



Worcestershire
Headway
Supporting life after Brain Injury

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It's as easy as pie...

Host a mince pie coffee morning and raise money for Headway Worcestershire!

Mince Pie Morning



Contact:

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Charity no 702490



**6TH AND 7TH OF DECEMBER, 10.00am - 11.30am
AT KIDDERMINSTER DAY SERVICES!**

All local businesses are invited and welcomed!
Find us at the NTM House, Whitehouse Rd,
Kidderminster DY10 1HT.

**9TH OF DECEMBER, 10.00am - 11.30am
AT THE WORCESTER DAY SERVICES!**

**Fancy doing your own Mince Pie Morning in aid of
Headway Worcestershire?**

All you have to do is e-mail us on Fundraising@hwtl.org.uk to receive your poster, pick your time and date in December and invite your friends, family or colleagues to start their day with a winter treat!



JOIN US AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We will be selling crafty items for the festive season on 1st December at the Christmas Fayre at the Guildhall, Worcester! From tree decorations to centrepieces, our members attending in Arts and Crafts, Woodwork and Ceramics have worked hard to make your Christmas magical. Money is raised for Headway Worcestershire Day Services.

In store Raffle at the Worcester Charity Shops.

Get your tickets while you still can for a chance to win vouchers to local activities, seasonal items and much more! Tickets available until 24 December. Ring 01905 613 863 for more information.

Volunteers needed for Bag Packing at Morrisons.



We need 8 of you to help us fundraise at the Malvern Morrisons **10am-4pm on 13th of December**. Please if you can spare any amount of time, do let us know on fundraising@hwtl.org.uk or 01905 729 729 or out of office hours: 07516 12 4668.

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ARE YOU THE NEXT BEAR GRYLLS?

Or just a bit of a teddy bear?

We are proud to bring to you a new and once-in-a-lifetime challenge. Survive the wild and abseil, trek and eat off the land. Can you jump in a lake from 30ft? Sign up now to avoid disappointment! Group places are also available.



Contact Julia: fundraising@hwtl.org.uk or 07516 12 4668 or go to www.headwayworcestershire.org.uk/survive-the-wild



More dates for your diaries

26th-27th of November:
Emzy singing live at the Victorian Fayre in aid of Headway Worcestershire. Keep an eye out for her and make sure to sing along! We promise you'll know the songs!

2nd of December - 5th of January 2017:
Tree Festival at the Worcester Cathedral. Get into the Christmas spirit or just find some inspiration your Christmas tree this year. The members at Headway Worcestershire have worked on a fantastic project, combining multiple skills from their activities in woodwork, arts and crafts and ceramics!

20-21st of December:
 Day Services clients are going to see **The Pantomime Cinderella**, at the Swan Theatre in Worcester!

4th of March - Wine Tasting Party. Join us for a fun evening of Wine Tasting at Majestic Wine in Worcester from 7 PM! Tickets are £10 and the drinks and host will be sponsored by Majestic Wine. Contact Julia: fundraising@hwtl.org.uk or 07516 12 4668

Hazel's Christmas Dinners



After last year's success, we are once again, able to serve free 3-course Christmas Meals to our members between **19th - 22nd of December**. Thanks to Oakland International for donating the turkeys, Rebecca Hay for organising the donation, Lee Botterill, Neil and Kath Smith for the dry goods, Willersey Provisions for donating the sausages and bacon and nPower for the £200 vouchers. To help us in the kitchen or with serving, or to donate vegetables, please get in touch with Julia: 01905 729 729.

007 charity ball a success



A fantastic well done to Sammy Thomas whose James Bond Ball in our aid and Cystic Fibrosis raised £3660, half of that going to Headway Worcestershire!

Sammy, who works at Headway Worcestershire said: "I wanted to organise a charity event for Headway because I can see the benefits it would have for those affected by brain injury. Working every day with those affected by brain injury brings you a lot of gratitude for the things you do have, and I just wanted to give something back." And she definitely did...

A £1,830 donation can help 20 people start their brain injury support!

Bag packing event

There was only the two of them but Julia and Byron managed to bag pack for 4 hours straight and raised a very impressive £158.16! Their help was welcomed by shoppers and Co-operative members of staff.

Don't forget – if you are a co-op member you can choose to support Headway Worcestershire through your membership!



Annual Charity Golf event smashes its target

Professional golf coach Leo Tarrant sustained a life-threatening head injury five years ago and was left in a coma for eight months with doctors warning that, should he ever regain consciousness, he may face a lifetime of permanent disability.

Mr Tarrant, who manages the Leo Tarrant Golf Academy at Ravenmeadow Golf Centre, has continually fundraised for the charities that helped him make a full recovery – Headway Worcestershire and the PGA's Benevolent Fund – and recently held another fundraising day.

