointed customers remark that they should have acted sooner and now the one of a kind item has sold.

Be sure to visit our eBay shop for exclusive deals on specially selected furniture:

www.ebay.co.uk/usr/thefurniturescheme

We are not just about furniture at Renaissance! We also offer a varied choice of collectibles and bric-a-brac, as well as an affordable range of clothes in our Flea Market. Finally, we could not write anything about Renaissance without mentioning our renowned bookshop, well known for its selection of rare and antiquarian books.

Richard Carpenter—Retail and Systems Administrator



Renaissance provides 'reborn' items for the household. Donated items are imaginatively rejuvenated to a condition worthy of resale. **Open Monday—Saturday 9.30am—5pm.**

The Book Shop selling good quality good value books and a wide selection of rare books and 1st editions. Paperback fiction is always needed as well as interesting non-fiction and quality children's books.

The Flea Market Open Monday—Saturday 9.30am—4.30pm.
Renaissance, 7—8 Tower Street, Ludlow **Tel: 01584 877751**

The £1 Bookshop

The £1 Bookshop at Renaissance has proved very popular with booklovers seeking out a bargain! You can find The £1 bookshop across the yard from the Renaissance furniture and rare bookshop.

"The Attic" at Renaissance

We are selling second hand clothes—shoes, handbags, belts and scarves as well as other items in our upstairs room above the flea market called "The Attic."
If you have any donations of these items, we would love to have them, they can be dropped off at any of our Ludlow sites: Warehouse, Weeping Cross Lane, Rockspring Community Centre, Sandford Road or here at Renaissance.

Julie Nash, Renaissance Retail Manager,
Open Monday—Saturday 9.30am—4.30pm.
Telephone: 01584 877751

Carpentry Workshop

Interview with Terry, a volunteer at our Workshop

How long have you been volunteering at the Furniture Scheme?

It has got to be about 5 years now. When I first joined Bob was in charge of the workshop. I only came in for half a day a week to start with – next thing I know I'm doing 4 days a week!



Before you started volunteering what were you doing?

I had retired and was mainly at home reading, doing jigsaws and that kind of thing. The wife said 'why don't you go and volunteer' so I did.

What sort of things do you help with in the workshop?

A bit of stripping furniture, sanding and polishing but mainly painting. The first thing Bob had me do was paint a bookcase – I'd done it before he could blink. He said 'You've done that before!'. I said 'yeah, only for the last 50 years!'. I've been a painter and decorator all my life you see.

What do you enjoy about volunteering?

You have a good craic with the other volunteers and I like upsetting the gaffer! If I wasn't doing this I'd be bored stiff. I also like helping the charity. There are all ages here, it's like a little community. We take the mick out of each other but we support each other too.

Do you have any tips for people who want to paint furniture?

If it's in an a bad state, strip it, rub it down, coat of primer, 2 coats of finish. I'm not into chalk paint – I'd rather do a traditional 'proper' job. Some people like it quick but not me. When you're applying the final coat, get your layering right. Up and down, then side to side and then up and down again. Don't flood the brush.

If you are interested in volunteering at the workshop please contact Di Hyde on 01584 877751 or diane@furniturescheme.co.uk

Volunteers are in the workshop on Mondays and Tuesdays and we work with people with a range of skills and ability.

A thank you from a recipient of the Enabling Fund

I have been volunteering with the furniture scheme for a couple of years in the carpentry workshop. I have been lucky enough to have help from the furniture scheme where they have paid for my driving lessons up to my test day.

Now I have passed first time with only two minors and when I am able to get a car, I will have more chance of getting a job out of town and get some independence in everyday life.

See more about the Enabling Fund on page 6.

The Charity Bookshop Craven Arms

The Charity Bookshop is run entirely by volunteers: the majority of the 2 dozen or so regular volunteers are retired; some have been involved with the bookshop for several years, whilst others joined when the Furniture Scheme took over running the shop. Volunteering at the bookshop is a very sociable activity: it means volunteers get out come rain or shine and meet not only their co-workers, but also a very interesting cross section of the town's population, some on a very regular basis.



