



Welcome to issue number 5. Firstly I would like to say a massive thank you for helping me settle back into work. After taking eleven months maternity leave from work, it is great to be back and part of a wonderful team. It is lovely to see so many new staff faces into the workforce and clients into our services. After visiting our services and meeting everyone it was great to get such a feel of buzz and energy. Well done everyone, keep up the good work. Laura

Student Volunteers make their mark

Headway Worcester Trust Ltd and The University of Worcester Students' Union have joined forces to help student volunteers make a mark in the local community.

The Students' Union chose Headway Worcester to co-ordinate their volunteering opportunities for university students – we will be the first charity to provide this service. We are setting up a range of projects ranging from business management, fundraising, communications, marketing and web design, to visual merchandising and exhibitions.

Claire Wagstaff, for Headway Worcester said:

"We are delighted that Worcester Students' Union have chosen us to provide volunteering opportunities for their students."

"In addition to the more traditional volunteering roles, we want to offer a more progressive dimension to volunteering."

"In this challenging job market, we hope to make students more employable giving them something extra whilst they are also providing a valuable service to the community."

SU President, Sam Lewis said:

"Students at the University of Worcester are always looking to make a real difference in their community and as such we are thrilled to be joining forces with such a worthwhile, local charity."

"I look forward to working with Headway Worcester and witnessing the programme's future success."

Calendar

Thursday 4th August
10am Client Involvement Meeting @ Day Ops

Thursday 11th August
10.30-12pm Onside Advocacy Drop-in session at Headway Day Opportunities

Thursday 18th August
Rotary Club Boat Trip

Monday 29th August
Bank Holiday
Day Opportunities closed

Thursday 8th September
10.30-12pm Onside Advocacy Drop-in session at Headway Day Opportunities

Monday 15th September
10am Client Involvement Meeting @ Day Ops

Thursday 18th September
Heidi Williams' Skydive

Monday 26th September
10am – Safeguarding Meeting @ Day Opportunities



ODE TO HEADWAY

Stuart Wright's Mum Elaine has written a poem dedicated to Headway and has very kindly said we can put it in the newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading it.

Three cheers for Headway and all you do
What we'd do without you we haven't a clue
Headway by nature and Headway by name
Creates pathways to establish futures again

Creative classes to paint and to sing
Charity shops for people to bring
All manner of things to help raise cash
The odd BBQ or an Easter bash

Thro' Headway, our dear son, Stuart Wright
Is making great progress after a three year fight
A motorbike accident almost took him away
Yet restored to us by Brickfields and Headway

Dickinson Court is now Stuart's next goal
It will soon be reached under Irene's control
Independently living in his own little flat
A miracle, we couldn't ask for more than that

When Stuart is settled with his belongings moved in
We'll give our thanks for the day Headway found him
And when Stuart is able, we hope he'll repay
By turning the tables and helping Headway!



**Special
Fund Raising Event**

**Heidi Williams'
Skydive!!**

**Thursday
18th September**

Fundraising

Carole Dodd has just become a fundraising volunteer for HWTL.



She is going to co-ordinate and fundraise for big and small projects and is looking for other staff and client volunteers to help out. Carole will be attending the Client Involvement Meeting on August 4th to discuss fundraising in more detail. For more information please contact Claire Wagstaff @ the Day Ops who can pass on any comments you have to Carole. Carole will also be at the Day Opportunities one day a week so you can contact her then.



Inside Advocacy are carrying out drop-in sessions for clients to access. They will be held at the Day Opportunities Centre on **August 11th, September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st from 10.30am – 12pm**. Inside can help with making your wishes heard, helping to make decisions and promoting involvement for our clients in the community. Inside offers so much for our clients, so please drop in for a chat. If these drop-ins are not convenient, please contact Angela Holmes on 01905 27525 who will be happy to arrange another time to meet.

AGM



The Headway Worcester Trust Ltd Annual General Meeting took place on Monday 18th July 2011 at the Day opportunities Centre

The event was attended by over 50 people (which included Worcester City's Mayor David Tibbutt and his wife Mayoress Jane Tibbutt). It was a celebration of the year's achievements and a look ahead to what is in store for the forthcoming year. There were a few speeches from clients and visitors. It was also an opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Sybil Smith who has been the longest serving member of the Trustee Board.

We were also able to say congratulations to Paul Griffith (Treasurer) for being awarded an MBE for his hard work with charitable organisations over many years – well done Paul!

Messages...

News from Evesham Outreach:

Ben Morgan is now basking in the sun down-under; he has remained in contact and is having a great time.

