



**SPECIAL 20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

# **FURNITURE SCHEME NEWS!**

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The Furniture Scheme is a dynamic social enterprise and charity. We collect donated furniture and re distribute to people in need.

We manage two Community Centres and support other Social Enterprises.

We offer a range of volunteering and training opportunities across all of our sites.

We are passionate about relieving poverty, protecting the environment, enabling the disadvantaged and encouraging a thriving Social Enterprise sector.

**Visit our website for up to date news: [www.furniturescheme.co.uk](http://www.furniturescheme.co.uk)**



## **SNAPSHOT OF THE FURNITURE SCHEME**

### **What happens where...**

#### **RE-USE CENTRE, WEEPING CROSS LANE, LUDLOW**

Mon—Fri 10am—4pm, Sat 10am—2pm

- ⇒ Trading site
- ⇒ Computer recycling workshop
- ⇒ Wood & Metal recycling facility
- ⇒ Bulky waste base
- ⇒ Removal of handles, knobs, hinges and screws for re-use
- ⇒ Volunteering and placement opportunities
- ⇒ Recycling point for mobile phones, ink cartridges and household batteries
- ⇒ Donation point
- ⇒ Two vans based here
- ⇒ Recycling Banks for textiles, wood & metal
- ⇒ Tools for Africa collection point



#### **RENAISSANCE CENTRE, 7-8 TOWER STREET, LUDLOW**

Mon—Sat 9.30am—5pm

- ⇒ Head office
- ⇒ 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**

Mon—Fri 9am—5pm

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



#### **FRIARS WALK, LUDLOW MASCALL CENTRE, LOWER GALDEFORD**

- ⇒ Carpentry workshop
- ⇒ Furniture restoration
- ⇒ Training facility
- ⇒ Training, volunteer and placement opportunities available
- ⇒ One van based here



#### **CasCA, NEWINGTON WAY, CRAVEN ARMS** Mon—Fri 9am—10pm - by arrangement at week ends

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



# OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!



## *Volunteer Voices*

When I retired two years ago I wanted to do some voluntary work but was not sure in what area to look. My job was in administration but I wanted to do something new where I could put my practical head to use.

I found the Furniture Scheme whilst searching the web and asked to join the workshop refurbishing the furniture. That was just over a month ago and I have found the experience extremely rewarding.

Under Graham's excellent tuition and guidance I am learning basic woodworking skills and how to use various hand and electric tools. They are a terrific bunch in the workshop, friendly, welcoming and always ready to give advice in an encouraging way.

It's great knowing that I am helping the community in some way but it's also great being able to put the skills I am learning to good use at home. It's what you call a "win, win" situation!

Jayne Hooper—November 2014

### **VOLUNTEERING GAVE ME CONFIDENCE**

South Shropshire Furniture Scheme is something to me that I feel very proud to be part of. When I first joined the scheme a few months back my confidence was very low and I didn't think that I had much going for me but SSFS changed that.

I first started volunteering in carpentry which was brilliant. I found out that I had skills that I didn't know I had.

Once my confidence started to grow I asked if I could do more and started to volunteer in the shop which I really enjoy working on the desk serving customers and booking deliveries.

After I'd been in the shop a few weeks a Saturday position became available and that sounded good so I went for it and a few days later I was contacted to say that I'd got the job and it was brilliant news.



I also go out on the vans during the week and I've got to say its brilliant to work with such a brilliant group of lads and the feeling you get when you know that the customers are pleased and knowing you have done a good job is great – like I said, being part of something that gives so much back to the community

I'd recommend volunteering with South Shropshire Furniture Scheme to everyone.

### **EX CARPENTRY WORKSHOP VOLUNTEER AND NOW IN FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT**

I joined the Furniture Scheme after having been taken seriously ill for 3 years. In this period I had become isolated and out of habit of many daily activities (getting up, socialising, physical fitness etc.) I always intended to return to a more normal life to that I had prior to my illness.

I saw the Furniture Scheme as a chance to do something useful and purposeful for both myself and others. I can provide a service to others which is furniture re-use. I developed skills in my specific area (furniture restoration in the workshop). I also developed confidence whilst interacting with fellow volunteers and staff.