The shop's customers come in all ages. It's always a real pleasure to see the place busy with youngsters getting a reading habit from a very early age! Equally, the bookshop is used almost like a library by many older readers who return books as soon as they've finished reading them – and we're always pleased to have books back to keep the shelves well stocked. Over the years, the bookshop has become well known to many people who pass through Craven Arms. During the summer holidays in particular, it's quite common to meet holiday makers, either people stopping in the area, or on their way to holidaying further afield. Some make a visit to the bookshop a regular feature of their holiday trip.

Richard Douglas, Charity Bookshop Volunteer

BBQ at Rockspring to thank our wonderful volunteers

The weather was perfect for our Annual Summer BBQ to thank our wonderful volunteers for all the work they do for us. We had a slight hiccup with the BBQ failing to ignite, but this was quickly sorted by our Caretaker and Head Cook – Rob Gardner with the help of Simon Magill!

Thank you to Janet (Warehouse Volunteer) Julie (Rockspring Volunteer) and Di (Volunteer Co-ordinator) for preparing the delicious food.



J&PR—Dani Wozencroft, PR Account Manager

Have you seen The Furniture Scheme in the newspaper a little more recently? Or heard about us on the radio more often? Or read more about us online?

I hope so - as that's my job!

I'm Dani Wozencroft and I work for J&PR - a Shropshire company and it stands for Journalism and Public Relations.

We've recently teamed up with The Furniture Scheme to do some public relations with you, it includes finding newsworthy information about the charity (which, I have to say, isn't hard with all the great work TFS do!), writing press releases to send to the media, writing blogs for your website and helping to train staff in social media so you can make the most out of it and raise plenty of money by building a presence online.

I have really enjoyed working with The Furniture Scheme since I returned from maternity leave in April and have spent a lot of time trying to get to know the charity, how it works and everything you want to shout about.

I have worked on stories about the £10,000 grant for the CASCA play area, Helen Muir leaving the bookshop at Renaissance in Ludlow, the new planters created and installed at the doctors surgery in Ludlow, Craig Nicholson and his gruelling marathon challenge, the Small Garden event - and many more!

We've secured plenty of coverage in the Shropshire Star and Ludlow Advertiser as well as a few interviews on BBC Radio Shropshire and countless stories on online news sites such as ShropshireLive.com, Love Shrewsbury and the Social Enterprise Mark website. We also put most of the news stories we write on both the J&PR and The Furniture Scheme websites too. So, all staff and volunteers, if you think you have something that is newsworthy then mention it to someone there who can pass it on to me.

Here's my top tips for what could be newsworthy:

- ⇒ Is it something you've not done before?
- ⇒ Is it a charitable or notable event?
- ⇒ Have you told people about it and they seem interested?
- ⇒ Will it help us raise the profile of/money for the charity?

Feel free to run an idea by someone and we'll see if we think it's suitable for a press release or blog.

All press releases and blogs need a photo too. I always ask for pictures to be very close up on the subject, with not too much background, displaying something of the story (such as a prop or poster). And I'll always need two - portrait and landscape versions with the name of everyone in the picture for a caption.

I look forward to meeting more people over the coming months, working with you and spreading the word of the good work The Furniture Scheme does throughout Shropshire and beyond!





Community News – by Christine Perkins – Community Engagement Worker

First of all let's report on the fantastic fundraising effort Craig Nicholson achieved with his 5 marathons in 5 days. (See issue 32)

Craig managed to pick the HOTTEST week of the year to complete these marathons. His fantastic effort has raised over £3000 for free holiday activities for young people living in Craven Arms.

A full report will be in the next issue when all the holiday activities will have taken place, but as you can see there are plenty of activities to keep young people occupied this summer.



