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“HELLO and welcome to the 1st edition of The Volunteer Magazine!

I'm Saffron Doney, Volunteer Manager at the Wastesavers Reuse Centre & Tip Shop in Newport and for The Shed in Llantrisant, I'm also Editor of The Volunteer Magazine.

With a growing number of volunteers at each of our shops, we wanted to show off their skills and talent and give them a platform to create a collaborative magazine for all to get involved with.

From getting to know each of our fantastic volunteers to getting to know the staff members who work alongside them. Showcasing all of the amazing things that happen thanks to our wonderful and dedicated volunteers.

I have lived and worked in Newport my entire life - I have worked with adults for many years and started volunteering in 1998 for Charles Street Adult Education Centre as a basic skills support assistant, helping adults to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, which I absolutely loved. I then went on to work in The Bridge Training Centre as an ICT/Basic Skills Tutor working with long term unemployed people who wanted to improve their literacy/numeracy skills and basic IT skills. After 5 years I excitedly found out that I was expecting twins, so I had a short break (not sure the word 'break' is the right one).

I returned to adult education in 2006 as a Community Learning Officer based in Brynglas House and was responsible for coordinating the Adult Basic Skills programme across the city. My passion is and has always been working and helping adults to 'brush up' on their skills whether that be in English, maths or IT.

I came to the wonderful world of Wastesavers in 2016 delivering Essential Skills and digital inclusion programmes. More recently I became Volunteer Manager at The Reuse Centre, which is something that I utterly adore. The volunteer programme is at the beginning of an amazingly exciting journey – our volunteers are fully supported and massively appreciated. It is my firm belief that the programme will continue to go from strength to strength.

I'm a huge music fan and try to go and see as many gigs as possible. I love going to music festivals (Isle of Wight next month!) and collect vinyl. My other passions include baking, I was recently told that baking was 'my super power' which makes me happy.

I really hope you enjoy this first edition of 'The Volunteer' we want the magazine to be relevant and interesting. Hold on tight as the next few months will see the programme go from strength to strength and I can't wait for the ride.” SAFFY

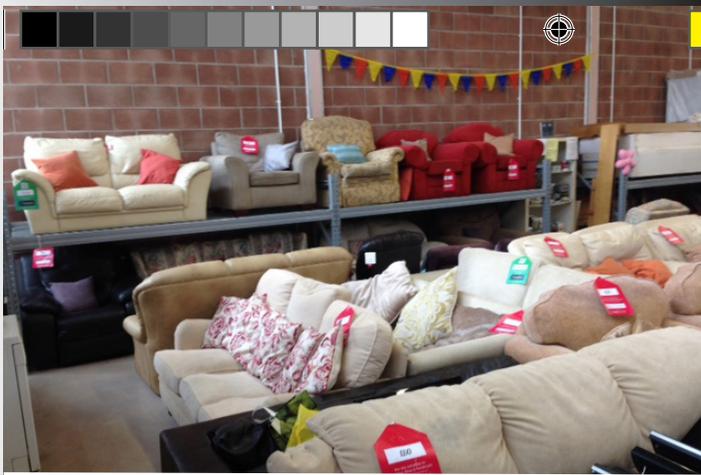




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REUSE CENTRE



REUSE CENTRE
A place where you can find a wide range of furniture and household items for sale at a fraction of the original price. The items are donated by the community and are of high quality. The centre is open to all and is a great place to find a bargain.



For those who aren't familiar with the Wastesavers Reuse Centre...prepare yourself...it's awesome!

A focal point in Newport for quality used furniture and I.T equipment, the Reuse Centre has an incredible range. With donations varying from modern sofas to 1950's music players, this eclectic collection changes on a daily basis.

With a continued buzz, it's always thriving, and it couldn't function without the hard work of the volunteers who give their time here from Monday - Friday.

The staff and volunteers alike love the Reuse Centre just as much as the customers do.

Managed by Nicola Rossiter, The Reuse Centre is Newport's hidden gem. Situated just off Corporation Road on Telford Street, this fantastic shop is within Phoenix Business Park.

Here people can purchase refurbished computers, laptops, audio equipment, power tools, dining sets, sofas, armchairs, ex-display mattresses, refurbished bikes and even paint!

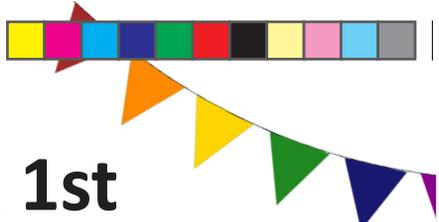
The Reuse Centre is not only a bustling shop for the volunteers to help run but it's also a chance for volunteers to learn new skills.

From the 1st June, Volunteer Manager Saffron Doney will be launching the 'Move IT Forward' program. This is a chance for anyone in need of digital skills, specifically for adults over 55 and young people who haven't had the chance to gain such skills in secondary education.

To keep up to date with the Reuse Centre, follow their social media pages:

FB Page: @Wastesaversreuse
Twitter Page: @WastesavrsReuse





OUR 1st REUSE VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

May introduced our 1st volunteers lunch, this wonderful spread by Volunteer Manager Saffy was quite the treat, there were even reuse orange tulips!

This was a great way for everyone to sit down and chat as a team, share and bond. The cake was to die for and the nibbles were grazed upon for most of the day.

Our first taste of true team spirit, it was a great way to start as we mean to go on, with regular events now planned and a volunteers lunch to become a regular fixture.