I never intended to stay full time at the Furniture Scheme and when my health and fitness allowed I started job hunting and am now in full time employment. I feel that the Furniture Scheme allowed me to do this more easily and also kept me occupied and involved in life when otherwise I would have been isolated and alone. I would recommend volunteering at the furniture scheme if you can provide the time and effort to the scheme.

I would also like to say thanks to everyone who I got know at the Furniture Scheme for being there for me and also a thank you to the people behind the setting up and administration work involved in running an organisation of this size.

If you would like to volunteer with us, please contact:

Di Hyde - Work Placement Officer 01584 877751

diane@furniturescheme.co.uk

## 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](mailto:diane@furniturescheme.co.uk)

### 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.



### 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!



### Electrical Testing

We would like volunteers to assist with the function testing of the electrical appliances.

You would work alongside a trained member of staff for this role - times to suit you.

### Customer Service Assistant



In our shop 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

### Urgently needed at SSFS Re-use Centre

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.

### 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, support and the opportunity to gain a qualification.

### Rockspring Community Centre

Sandford Road, Ludlow SY8 1SX

We sometimes have volunteer vacancies for:

- ◆ catering assistant
- ◆ caretaker assistant
- ◆ event support assistants







## **Jean Jarvis MBE—Chief Executive**

Where to start? I'm the last person to submit my 'piece' for this celebratory issue of our newsletter, which means I've had the benefit of reading what everyone else has said and looked at the fabulous milestone pictures of the people who've given so much to

The Furniture Scheme over the years. I feel so proud of what we've achieved, but more than that, by the amazing way that the staff, volunteers and board continue to give so much to make our charity the success it is. It's grown hugely over its 20 years and I rely so much on the staff and volunteers continuing to give their own passion and commitment, as my time becomes more committed to developing new community organisations/social enterprises, just like ours, in other Shropshire and Staffordshire communities.

James' article tells us what next for us, and I completely agree – if we are to be here in another 20 years providing the diverse range of support to our local community, we need you to continue to support us in the ways that James has set out.

I've had a wonderful 20 years with The Furniture Scheme, and a great deal of fun! I've worked with so many amazing people, some have moved on to other things, sadly some are no longer with us.

You'll see as you read our newsletter, the wide range of activities we now deliver, it's all about working with the whole person, not just their furniture needs, which is where our community centres help, along with the many partnerships that we've forged over time. So many people have come to us for one reason and ended up staying with us for years, volunteering, on our board or as a member of staff. More than 50% of our 38 staff in South Shropshire, started on a training scheme or as a volunteer, many of them have been with us for more than 10 years – which I think either demonstrates we are doing something right or that they've caught the Furniture Scheme bug. A typical Furniture Scheme member of staff or volunteer is enthusiastic, has a high work ethic, rarely takes time off for ill health, is able to withstand extreme weather conditions, wants to help others to have a better life, is usually a bit of a rebel, is always thinking of unusual ways to bring in more income for us, is full of ideas for doing things differently/better or just doing more things, is great with people, likes having fun and always goes the extra mile – oh and never says something can't be done! If they don't start out exactly like this, it seems to become the norm after spending time with us! 20 years on I'm pleased to say that I don't seem to be running out of steam, I'm able to work more strategically too, using my practical experience to assist commissioners and the public sector, to better plan sustainable community organisations, including social enterprises. Helping them to spend their money wisely and hopefully with us! I look forward to The Furniture Scheme becoming truly financially sustainable and continuing to grow and provide the services that the local community needs. Also to developing and supporting many more fabulous community enterprises over the coming years.



## **James Cooper—General Manager**

In 1994 I was 8 years old and wanted to be a footballer or, unusually given my age, a politician! I had very little concept of what poverty was and I must confess I took the brown corduroy family sofa for granted. Since then my eyes have been well and truly opened to the plight of millions of people across the nation who can barely afford food, let alone the necessary furniture to make their house a home. I am proud to be part of an organisation that has not only provided tonnes of furniture, at little or no cost, to the most deprived residents of Shropshire but also sought to improve their prospects through training, community engagement, grants and support.