Marathon Man sponsored Children's Holiday Activities at CasCA

For information and to book on an activity—phone 01588 672847 or
email casca@furniturescheme.co.uk

Tuesday 1st August -	Tennis Coaching
Wednesday 2nd August -	Roller Skating
Thursday 3rd August -	Scrappies Workshop - Bug Hotels
Monday 7th August -	Playday including Climbing Tower (Booking not required)
Thursday 10th August -	Scrappies Workshop - Kites and Wind socks
Friday 11th August -	Roller Skating
Saturday 12th August -	Storytime and crafts held at 5 Drovers House, The Gateway
Monday 14th August -	Cooking - Cupcakes and biscuits
Tuesday 15th August -	Tennis Coaching
Wednesday 16th August -	Roller Skating
Thursday 17th August -	Scrappies Workshop - Robot Making
Tuesday 22nd August -	Tennis Coaching
Wednesday 23rd August -	Manor Adventure day—High ropes and caving—transport provided.
Thursday 24th August -	Scrappies workshop - Puppet making
Monday 28th August -	Cooking - Cupcakes and biscuits
Tuesday 29th August -	Tennis Coaching
Thursday 31st August -	Go Kart Party

Due to generous sponsorship above activities are FREE to young people living in Craven Arms.

Booking essential unless stated otherwise

Small charge levied for children living outside catchment area



Manor Adventure Day

Small Gardens Weekend

What a successful event this turned out to be - the weather smiled down on us on Sunday 2nd July, and a real carnival atmosphere was evident when you walked down Sandpits Avenue, with the live Jazz Band playing and everyone having a great time.

Many thanks once again to Di Lyle and Sarah Dickson for organising the event with their many team members who helped make the event so successful.



WE NEED YOUR HELP



Would you like to become a Friend of The Furniture Scheme?

Your annual donation will directly contribute towards the charitable work of The Furniture Scheme, helping people facing disadvantage or hardship in South Shropshire.

Friends Membership is £30 per year.

You could opt to donate more and if you can Gift Aid your donation that helps too.

In the past 12 months The Furniture Scheme has supported 40 households in crisis with emergency furniture packages. This can be for a number of reasons including victims of domestic violence.

We offer low cost furniture and household equipment to everyone, re-using, recycling and minimising waste.

We have provided 108 work experience placements with 25 participants securing employment as a direct result of their time with us.

By becoming a Friend you will be directly supporting this important work and making a difference to local people's lives.

We are facing considerable challenges in this difficult financial climate and as a Friend you can help us to secure the future of the Furniture Scheme.

There are a number of ways you can help, including hosting or helping to organise fundraising events, sponsorship opportunities or activities.

To become a Friend of The Furniture Scheme download a registration form from our website www.furniturescheme.co.uk or call us on 01584 874922

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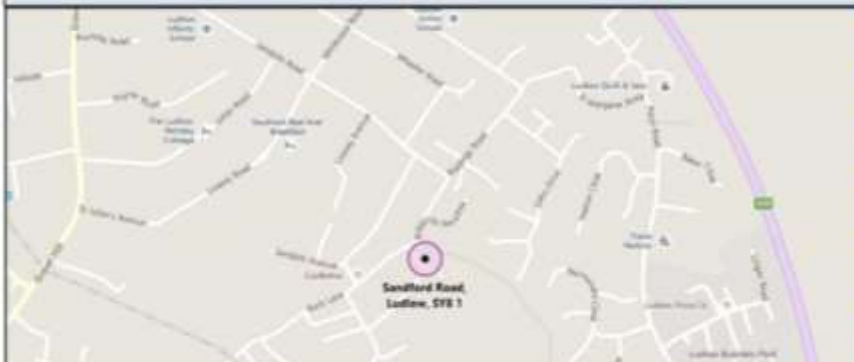
Office to let at Rockspring Community Centre

Sandford Road, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1SX



Office size 11ft x 9ft— £500/month or £6k pa but contact us and see what we can do depending on your requirements.

