

**Newsletter
July 2014**

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Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to one of our past volunteers Sasha who is due to have a baby girl this summer. Congratulations also go to our ex deputy manager Nicky who is also due to have a baby this summer.

Support

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

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20 years of Valuable Service

One of our volunteers, Cyril will in October be celebrating 20 years of volunteering at Cambridge Re-Use. Cyril is a key member of the team; he works five days a week in the store and on the van. We will have a small celebration for him on October 1st at the warehouse, with refreshments downstairs and the mayor visiting, along with past volunteers and staff. Cyril's time has seen the move of Cambridge Sofa from Gwydir Street to The Paddocks, and more recently the change of our name from Cambridge Sofa to Cambridge Re-Use. Though he doesn't want a lot of fuss, we look forward to formally acknowledging the long-standing dedication, time and hard work he has given to the charity. We are lucky and proud to have someone like Cyril on our team.



Thank you, Trinity College



In February and March, Trinity College refurbished many of their student rooms and kindly offered the old furniture to us. In total we collected approximately 45 wardrobes, 25 chests of drawers, 25 cupboards, 25 bedside cabinets, 15 shelves and 15 desks. Our landlords let us use an empty unit in The Paddocks to store any remainder that could not fit on the shop floor.

Eventually all the furniture was sold and our customers were very pleased with the quality and good condition of the items. We would like to thank Trinity for their generous furniture donation that helped many of our customers struggling on a low income. Thanks also to our landlords we were able to accommodate the large quantity of wooden furniture.





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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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Cash for the Community

We were one of the 25 charities that received a share of £10,000 from The Cambridge Building Society's "Cash for the Community", run by the building society and Cambridge Evening News.

A big thank you to everyone that collected tokens for us from Cambridge News. We collected in total 1,165 tokens and were the fifth highest among 25 charities receiving £513 which we intend to spend on work wear for staff and volunteers.



Easter Buffet

Our volunteers and staff enjoyed an Easter buffet at the warehouse.



We had a raffle this year and prizes were a token for an Indian head massage, kindly donated by Vanessa at Code Beauty Salon on Mill Road, and a token for food at the Baroosh restaurant in town - thanks to the manager of Baroosh for donating it. Of course an Easter Buffet would not be the same without the traditional chocolate Easter eggs that were enjoyed by all who came.

Amey Cespa Open Day

We were invited to have a stall at the Amey Cespa Open Day on 21st June. The day went well and we enjoyed good weather with the opportunity to network with other recycling organisations and publicise the charity to the general public. We are also doing a stall at the Big Weekend on Saturday 5th July this year on Parkers Piece.

Customer Survey

In June we conducted our annual customer survey. Our results included : 77% saying that shopping with us is Very Important to them, 89% rate our service overall as Very Good, 98% would recommend us to a friend. Additional comments included : " Very welcoming/helpful/amazing staff", "Fabulous place-love popping in-always feel welcome", "I really appreciate the place and people", " A very good organisation which has been of great benefit to me". We thank all the customers for filling in the survey; their feedback is very important to the charity.