Before I started working at the Furniture Scheme 5 years ago, I presumed it was a fairly simple process – take in donated furniture and redistribute to those in need – easy! But as a charity that seeks to do so much more than drop a dining table off at someone's house – it is certainly not easy. This year's impressive milestone is testament to the staff, volunteers, donors and supporters that have contributed so much effort, time and good will to our charity.

So what now? We need to ensure we are still here in 20 years' time and are able to meet the continuing demand for our services. This will require even more support from our community and even more effort from our staff and volunteers. Sustainability is what every charity strives for but it is increasingly difficult, especially as we are only just beginning to see the first signs of economic recovery in the UK.

So how can you help? If you have furniture you would like to donate and it is in re-usable condition please call 01584 877788 or go to [www.furniturescheme.co.uk/donate-receive/donate-furniture/](http://www.furniturescheme.co.uk/donate-receive/donate-furniture/) to arrange a collection.

If you would like to volunteer at one of our sites, contact Di Hyde, Work Placement Officer, on 01584 877766 or [diane@furniturescheme.co.uk](mailto:diane@furniturescheme.co.uk)

We also gratefully receive cash donations! Or why not sign up to 'Give as you Live' – it works with 3,673 leading stores that have agreed to donate a commission on every online purchase to the charity of your choice. This commission is already included in the price of what you're buying, so you can support your favourite cause, at no extra cost to you. We would be very grateful if our supporters would sign up at [www.giveasyoulive.com/join/furniturescheme](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/furniturescheme) and choose us as your charity. If you need help to set your account up please get in touch.



**Community News – By Christine Perkins –**



## **Review of the Year**

OMG! Another year almost over! Where has it gone to? From micro chipping Dogs to a Celebratory Concert at Ludlow Castle! What a diverse year.

The Rockspring Community Garden which is now run by volunteers, have worked very hard this year to produce a great variety of vegetables. These vegetables have been used in the community lunches, the Food Bank as well as supplying some residents at a local sheltered housing scheme. This is a really amazing feat from a relatively small site. Well done everyone!



The Vegetable Garden won First Prize in the Housing Associations Garden competition, as well as being open for the Free Plant Give away and the Small Gardens open Weekend.

The Garden is now being “put to bed” for the winter, but there will be work to do in preparation for next year’s growing season as 2 tons of compost have been purchased thanks to a generous grant from Incredible edible Shropshire and needs to be dug into the raised beds!!



From April the newly purchased mower, strimmer and Hedge cutter were available for hire from Rockspring Community Centre. The scheme has been used over 30 times and hopefully has been of use to the local community.





Photography skills were honed at both Rockspring Community centre and Casca, when Shropshire Media Network ran two courses for The Furniture Scheme. Both were well attended and included practical sessions to get to grips with digital cameras, as well as using photoshop to enhance results – Don't forget that we have the adobe photoshop packages available to use at both Rockspring Community Centre and Casca.

The Community Choir has been busy with Eisteddfod's, Concerts and Fringe Festivals throughout the year. The theme of many of their appearances has been focused on the era in which the First World War started.

It was a real privilege to be part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations that took place in Ludlow Castle in July – it was a great family event enjoyed by all.

The Choir is now looking forward to the festive season, with Carol Concerts and helping Ludlow lights Switch On go with a swing!

Do come along to the Carols by Candlelight on Ludlow's Dinham Millennium Green in December to get into the festive mood.



Cookery courses have just started again at Rockspring Community Centre, and we are hoping to continue this activity next year.

We were lucky enough to be part of Ludlow Assembly Rooms film project, and as The Community Centre Hall was not available due to repairs to the floor, The Baptist Church became a Cinema one afternoon in October to show trailers of family friendly animation films.