- Very Competitive price
- Parking
- Wifi access
- Reception service if required
- Relaxed Environment
- Building fully alarmed
- Kitchen facilities
- Furnished
- Can supply a landline
- Caretaker / cleaner included
- Rockspring Staff friendly and happy to help!



www.furniturescheme.co.uk/centres/rockspring-community-centre

To view the office or for more information please contact the Rockspring team on 01584 874922 or email rockspring@furniturescheme.co.uk



Community Garden

ROCKSPRING THURSDAYS

At 12.15pm we have a **Community Lunch** which only costs **£2**—it's either jacket potato, cottage pie, sausage & mash/chips, potato & cheese pie, pasta bake etc (requests welcome within reason!) and slice of home made cake. Everyone welcome, no need to book, but if you are vegetarian it would be useful to know. See our website or call in to find out what the dish of the week is: www.furniturescheme.co.uk

During the summer months volunteers are welcome to come and work in the Community Garden between 10am and 4pm. **All garden volunteers can have lunch for FREE.**



Find out what's going on at Rockspring and what's on the menu for our Community Lunch by following our Facebook page: [Rockspring Community Centre](https://www.facebook.com/RockspringCommunityCentre)

Telephone: 01584 874 922



ROCKSPRING COMMUNITY CENTRE

HIRE PRICES



RATE PER HOUR OR PART THEREOF	WEEKDAYS 9AM-5PM	WEEKDAYS 5PM-9PM	SATURDAYS 9AM-5PM	SATURDAYS 5PM-9PM
COMMUNITY GROUPS MAIN HALL - SEATS 60	£8.00	£12.00	£12.00	£15.00
PRIVATE HIRE MAIN HALL - SEATS 60	£10.00	£15.00	£15.00	£20.00
COMMUNITY GROUPS TEME - SEATS 20 - 25	£7.00	£10.00	£10.00	£14.00
PRIVATE HIRE TEME - SEATS 20 - 25	£9.00	£13.00	£13.00	£18.00
COMMUNITY GROUPS CORVE - SEATS 10 - 12	£7.00	£9.00	£9.00	£12.00
PRIVATE HIRE CORVE - SEATS 10 - 12	£7.00	£10.00	£10.00	£14.00

Payment in advance is requested for all private parties.

Please note, the centre is not licensed to sell alcohol.

To book a room or for more information contact: 01584 874922 or email rockspring@furniturescheme.co.uk

Tea/coffee and a biscuit can be provided for 50p per person.

rockspring community centre



WHAT'S ON AT ROCKSPRING

Day	Activity	Time	Cost	Other Notes
Monday	Baptist Church Lunch Club 2 nd Monday of the month	12 noon – 2pm	£2.50	
	Bounce Fitness	7.30pm – 8.30pm		Lorrayne 07427 690055

Tuesday	Basic Flower Arranging	10am – 12pm	DONATION	Every two weeks
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Wednesday	Tai-Chi	10am – 12 noon	£9 a session or concession £7	Susan: 01584 874296
	Singing for Lung Health	2.30pm – 3.30pm	£4 a session	Kate: 01584 890284
	Rockspring Community Choir	7.15pm – 8.45pm	£3 sub	Chris: 01584 874922

Thursday	LUNCH – it's either soup, baked potato, cottage pie, sausage & mash or pasta bake etc followed by a slice of cake – all welcome! Lunch is FREE for Community Garden volunteers.	12.15pm	£2	
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Friday	Get together Fridays - Cooking / Rag Rug making / crafts	10am – 12.30pm	FREE	Every other week
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Saturday	Marches Polio Group – every 3 months – bring and share lunch	12pm - 3pm		Ask at Rockspring for next meeting date
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Ludlow Churches provide Emergency Food Parcels (by referral only through Housing Officer or Citizens Advice Bureau at Ludlow Youth Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow Tel: 08444 99 11 00) these can be collected: Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 11am – 1pm.

Rockspring Community Garden – run by volunteers for the community. To offer help contact: Chris Perkins - 01584 874922

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Children's Party Packages are available, call into the centre and pick up a leaflet.