Other exciting events ahead include a picnic to Belle Vue Park, a trip to our sister venue, The Shed in Llantrisant and a coffee morning with talks from other organisations. We can't wait to tell you all about it, save the dates!





SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 3rd June
Picnic, Belle Vue Park, 2pm

Monday 4th June
Lunch at The Reuse Centre

Tuesday 5th June
Trip to The Shed

Friday 8th June
Coffee morning at The Reuse Centre





GOOD NEWS STORIES...

With many changes happening at the Reuse Centre and more and more fabulous volunteers coming to join us, we thought it would be great to celebrate any good news stories that happen throughout the months.

To honour those, we feel are in need of recognition for all of their hard work, we have recently submitted our volunteer Ann for Adult Volunteer of the Year Award and George for Young Adult Volunteer of the Year.

Ann is a wonderfully friendly face for our customers to walk into, she is helpful and efficient and always lends a hand when anyone is in need, going above and beyond the call of duty. With one of our other members of staff being on

sick leave, Ann has recently stepped into their shoes and is now a temporary member of staff.

George is quite a new edition to the Reuse Centre team, a brilliant help and excelling in our I.T department. We wanted to recognise George's progress in gaining more and more self-confidence and in being so helpful.

Meanwhile, over at The Shed in Llantrisant, they also have some fantastic news, their volunteer Tom Bobbett (who volunteers 5 days a week!!!) has now become a part-time member of staff.

Well done everyone!





#VOLUNTEER

“ I started volunteering at the Wastesavers Reuse Centre in 2016, I had lots of time on my hands in between job searches, which is when I saw the I.T role advertised. I've never looked back. In October 2017 I won the G.A.V.O Environmental Volunteer Award and in March 2017 became a part-time member of staff as a P.A.T tester. The REUSE Centre is literally like my family, I love coming to work each day and have gained not only more I.T knowledge but more confidence with people too.”

Gavin Broome





“ I had just had an operation on my feet, so I physically couldn't work. It had been a few weeks after my operation, so I started visiting The Shed with my mum, she loves it. The more I visited, the more I loved it too, then I saw the volunteers application and decided to help. I started volunteering one day a week but now I love it so much, I volunteer five days a week! I've met some amazing friends here, it's like one big happy family. Everyone talks and we laugh all of the time. Being at the Shed has really helped me come out of my shell too, I'm naturally an introvert and really shy but that's changed completely. Now I'm confident to talk to anyone. The Shed is literally the hub of our community, everyone loves it here from the volunteers and staff to the customers.” **Tom Bobbett**





Located at the Llantrisant Recycling Centre, the Shed is literally a tardis. It might look like a small garden shed from the outside but on the inside it's a rabbit warren of trinkets and treasures which have been kindly donated by the general public.

With the lovely Paula managing the shop (pictured top left), she is supported by amazing volunteers such as Tom Bobbett (pictured far left), who volunteers 5 days a week. Tom has recently applied for a part-time paid position here too and we are pleased to report, he got the job!

Other support comes from her brilliant shop assistant Hazel (pictured bottom left).

The Shed Reuse Shop is located at Llantrisant Community Recycling Centre (CRC), Castellau Fach, Llantrisant. CF72 8LP

For regular updates and to take a look at all of the amazing things which come into the shop on a daily basis, visit and follow their Facebook page.

Facebook Page: @The Shed

It is The Shed's 1 year anniversary on the 26th June. All are welcome to join them for a slice of celebratory cake.





THE TIP SHOP

Run by Phillip Davies, pictured top right, The Tip Shop is based in Docks Way, Newport.

It thrives with the help of fantastic volunteers like Cookie, bottom right, who is always happy to help where ever he can and former volunteer Mike Evans, pictured left, who is now a full-time member of staff. The Tip shop is always brimming full of customers.

The brilliant volunteers genuinely love working at The Tip Shop with Cookie saying:

“I love the people here, the customers and the staff, they’re all characters and some of the nicest people I’ve ever met. I’ve gained lots of confidence since volunteering here and I’ve also learned that money isn’t everything, without good people in your life, it doesn’t mean anything. I really enjoy seeing the different items that come in too, especially some of the old furniture, it can be really beautiful.”

Facebook Page:
[@WastesaversTipShop](#)





VOLUNTEER STORIES...

We thought you might like to hear about different volunteer experiences, so for our first edition, our volunteer Mary has given us an insight into her time with the South Gwent Ramblers.

“ I have been walking with the South Gwent Ramblers now for 28 years. I have seen places I never would have on foot. My physical and mental health has improved greatly since I began rambling and I have met my best friends on the walks who I still see today.

We do strenuous walks, for example we climbed Table mountain near Abergavenny in April and these are my favourite. I have walked the Long Mynd in Shropshire on a weekend away with the group and also Cader Idris in North Wales. I have been walking in Devon with the group which was really great and I would recommend walking to everyone as a great way of keeping fit.”

Mary Helen Kehoe - Volunteer at the REUSE CENTRE

<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/wales.aspx>



SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

Sign posting to other local organisations that can offer advice/help or volunteering opportunities.

Newport Women's Aid	01633 258741
Newport Mind	01633 258741
Samaritans	01633 259000
Newport City Council	01633 656656
Newport City Homes	01633 381111
BAWSO (Black and Minority Ethnic People in Wales)	01633 213213
BME Advocacy Café	0751570971
Share Centre Newport	01633 212782
Newport Credit Union	01633 214913
GAVO	01633 241550
Job Centre Plus	0800 169 0190
Newport Deaf Club	07808729208 (SMS only)



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