Young people voted on the four family films they wanted to see, two of which will be screened at Rockspring Community Centre at the end of November and beginning of December. The remaining films will be shown in the New Year at the Assembly Rooms. Do come along and support these events – it should be great fun and very reasonable as the cost of a family ticket is only £1.50 – Check our website and face book for details

**Rockspring Breaking News!** If you are feeling a little bit down, do seek out The Furniture Scheme's roving reporters (or should that be raving?) breaking news stories! You may not realise that it is my good self!!

This will be a regular feature for The Furniture Scheme, with updates on what is happening and keen political observations!

You can find this on our Facebook page as well as YouTube Channel: FurnitureScheme'



We are not downhearted, but activities that did not go ahead this year included the resurrection of the pizza evenings in the Community garden as well as the Handicraft Show in September.

The repairs to the hall floor took much longer than anticipated which took its toll on Community Lunches, IT suite and other bookings that used this facility.

We are now back in business – Do come along and make use of all that is available at the community centre.

So now to 2015!

Let's hope for a Peaceful, Happy, Prosperous and Busy! New Year ... Keep watching this space!



## The Furniture Scheme early days

### Susan McCormack's recollections

It really happened almost by accident! In 1994 I was District Organiser for WRVS in South Shropshire and I received a number of phone calls:- "I have a settee that I don't want; is it any use to WRVS? Sorry, no! Then a few weeks later:- "I've just been allocated a Housing Association house, and I haven't any furniture. Can WRVS help?" No, sorry! Oh, it will have to go to the tip then. In talking to Joyce Brand at Social Services I found they were getting the same sort of enquiries. We discussed it with other charities and local organisations and it was soon agreed that the Volunteer Exchange, where Jean Jarvis was manager, and I, would see if we could get a grant from the Lottery to pay for the rent of a van and a store shed. Jean & I submitted our bid and promptly the reply came back "Yes, we will give you a grant but you have not asked for enough money!!! We will come and see you"

With that The South Shropshire Furniture Scheme was born.

In the early days furniture was stored in a number of spaces, the basement at Social Services, my garage....and fairly soon a friendly farmer's spare barn! Furniture removal was pretty simple too; I vividly remember carrying a light bed settee along Gravel Hill, with my husband Niall, to deliver it to a desperate new flat-renter.

Another time we put a small wardrobe in the back of our car to take to Cleobury Mortimer. The small cottage had a twisty staircase and imagine our horror when we got stuck halfway up....a lot of puffing and pushing and a slight groove in the ceiling later the wardrobe finally arrived upstairs.

Jean oversaw the rapid expansion of the new charity, of which she became manager and a hired van was soon bowling around the lanes collecting and delivering. We little thought in those days how SSFS would grow!

The growth was always in response to need. The workshop was added when we had items that could only be used if repaired first. The Renaissance Centre was opened when people kindly donated good furniture that was too large for the homes of our clients...so we sold it to raise money to pay the costs of our furniture collection. The Weeping Cross warehouse became necessary when there was too much furniture to sort and store .... Bulky waste collection on the behalf of Shropshire Council and Veolia utilised our vans and drivers, and earned money to pay our way. The Rockspring Centre was taken over when we were asked to help local people by getting more community activities and help to those who needed it.

So for 20 years, with help from numberless super volunteers and generous gifts from those offering furniture, from funding bodies, South Shropshire Council, and many others, SSFS has responded to need. I sincerely hope we will still be helping where we are needed in another 20!

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**Memories from Phil Reckless**, who has been associated with "The Furniture Scheme" since being asked by Sue and Niall McCormack in 1995.

There is a lot of history attached to it. I didn't realise that the scheme has been in existence for 20 years! One never expected it to last even 3 years!! At that time I was a Ludlow Town Councillor of the Henley Ward and in those early days it consisted of Sue, Niall, Jean Jarvis and the driver of the van which was hired for just 2 days a week to collect the donated goods and deliver.

The donated goods were just given to people in the South Shropshire area. We were not able to repair any defects as we lacked facilities and knowledge to do repairs, other than a screwdriver and a hammer, that is all we had!

I remember one time I was helping David, the driver at that time, to pick up a sideboard at a cottage Clun way. When we got there, we were shown into a room. The sun was shining through the window and an "old boy" of about 90 was smoking a pipe. It was like a cloud of fog, a "pea soup", visibility was an issue!













