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**1ST OF SEPTEMBER**

Stourport moves to Kidderminster  
(See back page story).

**5TH OF SEPTEMBER**

**Grand Charities' Bazaar**

We will be attending the Grand Charities' Bazaar at the Guildhall, where you can come and offer your support or see what we have been up to lately!

**12TH SEPTEMBER**

**New Charity Shop Opening  
St. Swithin's Street**

**20TH SEPTEMBER**

**Worcester 10k run**

Already entered or considering running for the Worcester 10k? Do it for Headway and help us raise money for the £25,000 goal for this year! Get sponsored by local businesses or ask your friends and family to donate towards your cause.

**21ST SEPTEMBER**

**AGM and Day Centre Re-launch**

The Annual General Meeting and Re-launch of the Day Centre have been merged this anniversary year in order to offer as many of you the possibility of being there for both events.

**2ND NOVEMBER**

**Art exhibition at the Hive**

Following a generous painting donation by David Birtwhistle, Worcester's most acclaimed contemporary artist, we will be holding a private viewing complete with cheese and wine at the Hive on the 2nd of November. The event will boost the sale of raffle tickets for which the biggest prize is one of Mr. Birtwhistle's paintings. The funds raised will be added to the Silver Anniversary

## NEW SHOP OPENING IN WORCESTER CITY CENTRE

Join us on the 12th of September for our new shop opening on St. Swithin's Street.

The new, bigger and brighter venue with a fantastic location right next to the high street, will be absolutely perfect for increasing public awareness and encouraging more people to buy books, clothes and brick-a-brac. Under the careful eye of Mo Brown, current manager of the Lowesmoor shop, we hope the venue will be a prove to be a popular spot for those looking for a bargain. We hope you will all come and have a look and support the grand opening! (Cakes will be present!)



### Half way through the year, half way to our goal!

The £25000 for 25 years effort is shaping up according to plan. With so much more events to come, we are confident we will reach our target. An anniversary brochure will be available by the end of the year commemorating Headway Worcestershire's biggest challenges, changes and achievements. Mayor Roger Knight and M.P. Robin Walker were amongst the good people who helped launch our anniversary year on 25th May.

## Cabaret night and Easter Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the Worcester day centres Cabaret Night (15th of March) and Easter Fayre (28th of March) - we managed to raise a large sum of money which enabled us to do two day trips, one to Cadbury World and one for a day out in Stratford upon Avon.



## Ribbensford Bush craft

Bush craft was a new venture for our day opportunities programme and ran successfully for four weeks from 30th March with Step Out. Thank you to everyone that got involved and we hope to apply for similar funding in the future.



## ABI Assembly Kings' School St Alban's

Claire Wagstaff-Townend and Rob Young delivered an interesting and educative assembly on 29th of April on behalf of Headway Worcestershire, involving fake brains and interactive games. The aim of the assembly was to introduce the realities of brain injuries to students between 7 and 11 years old in a sensitive manner before heading out on a sponsored walk.



## Sponsored Walk

Kings' School St Alban's sponsored walk from Hawford to Diglis was a total success. The walkers were welcomed by Mel Akers, HW chief executive, and Rob Young, service user and volunteer. The event took place on 5th May and brought families together to highlight the importance of wearing head protection when riding a bike and raised an astounding £3000!



## Pets for Therapy

"Pets for therapy" arrived at the Worcester Day Centre on 5th of May with rabbits, hamsters, ducks, snakes to name a few.





## Stourport Leaving Garden Party

Volunteers, staff and clients set up stalls to sell their crafts and artworks at the leaving party in the Stourport Day Centre on 12th August. Cakes and drinks were only a small part of the day, the jokes kept coming!



## The NCS Project powered by the YMCA

The garden at the day centre in Worcester was redecorated as part of the National Citizen Service project. 15 students aged 15-17 dedicated their time towards weeding, seeding and painting garden furniture in a successful attempt to recondition and refresh the plots around the building. Thank you for all the fantastic results!

# YARN BOMBING AT KAF

Our clients and members of staff from Stourport and Bromsgrove joined the Kidderminster Arts Festival this year, to celebrate the 175 years anniversary of the Penny Black along with the Headway 25 year Anniversary.

The Stourport and Bromsgrove day centre service users of Headway Worcestershire dedicated several months to an imposing project that involved an uncountable amount of yarns, knitting needles and over 100 patches of rainbow-coloured shapes.