The event saw more than 60 participants take to the course and managed to raise more than £2,000, with donations also coming in from charity supporters and players unable to attend themselves.

The money raised is to be split between the charities, which support county residents with brain injuries, and assists PGA members in hardship or distress.

Thank you Leo for your support and to all those involved in the organisation, event and who were unable to attend.

It's that time of the year! Please nominate us to be the **"2017 Charity of the Year"** to any organisation who might be fundraising throughout the year. Without support from the public, we would not be able to provide support to those affected by brain injury.



Event visited by royalty raises money for Headway Worcestershire

The Independent Fundraisers of Worcester collected a tremendous £550 at two fundraising events in aid of Headway Worcestershire. The first event of the campaign was a bucket collection at Asda, followed by a coffee morning at the Guildhall on Friday, November 4.

It was at the coffee morning that volunteers were surprised to see Prince Richard, the Duke of Gloucester, who enjoyed a slice of chocolate cake while waiting for a graduation parade to begin.

Kath Smith, from the Independent Fundraisers, said: "We are delighted to be able to support Headway Worcestershire and we will be organising similar events again next year."

Our thanks go to the entire group who were kind enough to launch the fundraising campaign and do so well in promoting our cause. Keep an eye out for their delicious cakes!

We'd like to extend our thanks to...

Jackie Breaker and the Upton on Severn Discussion Group for their £350 donation and **Mel** who continues to be our representative even after he retired! Thanks to **Jen, Jan and Ray** for their continuous support, **Anne Scott** and customers and volunteers at **Café Chaud** for their £250 donation, **St Peter Baptist Church** and **Chris Tye** for their contributions to the charity can, **Hazel Barrat and Annie** at the **Niche** for donating some fantastic, high quality clothes for our shops! Further Thanks to **Jasmine at Bredon Hill Academy** for raising a fabulous £100, the students, staff and parents of students at the **Lyppard Grange Primary School** for donating their "Harvest Festival" items to us! Our chef has already been using a lot of the products to make the lunches! We gratefully welcomed the **Worcester Male Voice Choir** donating a further £362 from their Christmas Concert from last



year! Thank you to everyone who entered a logo in the competition, our members of staff who were kind and gathered feedback. Thank you to **Jackie Fleurs and Sue Johnston** who went to the local supermarkets to look for vouchers for Christmas Dinners!

Service catchups and thank you notes



Kitchen sees £10,000 makeover

Following a year of hard work, a group of fundraisers managed to raise the money needed to fit an entire stainless steel kitchen and equipment at Worcester!

The Fine Fourteen put on entertainment evenings, luncheons and many other activities as well as paired up with a second fundraising group that matched their funds! The new kitchen is now fit for its purpose and we will be able to continue providing meals in a safe and pleasant environment. Our chef Hazel is now looking forward to the Christmas Frenzy ahead, when she will be providing three course meals to the clients!



We bid farewell to **Irene Bond** who has been one of the most dedicated people of our team. Thank you for all your hard work and **best of luck in your retirement!**

The folks from the Kidderminster and Bromsgrove Day Services went out on a history and culture trip to the Worcester Cathedral!

Congrats to Jenny Shore, our volunteer at the charity shop, who made it into the October edition of Papercraft Magazine with her hand made cards!



NEW MEMBER OF STAFF BELLA:

Bella Romero, our new apprentice started earlier in October and is very excited to be part of "a team that is fun and friendly!" She said her future in the outreach team is due to the fact that she feels "comfortable around the vulnerability" and she wants to help as many people affected by brain injury as possible!



NEW VOLUNTEER JONATHAN:

We welcome Jonathan, our new volunteer in the woodwork atelier at Worcester who is enjoying providing support to our members and enjoys the activity and the company of our team!

A warm welcome from everybody!

Well done Andrew!

Andrew Gilbert, who suffered a brain injury some years back and was left unable to drive, has now passed his assessment that allows him to start taking driving lessons! Well done and good luck learning to drive!

A lot has happened for Andrew over the last few months! He joined a karate class two years ago and now is the proud owner of a red belt! Together with his sister, Samantha Belton, they offered a **Karate demonstration to Thursday Bromsgrove group**, an activity that intrigued a lot of people!



NEW LOGO TO LAUNCH IN THE NEW YEAR! After 48 submissions were made, the Logo Judging Board met on the 29th of November! The panel, attended by trustees, members and ex members of the services and staff members made a decision which will be put forward for approval to the Trustees' meeting in January. Feedback was received from an array of people including volunteers, clients, members of the public and professionals, and was used to conclude upon the final decisions. Keep an eye out for it in the next newsletter!