## RE-USE CENTRE, WEEPING CROSS LANE

TO DONATE FURNITURE PLEASE TELEPHONE: 01584 877788

The Re-use Centre 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.

## New volunteers... we need you!

**We urgently need new volunteers at our Re-use Centre in Ludlow**

If you want to give something back to your community, gain valuable work experience, meet new people and help a local charity, why not volunteer. Our working hours are Monday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm and Saturdays 10am—2pm. We are particularly looking for people able to commit to a day a week (but half a day is still useful!) and willing to help move heavy furniture, assist our van drivers and work hard!



We are able to reimburse travel costs up to £10 and pay up to £3 for your lunch (if you stay for the whole day).

**For more information contact Di Hyde on 01584 877751 or [diane@furniturescheme.co.uk](mailto:diane@furniturescheme.co.uk)**

**The Re-use Centre is open: Monday—Friday 10am—4pm & Saturday 10am—2pm  
Do call in and have a browse, all welcome!**

## STATISTICS FOR AUG/SEPT/OCT 2014

Aug: 114 Collections	495 items	12,762 kgs
58 Deliveries	479 items	10,975 kgs
Sept: 112 Collections	449 items	12,687 kgs
56 Deliveries	864 items	22,960 kgs
Oct: 131 Collections	471 items	11,704 kgs
64 Deliveries	756 items	14,620 kgs



## THE RENAISSANCE CENTRE

**The Renaissance Centre** provides 'reborn' items for the household. Donated items are imaginatively rejuvenated to a condition worthy of resale.

**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!** this is a great opportunity for vendors of antiques, collectables, upcycled items and handmade objects. Now open on Sundays 10am—4pm.

The Renaissance Centre is open Monday—Saturday 9.30am—5pm.  
For more information telephone 01584 877751

## CARPENTRY WORKSHOP

Did you know our Carpentry Workshop team can carry out repairs and restoration to your furniture for a small fee?

We also make bird boxes, bee boxes and house name plaques.

For more information contact the team on 01584 877706.



Reviive in Shrewsbury



Unit 4, Knights Park, Battlefield Enterprise Park,  
Shrewsbury SY1 3AB

**Open:** Monday to Friday 9am—5pm,  
Saturday 10am—5pm, Sunday 10am—4pm

**Tel:** 01743 588458 or 01743 442642

info@reviive.co.uk

Reviive is a community interest company and is a partnership between the Furniture Scheme and the Shropshire Housing Alliance. Both charities are committed to relieving poverty and protecting the environment and supporting a range of people in need, including victims of domestic violence, families living in poverty through unemployment and those excluded through disadvantage.

Reviive stores can be found in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Telford and Chester for more information see their website [www.reviive.co.uk](http://www.reviive.co.uk)

# rockspring community centre

## WHAT'S ON AT ROCKSPRING

Day	Activity	Time	Cost	Other Notes
Monday	Family Drop in - under 5'	9.30am – 11.30am	FREE	Sure Start 01694 723465
	Baptist Church Lunch Club 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month	12 noon – 2pm	£2.50	
Tuesday	Basic Flower Arranging	10am – 12pm	DONATION	Every two weeks
	Homework Club (9 – 14 yrs)	3.30pm – 4.30pm	FREE	Richard: 07710086395
Wednesday	Tai-Chi	10am – 12 noon		Susan: 01584 874296
	Bumps & Babes – Family Room	10am – 11.30am	FREE	Sure Start 01694 723465
	Rockspring Community Choir	7.15pm – 8.45pm	£2 sub	Chris: 01584 874922
Thursday	Drop in – staff on hand from the Multi Agency Team, Benefits Advisor, Community Housing Officer, IT help with emails, word processing, file management etc Credit Union (12.30 – 3.30pm)	10.30 -12.00pm	FREE	
	LUNCH – it's either homemade soup, jacket potato, cottage pie, sausage & mash or pasta etc! and cake – all welcome! Lunch is <b>FREE</b> for Community Garden volunteers.	12.15pm	£1.50	
	Childminder's – Family Room	10am – 12pm	FREE	Sure Start 01694 723465
Friday				
Saturday	Marches Polio Group – 2nd Saturday every month (except Dec & Jan) – bring and share lunch	12pm - 3pm		Dorothy Crook: 07890 972011

Rockspring Holiday Scheme – free activities take place on Tuesdays every school holiday for 8 – 14 year olds.