*Still confused what this is all about?* The teams have 'yarn bombed' the Sir Rowland Hill statue in Kidderminster for the duration of the local Art Festival (8th – 23rd of August). **Eira Walters from Waste 2 Want** kindly donated her time and skills to help with this project, to whom "we owe a lot for her good humoured support and guidance", confesses **Sue Johnstone**, dedicated support worker at Stourport. "The service users have knitted, crocheted, sewn, made pom-poms and little woolly animals. Several of them have even started weaving at home."

Sue adds, "The Thursday afternoon craft group have been working on this every week for several months, but all the groups at the Stourport and Bromsgrove Day Centres have contributed some time to it." Looking good Rowland!



# Make-over for Bromsgrove Day Centre



Expect a fresher look from the Bromsgrove day centre as over the summer the room will be having a make-over! Six clients attending the group day opps' will be putting together a collage of their artwork to display within the room to aid the efforts of the staff.



## Donation news

Special thanks to *Eira Walters* from **Waste 2 Want** for donating her time and expertise in the Yarn Bombing project at Stourport and Bromsgrove for the Kidderminster Arts Festival.

Thank you to *Victoria Robinson, Karen Brown, Alan Jones, Michael Boddey, Mark Sara and Mrs S. McGowan, Miss M.R. Green, John Lawrence, Jen & Ray White and John Rodney Lawrence* for your donations.

Thank you to the businesses that donated raffle prizes and raised donations.

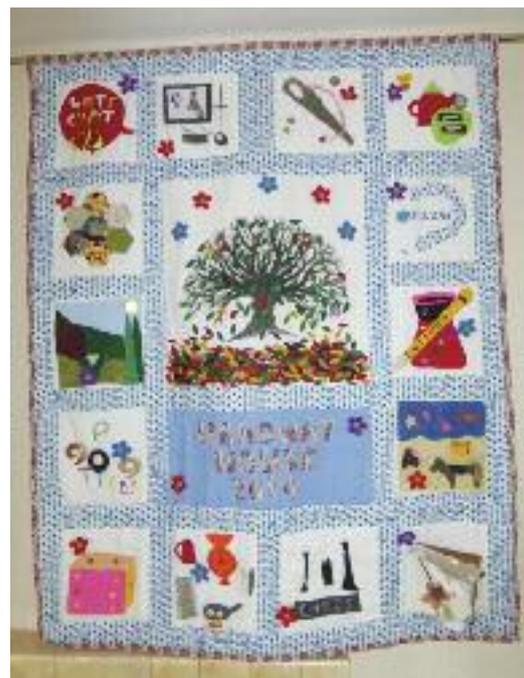
**Burgerworks, Croome Cuisine, Quintessentially Lauren, Co-operative, Swan Theatre, CK**

**Chartered Accountants, Boots Worcester and Kidderminster, Vue Worcester, Nandos Worcester, Pizza Express Worcester, Lush Worcester, M&S Worcester, The Entertainer Worcester, RMA Hairdressing and Beauty Worcester, Waterstones Worcester, Thorntons Worcester, Lloyds Kidderminster and EE Kidderminster, Clif Bar, The Blue Bell Inn (Kidderminster).**

Further thanks go to *John Roy Prosser* for his generous £664 donation, *Ms A Cullis* who donated £721 in loving memory of Walter Cullis, *Julie Keen* £200 in loving memory of John Keen as well as *Miss M. Smith* donation in loving memory of Peter Smith.

## STOURPORT MOVES TO KIDDERMINSTER

After being there for more than a decade, the Stourport day centre and the service users attending the workshops are moving to a new location! A new home awaits for the team, with the new day centre being based at **Simply Limitless** in Kidderminster, which will be opening its doors for us in early September this year! We hope the quilt is coming with you!



*We'd like to express our gratitude towards Darren and Jo Jackson for donating a signed Aston Villa football as well as a framed shirt.*

Thank you to The *University of Worcester's Students' Union* for donating £342 as a result of their Raise and Give efforts, *HSBC Birmingham* for offering £1500 towards the day centre in Worcester and *St. Alban's of the King's School* for the £2,877 raised during their sponsored walk.

**Thank you for the generous £1000 donated anonymously in memory of Chris and Terry Hill, and Jenny and Feliks Rietz.**

## Welcome

Welcome to **Tabitha** our new support worker at Worcester Day Opps' providing sessions in art, craft, ceramics, photography and much more!

We bid farewell to **Pat Wraith** at the end of June who retired and have welcomed aboard **Hazel our new cook** who has got stuck in with a wealth of energy, experience and great food. Thank you Pat and Hazel.

A quick note: "I wanted to say thank you to all of you for my warm welcome. I am happy to see myself working with such knowledgeable and committed members of staff and volunteers, all here to support a fantastic cause." - **Julia, the new Fundraising and Marketing Manager**



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