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Café @ CasCA open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am—2pm

<i>Sandwiches</i>	<i>Toasties</i>	<i>Drinks</i>
£2.90 	A choice from the following fillings: ♦ Cheese ♦ Tomato ♦ Onions ♦ Ham ♦ Beans 1 Filling £2.50	Coffee £1.50 Tea £1.00 Cans 80p Squash 30p
. Egg & Cress . Ham Salad . Cheese & pickle . Cheese & Tomato <small>served on white or brown bread with a salad garnish</small> . Bacon £2.50 . Sausage £2.50 . Egg £2.00 <small>Or add any one of the 3 above for a extra 50p Served on white or brown bread</small>	Home Made Soup of the day <small>Served with fresh bread</small> £2.50 	A Selection of <i>Homemade cakes</i> & <i>Homemade Biscuits</i>  <small>Please take a look at the counter</small>

WALK IN WEDNESDAYS AT CasCA 10am—12 noon

COMMUNITY LUNCH at 12.15pm it's either baked potato, cottage pie, sausage & mash, spaghetti Bolognese, cheese & potato pie etc followed by a slice of cake or a pudding for only **£3**



KNIT AND NATTER bring your knitting and have a cuppa while having a natter!



Day	Activity	Time	Cost	Other Notes
Monday	Art Group	1.00pm – 3.00		Call 07891106669
	CA Men's Chorus	7.30 - 9.00pm		Not in Jan or Aug
Monday- Friday	Craven Arms Childcare & Pre School	9am – 3pm – flexible hours		Birth to 11yrs Wendy 07891106339

Tuesday	Indoor Bowls	2.00 - 4pm	£3.00	October – March ONLY
	Youth Forum Football	6 – 7pm	FREE	Rich Morley
	Glow Jive (Clubbercise)	6.30 – 7.30pm		

Wednesday	MumMe Fitness	9.10 – 10am		nina@futurefamilyfitness.co.uk
	Knit & Natter	10.00am – 12.00 noon	FREE	
	Yoga	11am – 12.30pm		01694 724317
	Community Lunch	12.15pm	£3	Meal and slice of cake
	Tea Dance	2.00 - 4.00pm	£2.50	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday
	C/A Football (under 11)	5.30 – 6.30pm		Dave 07976241463
	Slimming World	5.30pm and 7.30pm	£4.95	Alan - 01584 874430
	Zumba Fitness Class	7.00pm - 8.00pm	£5	07740835673
	Corvedale Badminton	8.00pm – 9.30pm		

Thursday	Gymnastics 3-16yrs	3pm – 6pm		07769151649
	Adult Gym	6.15pm – 7.15pm		ssgymnasticclub@btinternet.com
	Yoga with Lec	6.15p – 7.30pm		lecandyoga@hotmail.com
	Marches Branch Embroiderers Guild	7.00pm – 9.30pm	£1.50 (member) £5.00 (visitors)	1 st Thursday of the month marhcesembroidierers@hotmail.co.uk

Friday				
	Craven Arms Samba Circle	4.15pm – 5.45pm	Children £1.50 Adults £3	Carol: 01588 672640
	Flames Netball	4.30 - 5.30pm 5.30 - 6.30pm	Term time only	U 11's 01584 U 16's 841231

Saturday	Empathy	2.00 - 4.00pm		Every Other Saturday

Badminton and Volleyball are available every day and evening upon request Tennis: £8.00 per Court
 Badminton: £8.00 Per Court. Volleyball: £8.00 Per Court. CALL 01588 672847 June 2017



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Hire charges from 1st April 2017



Room	Corporate Per hour £	Community Per hour £	Youth Per hour £
Welsh Mountain	£32	£21	£15
Shropshire	£26	£18	£15
Plowden	£17	£12.50	
Clun	£10.50	£5.50	
Playroom/pre-school	£13	£10	£6
Pavilion	£16	£10.50	£5
Small Office	£8.00	£8.00	
Kitchen	£16	£8.00	
Badminton/tennis/table- tennis/volleyball		£8.50	
Bowls per individual		3.00	
Tea Dance per individual		2.50	
Art Group per individual		1.50	
Children's Roller Party	Weekdays £30.00	Weekends £50.00	Free skates hire Lights/music. 30 max



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Volunteer Training Opportunities

There are plenty of volunteer training opportunities in customer services, retail, warehousing and carpentry, these are great opportunities for developing employability skills in a workplace environment and giving something back to the local community. For more information contact: Di Hyde 01584 877751 diane@furniturescheme.co.uk

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