**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

**Community Directory**, information on health and care services available to people living in the Southern Shropshire area.  
Contact: Elaine Duggan 01584 874922 or 07896642018 Email: elaine@furniturescheme.co.uk

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Community Garden

## DROP IN THURSDAYS AT ROCKSPRING

Access tenancy support, benefit advice from Bromford Support and Sustain, every Thursday between 11am and 12.30pm, with Rach Paskin and Sue Wilson, this is available to all, private tenants, home owners and Housing Association tenants. Every third Thursday between 11am and 1.30pm you can access Energy Advice.

IT help and support is available from 9.30am to 12pm learn how to use the internet, apply for jobs online, sending emails etc.

At 12.15pm we have a Community Lunch which only costs £1.50—it's either jacket potato, cottage pie, sausage & mash, chicken pie or spaghetti bolognese (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 to find out what the meal of the week is: [www.furniturescheme.co.uk](http://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 will have lunch for FREE.**



### 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	N/A	N/A	N/A
PRIVATE HIRE TEME - SEATS 20 - 25	£9.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMMUNITY GROUPS CORVE - SEATS 10 - 12	£6.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
PRIVATE HIRE CORVE - SEATS 10 - 12	£7.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

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](mailto:rockspring@furniturescheme.co.uk)

# Don't Dump It, Donate It.

Donating furniture to South Shropshire 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  
Stereos

## 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  
Chest of drawers  
Wardrobes  
Bedside cabinets  
Sheets  
Pillowcases  
Duvets  
Blankets  
Curtains

There are 3 things to remember before you get started:

1

We pick-up  
Mon-Thurs  
9am-4pm

MON  
TO  
THURS

\* We will contact you to confirm your donation

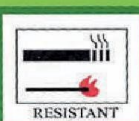
2

Your item must be  
in good condition



3

This must be  
on your sofa \*



\* If you're donating a sofa!

To Donate: Please Call 01584 877788  
or go to [www.furniturescheme.co.uk](http://www.furniturescheme.co.uk)  
Celebrating 20 years of Giving Back

just  
CREDIT UNION LTD.

at Rockspring Community Centre

Safe as a bank

Just for you

Just for savings

Just for loans

Just for bank accounts

Find out about us - join

Thursdays 12.30 to 3.30pm

Shirehall • Abbey Foregate • Shrewsbury • SY2 6ND  
Tel: 01743 252325 • Fax: 01743 252937

[www.justcreditunion.org](http://www.justcreditunion.org)



ROCKSPRING  
HOMEWORK CLUB

every Tuesday

3.30-4.30pm

Volunteers wanted if interested please  
contact Richard on 07710086395



"What a load of amateurs!"

Welcomes new members.

We meet every Wednesday at the Rockspring Community Centre, Ludlow  
7.15pm- 8.45pm- Subs only £2.00 per week.

Singing songs from Musicals to Traditional -In fact anything that  
takes our fancy! Come along and join in the fun.



For more information please contact 01584 874922  
Christine Perkins - [chrisp@furniturescheme.co.uk](mailto:chrisp@furniturescheme.co.uk)





The **Library** at CasCA, opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9am – 9.30pm, Friday 9am – 7.30pm & Saturday 9am – 12 noon.

**Craven Arms and District History Group** are based here on Friday mornings 10am–1pm, just drop in to view parish records, old photographs, maps, documents etc. For more information contact: Russell Jones 01584 861547

**Cafe @ CasCA**—coming soon on **Wednesdays 10am – 2pm** offering sandwiches, Panini's, cakes and more!

**Children's Party Packages** are available, see our website for more details or call into the Centre and pick up a leaflet.

We have a **Bouncy Castle** which we hire out for parties held at the Centre.



