

**Newsletter
January 2013**

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Volunteers

We have been lucky enough to sustain our 50% rise in volunteer numbers from 2010, with 35-40 people giving their time each week.

A big thank you to our dedicated team for all their hard work.

Support

We thank you for your support in the past and look forward to continuing the relationship.

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Community Award

At the end of 2012 we were nominated and won a community award from the Cambridge News, which two volunteers and two trustees went to the Guildhall to receive -from the Mayor. We were amongst three winners in the Community Group category. We are not told who nominated us, so we would like to thank the mystery person for thinking of us, and we are all very proud to receive the award. We are using the cash prize to help improve the facilities for our volunteers. Thank you, Cambridge News



Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

As a result of winning the Community Award, our manager was invited to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge along with all the other winners of the awards. It was a huge honour and though quite nerve racking, Cara was very impressed by them and the genuine interest they took in the charity and what it does.





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Opportunities

Current volunteer opportunities include:

Marketing and publicity

Photography

Interior Design

We are also looking for people with good IT skills

Anyone interested in

volunteering please contact

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New Neighbours

For years, we have been explaining to our customers and donors that we are on The Paddocks Industrial Estate, next to Galloway & Porter. This even continued after the sad demise of G&P a couple of years ago.

Well, things have changed! Very shortly, probably before the end of February, an electrical wholesaling company - BEW - will open for business. The company already has 12 branches, mainly in South London. We look forward to welcoming them as neighbours.

A Volunteer's Story

Due to long-term mental health and addiction issues, I have been away from paid employment for over 20 years and consequently my confidence and self-esteem have been seriously diminished for a long time.

I knew I needed to get involved in something that help me to develop a more positive perspective on life, so I applied to do some voluntary work at Cambridge Re-Use. Initially I helped out in the store for 2 days a week; then the opportunity arose for me to increase my days.

My role is challenging I really enjoy it and the trust and

confidence shown by Cara, Jake and Mark has really helped me to develop confidence in my own abilities.

The staff and fellow volunteers are a great bunch to work with, and regular interaction with different colleagues has further helped me to regain some of my self esteem. I have now been attending Re-Use for close on 2 years, and for much of that time have worked 4 days a week.

Cambridge Re-Use provides a very valuable service tot the less well-off members of the community and I am proud to be involved with such a worthy organisation.

Events

Our next volunteer event will be our Easter Buffet held at the warehouse involving an Easter Egg hunt that went down very well last year with some of our volunteers laden with chocolate eggs.

We are busy starting to organise a celebration at the warehouse for our anniversary of the charity running for 25 years. Once we have a date for the celebration we will let you know. It would be great if we have a big turn out for the occasion.

Our volunteers enjoyed our Christmas meal held at the Hungry Horse this year. Big portions great for our guys and enough room to cope with our mass arrival of our army of 35 people, including Cyril and Darren who are having time off, we hope they are back soon.

