

Christmas Tree Festival

It's safe to say December was one of our busiest months of the year! The festive season kicked off with the installation of our upcycled tree as part of the Christmas Tree Festival in Worcester Cathedral, which continues exhibiting until Sunday 8th January 2023. Everyone worked incredibly hard to create the tree, so are proud to be able to show off the hard work! Staff and clients enjoyed visiting the Cathedral several times - there is still time for those you wish to see the display.



*Opening times are:
Monday-Saturday 10-5pm (last entry 4.30pm)
Sunday 8th January 1-3pm (last entry 2.30pm)*





He's Behind You!

Everyone knows the festive season means...

Panto season!

We had a fantastic time at the Swan Theatre watching this year's performance of Cinderella; beautiful set design, impressive costumes, and laughs all round!

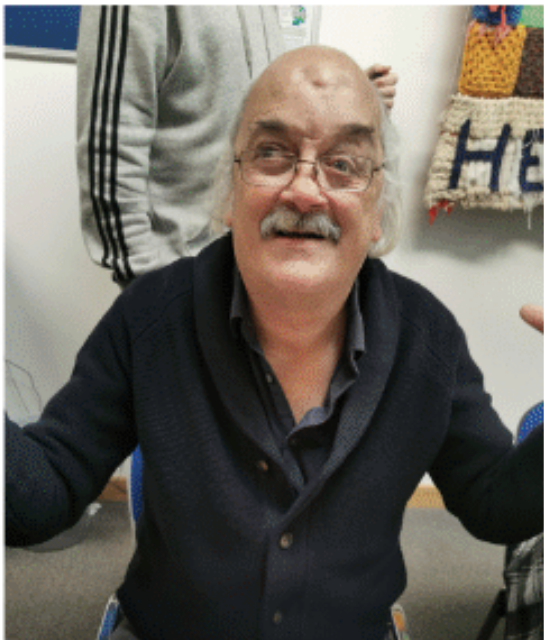
Stourport client Martin was even lucky enough to get a surprise Happy Birthday singalong by the actors and crowd.

Stourport Open Day

December 8th marked a special occasion for our Stourport clients - the grand opening of their new Wellbeing Centre!

They celebrated with a Christmas biscuit decorating activity, a festive singalong led by our music teacher Carol, and endless mince pies and hot drinks.

Clients have already made the new space their own with walls adorned with artwork and memorable photos. Plenty more memories to be made in 2023!





A very comical lunch wearing knitted hats to combat the cold temperatures!

Wreath Making & Water Leaks!

An eventful day was had by Worcester clients... The day started off with festive table wreath making, using seasonal foliage collected by our lovely Support Workers Claire and Kate, which was then interrupted by a water leak! Fortunately everyone pulled together and we had a memorable lunch in the workshop building. Big thanks to our hero chef Paul for soldiering on despite having to quickly move to our second kitchen across the road.



Craft Fayre at The Hive

The Hive in Worcester hosted a fantastic craft fayre, showcasing local small businesses with a huge variety of handmade items for sale. We were fortunate enough to be able to take part and given the opportunity to fundraise for Headway Worcestershire. Support Workers Mari and Meg manned the stall, which displayed an incredible selection of handmade products crafted by Headway Worcestershire clients. These included knitted accessories, ceramics, Christmas cards, framed artwork, and hand-printed gift wrap. The fayre was bustling with activity and we managed to raise just under £130!





Bromsgrove Festivities
 Bromsgrove clients and staff Sue, Meg & Volunteer John enjoyed a fabulous Christmas lunch out at the Talbot in Belbroughton. Complimentary crackers, and of course terrible Christmas cracker jokes!

Pictured left is Stourport's gorgeous Christmas tree, and pictured right is a wonderful card made by Sue.





Headway Christmas Lunches

Headway Worcestershire celebrated their annual, week-long Christmas lunches. Clients from all three Wellbeing Centres and Outreach enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, expertly cooked by our chef Paul - a huge thanks to Paul for cooking 125 lunches in total! Lunch was followed by Christmas singalongs, games, and even a visit from Santa himself!



Certificates
As part of a 10 week programme, every client who attended a Christmas lunch was awarded a certificate of excellence to showcase an achievement from 2022.





The Foresters Volunteers

Charity group The Foresters generously funded the lunches, and organised goodie bags for every client - we are incredibly grateful for this kind gesture, as were the clients!



Festive Greetings & Happy New Year!

December was a brilliant jam-packed month, filled with happy memories, to end the year 2022! We look forward to what 2023 has in store for us, and wish all our clients and staff a Happy New Year.

Upcoming Events:

- Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival, on until Sunday 8th January
- Fundraising event held at The Kiln, Worcester, on Saturday 11th February.
Details to follow soon!
- Our wonderful client Mel is competing in a walking marathon in January 2023, raising funds for Headway Worcestershire. To donate, please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/meterstomathon.

*If you have any ideas for future activities or trips out, I'd love to hear from you!
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31st January 2023. Thank you!
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