### **WALK IN WEDNESDAYS AT CasCA 9am–12 noon**



Helen & Sue at the Drop-in

Support team from Sustain Consortium (Main office based at The Gateway)

Drop in and meet members of the team, who will be available between 9am and 12 noon every Wednesday morning at Craven Arms Community Centre, to help with Housing issues, Debt related problems, Benefit advice.

It may be as simple as helping someone make a phone call, or if long term support is needed, this can be arranged. If the Team do not know the answer, they can refer onto other Agencies that do! The service is free, confidential and open to everyone living in Craven Arms and surrounding area.

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

**FREE IT** support also available.



Day	Activity	Time	Cost	Other Notes
Monday	Art Group	1.00pm – 3.00		Call 07891106669
	KFA Karate	5.30 - 6.30pm		All Ages Tony – 07773 506468
	Belly Dancing	6.00pm – 7.00pm	£4.00	Kath 07977801522
	Badminton available	5.00pm – 8.00pm	£8 ph	
	CA Men's Chorus	7.30 - 9.00pm		Not in Jan or Aug

Tuesday	Indoor Bowls	2.00 - 4.30pm	£3.00	October – March
	Mini Tennis (9yrs & under)	4.00 – 5pm	£4.00	07979860313
	Girls Group (10 yrs – 16yrs)	5.00 - 7.00pm	FREE	Call 01584 874723
	Brownies	6.00 – 7.00pm		07790110794
	Hula Hoop Exercise	7.30 - 8.30pm	£4.00	07866513431 - Ruby
	Boys & girls football 12yrs +	6.00 -8.00pm	FREE	07976612378

Wednesday	Knit & Natter	10.00am – 12.00 noon	FREE	
	Walk in Wednesdays, free IT, support from Sustain Consortium	10.00 - 1.00pm	FREE	Pop in for tea/cake and a natter.
	Yoga	11.00 - 12.30		Andrea Ford 01694 724317
	Child Care/Pre-School			Call 07891106669
	Tea Dance	2.00 - 4.00pm	£2.50	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
	Slimming World	5.30pm and 7.30pm	£4.95	01584 874430
	Corvedale Badminton	8.15 – 10.00pm		
	Casba Samba drumming	4.15 – 5.45pm		01588 672640

Thursday	Tai Chi	1.30-3.30pm		Call Jenny 07929442898
	Gymnastics 3-16 yrs	3.45 – 6pm	£3.00	07769151649
	Youth Club 9-13yrs	6.00 - 8.00pm	FREE	Chris Perkins 01584 874723
	Marches Branch Embroiderers Guild	7.00pm	£1.50 (member) £5.00 (visitors)	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month
	Hula Hoop exercise	8.30 – 9.30pm		

Friday	Local History Group	9.30am – 12pm	FREE	
	Netball	4.30 - 5.30pm 5.30 - 6.30pm		U 11's U 16's 01584 841231
	CA Brownies	5.45pm		7 yrs +

Saturday	Empathy	2.00 - 4.00pm		Every Other Saturday
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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

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## HIRE CHARGES FOR CasCA



Room		Corporate per hour	Community per hour	Youth per hour
Welsh Mountain (Sports Hall)	350 Theatre Style 200 Boardroom style	£30.00	£20.00	£15.00
Badminton Court		-	£8.00	-
Bowls per individual		-	£2.60	-
Children's party hire		-	£15.00	-
Shropshire	200 Standing/Theatre 170 seated	£25.00	£17.50	£15.00
Plowden	50 Theatre Style 30 Boardroom Style	£16.00	£12.00	-
Clun	20 Theatre Style 10 Board Room	£10.00	£5.00	-
Kerry	30 Theatre Style 15 Board Room Style	£13.00	£10.00	-
Playroom/pre-school		£13.00	£10.00	£6.00
Pavillion		£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
Small Office			£7.50	
Kitchen		£15.00	£7.50	
Badminton/Tennis/Table Tennis/Volley Ball		£8.00		
Bowls per individual		£3.00		
Tea Dance per individual		£2.50		
Art Group per individual		£1.50		
Children's Party Hire		Weekdays £15.00	Weekends £20.00	Bouncy Castle and room hire 3 hrs £100.00
Conference Hire (full use of building)		£1000 per day	£500 per day	

August 2014



**Craven Arms  
Community Centre  
Art Group**


*Every Monday, 1.00PM—3.00PM*  
starting 12th May  
For more details, please call  
01588 672847



**£1.50 INCLUDING TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS**  
(Please note, members wishing to  
come will need to bring their own  
materials and equipment)



PLEASE NOTE these are not art  
classes but more for getting together  
and sharing ideas.