Emily Papirnik has returned to Evesham Outreach and is enjoying the new challenge.

In general all clients and staff alike are doing fine. Evette would like to say a big thank you to all the staff team for all their hard work and dedication over the past couple of months, well done guys.

Evette and the team

News from Brickfields Bungalow

Things have been very busy for everyone at the Bungalow; **Emma** has been the chief bridesmaid at her sister Lisa's wedding as you can see everyone looked very happy and had a really lovely day; Emma is 3rd from the right holding on to her new brother-in-law Leon.

Emma has also been to Birmingham Hippodrome to see Queens "We will rock you" musical, Kerry who accompanied Emma said Emma was a real rock chick and was rocking in the aisles.



Stuart spent a day at Cadburys world with Emma and all their friends from Worcester College.

Jean has had some really exciting news, she is going to become a grandmother for the first time and is already planning shopping trips, this will be Jeans opportunity to get the knitting needles out, Jean says she will keep everyone informed when the baby arrives.

Our sunflowers have grown and grown and grown!! As it was a competition I can announce that the winner of the tallest plant goes to Kerry, at 7ft 8in and the largest flower winner goes to Stuart, well done to everyone.

Irene and the Team

News From Day Opportunities

Barbourne Fete

Helen wants to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Barbourne Fete on 9th July. Rachel (volunteer) suggested doing the fete - staff and clients alike worked really hard to make it a success.

We put on a tombola, a general stall, face painting, reflexology and lots more. Thank you to everyone who donated things for the Tombola. **We raised over £200** for day trips for the clients in the Day Opportunities

Trip out to the Commandery

Several clients attended a trip to the Commandery on Monday 13th June. It was an enjoyable day out and we were extremely lucky with the weather.

Helen and the team



100% attendance gives you more time off!

In recognition of those staff who never call in sick, The committee have agreed to recognise 100% attendance at work (no sickness absence) by awarding those members of staff with an extra day of annual leave. The Scheme will be backdated to April 2011 and the qualification periods will run to coincide with the financial year.



News From Malvern Outreach

Heidi Williams is planning a sky dive for Headway in order to say a BIG thank you all the support provided following brain injury. She has left the service and couldn't think of a better way of raising money for the charity. The event is taking place on Sunday, September 18 · 9:30am - 12:30pm. Sponsor forms are available from Headway, **please ask a member of staff for forms for the event to help Heidi raise funds.** Photos will be available in a future Newsletter.

Over the coming months the garden at the **Ranelagh Road** site will be getting a make-over. Evette and the team are looking at fund raising ideas as we speak.

Evette would like to say a big thank you to all the staff team for all there hard work and dedication over the past couple of months, well done guys.

Welcome back to Lynette, who has returned from Maternity Leave. We hope she settles back in quickly and enjoys being able to drink her coffee whilst it's still hot!

Evette and the team

News from Worcester Outreach

Dickinson court have recruited 2 new members of staff who started in July. Lyn and the team would like to welcome **Paula Bellamy and Damien Homer** into the team.

We have a new resident - **Gavin Stephens** has moved into No2 with his son.

Residents have been busy planting new plants in the garden. Worcester Outreach Clients **John Franklin and Richard Lewis** have also been busy gardening at Dickinson Court. A new gardening date is set for the 28th of July.

Birthday wishes go out to **Karen Pearce** who turned a very young 50. Never one to do things by halves she celebrated her birthday at the RITZ in London. Also our **Richard Prothero** celebrated his 58th birthday.

Nick Taylor, Kaz Handley and Lyn are busy working on their diplomas which is exciting.

Jenny West was the bell of the ball this month when she was the proud mother of the bride at her son David's wedding.

A bench has been positioned at Dickinson Court with a lovely brass plaque in memory of **Jenny Hopkins**. Lyn and the team wish to thank all who put towards Jenny's collection.

Lyn wishes to thank her team yet again for all their hard work. In the words of TINA TURNIP (OOPS TINA TURNER) YOUR SIMPLY THE BEST !!!!

Lyn and the team



Vintage Charity Shop!

We are looking forward to the re-launch of the charity shop in Lowesmoor. The shop has been refitted and decked out and will look amazing. The launch event will be taking place on Monday 5th September and we will be having some special guests there to open it. We would like as many clients and staff as possible to

come and support the official opening and celebrate a new 'chapter' for what was once 'Chapters'!

We would also like to welcome our new shop assistants Mo and Sally who will be taking on the task of running the shop along side all of our dedicated volunteers. In the mean time, whilst we are waiting for the shop to open, please keep the good quality donations coming in!



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