

## Newsletter January 2014

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### Volunteers

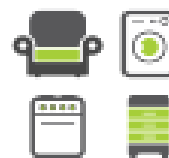
We have been lucky enough to sustain our 50% rise in volunteer numbers from 2010, with 35-40 people giving their time each week.

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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### 25 Years Old !

We celebrated our 25th Anniversary on the 20th September 2013. There was a great turn out with over 100 people, councillors, donors, agencies, customers, volunteers ex and current all joined us to mark the occasion. Also some faces from the early years of the charity joined us including Beni (former Manager) Jean (former Chairman) and Mark (former Chariman). Amongst current volunteers were Cyril, Roger and



Gerald who have been with the charity since the early days. It was lovely to see so many people offer their support to us.



### Friends of Cambridge Re-Use

We are in the process of setting up Friends of Cambridge Re-Use. If you are interested in becoming a friend of the charity, we are having a meeting on Tuesday 21st January at the store at 4.30pm. In the meeting we will discuss how to take Friends of Cambridge Re-Use forward. We hope you will take this opportunity to become more involved with the charity.

### Summer Buffet

With the cold winter weather setting in it seems like a long time ago since our summer buffet! The event was enjoyed by all the volunteers and we thank Judy and Alan for all their hard work in making it a great afternoon with fantastic food!





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### Help Please!

We are still trying to find an organisation or company that could supply us with white goods and electric cookers in working order. We have a long waiting list for these items, and therefore need to find some way of getting a large quantity, in addition to the normal supply from donors. We are happy to consider purchasing a batch, but only at a low cost, so that our finances are not adversely affected. If you have any ideas or contacts with companies that might be able to help us, please call Cara on 01223 576535

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## Charity Partner

We have been very grateful to Hastings Insurance, our charity partner over the last year. They have reprinted most of our publicity materials and their financial support has enabled us to carry out various small tasks around the store, including hot water in the toilets, a new back door, and carpeting in the entrance area. Whilst they have decided to take a break from having a formal charity partner in 2014, we are delighted that they have chosen to fundraise for us in the coming year.



## Working in Partnership

We greatly acknowledge the support we receive from many agencies and our partnership work with them, here are some quotes from various agencies that we work with:

"Many of our families have lost their belongings as they had to flee their homes following domestic abuse. Having a source of affordable, quality furniture is vital in helping them to set up their new home and start again. We are grateful to this charity for the support and kindness they show our families. Thank you." (Cambridge Women's Aid)

"South Cambridgeshire District Council have been working with Cambridge Re-Use since 2009 and to date 60 of our tenants have been helped by this successful partnership. By providing a small repayable grant to our tenants we have been able to help them move into their new homes with the basic essentials they need. Tenants have really appreciated this help and are amazed at the quality and variety that Cambridge Re-Use supply".

" Cambridge Re-Use really helped to stretch the budget for one of our young mums recently when she moved into a new property with her young daughter. She was able to find a bed with a mattress in good condition and paint to redecorate her new home. We have always found staff at Cambridge Re-Use really helpful especially when organising delivery of big items. Thanks Cambridge Re-Use, from the parents at Young Parent Project."

## Instant Homes

Instant Homes a local company that specialises in the hire of furniture for short term rental properties kindly donated twice to us a large quantity of beds last year and despite our initial reservation of where to store them all, it didn't take long before they were scooped up by our customers.