**BELLY DANCING**

*Explore and discover the wonders of middle  
eastern dancing at Craven Arms Community  
Centre.*

*All ages welcome, come along every Monday  
At 6.00pm—7.00pm, £4 per hour.*

*If you need any more information, contact  
Kath (Falina) on 07977 801522*



# Into Work Support at Casca

Every Wednesday from November 2014 to March 2015



Support will be available to Job seekers living in and around Craven Arms and tailored to individual needs.

So if you would like help with:

- Writing and updating CVs and help making job applications
- Help accessing Universal Job search and 'entitled to' websites
- Liaising with Jobcentre
- Interview skills practice
- Access to volunteering opportunities
- Business development advice for becoming self employed

To book an appointment or find out more , why not drop into Casca on a Wednesday and speak to Christine Perkins or email [chrisp@furniturescheme.co.uk](mailto:chrisp@furniturescheme.co.uk)





## FIND US ON TWITTER & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

The Furniture Scheme, Rockspring Community-Centre and CasCA are on Facebook and we welcome anyone who would like to be our friend or like our page!

The Furniture Scheme is also on Twitter which we try to keep regularly updated. Find us at : [www.twitter.com/furniturescheme](http://www.twitter.com/furniturescheme)

Also visit our website for more information about The Furniture Scheme and up to date news [www.furniturescheme.co.uk](http://www.furniturescheme.co.uk)

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We will be continuing our popular courses in Customer Service, Mental Health First Aid and Carpentry. Details of courses will be displayed at all sites when courses are finalised so please apply for a place quickly to avoid disappointment!

In addition, we continue to offer national Open College Network qualifications via a range of Work Experience modules.

For more information contact: Gill Pitt 01584 874922

## IT Support @ Rockspring & CasCA

You can hardly cross the road these days without needing to be able use a computer. Accessing Government and Local Council services – it's called Digital by Default

At Rockspring and CasCA we offer free support and training to help do many of the things you want to do with the computer in a relaxed and jargon-free atmosphere. People have even said "it's fun"!

Help setting up an email account, preparing a CV, learning to use a Word Processor, finding information. Advice on On-Line Security, help with tablets and E-Book readers (up to a point). You learn in small groups with a patient tutor.

And did we mention that it's free? And fun?

## **SOUTH SHROPSHIRE CARE INFORMATION PROVIDER (SSCIP) COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

If anyone would like information on where to access a support group or information on a health or care related issue, please contact Elaine Duggan on **01584 874922** Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm, or call into Rockspring Community Centre. Alternatively you can access the Community Directory at: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/community.nsf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/community.nsf)  
If you know of a group which is not on there and you feel should be, please let me know.





# The staff and where they work

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## **Rockspring Community Centre, Sandford Road, Ludlow SY8 1SX Tel: 01584 874922**

Jean Jarvis MBE—Chief Executive  
Rosemary Collie—Social Enterprise Advisor  
James Cooper—General Manager  
Gill Pitt—HR Training & Development Manager  
Elaine Duggan—Community Directory & Marketing  
Maria Darcy—Community Centre Development Manager (Tue & Thur)  
Kristine Squires—Administration Assistant/Reception (Mon, Wed & Fri)  
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Maria Darcy, Community Centre Development Manager (Mon/Wed/Fri)  
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## **Clean Cut Services— [www.cleancutservices.co.uk](http://www.cleancutservices.co.uk) [info@cleancutservices.co.uk](mailto:info@cleancutservices.co.uk)**

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