

Day Opportunities News

Cambridgeshire



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Christmas card e-winner

Every year Papworth Trust holds a Christmas card competition which is open to tenants and customers from across all areas of the organisation. We are pleased to announce that this year's second-place winner is Tabitha from our Huntingdon centre, showcasing an outstanding entry. Tabitha's design has earned the esteemed title of the official Papworth Trust e-signature this year. She also received a £20 gift voucher. Congratulations, Tabitha.



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Huntingdon Christmas party

Huntingdon Day Opportunities held their Christmas party at the Montagu club. It was a fantastic afternoon of games, dancing, food and a photobooth.



Huntingdon bauble decorations

In Huntingdon, our Day Opportunities customers enjoyed a lovely afternoon crafting Christmas bauble decorations, we loved the vibrant designs they came up with!



Huntingdon's kitchen

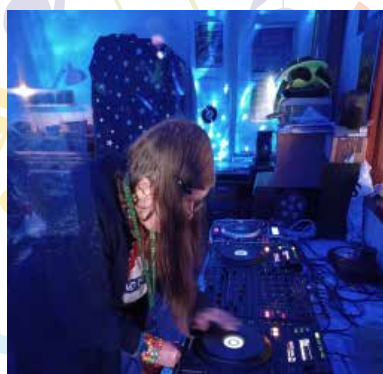
Over the past year, we've undertaken a transformation of our kitchen at Saxongate. You may have noticed the dedicated B&Q volunteering team that joined us in the Autumn to help us redecorate, generously providing all the materials and equipment needed. Staff also did a big clear out and recently our wonderful Huntingdon customers have been able to enjoy cooking sessions. They've made lots of yummy things including pizza breads and festive biscuits.





Huntingdon Beat This

Customers in Huntingdon have had a great few weeks visiting Beat This music studio at the Chime Creation Centre. They have been recording the song they wrote together called 'Our Favourite Things', and the song; 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'. They have also had a fantastic time exploring the studio and trying out the different musical instruments and equipment. In the interactive room, there were musical jellyfish, and the customers could make music just by moving their bodies and dancing! It was a truly fantastic experience made possible by the generous grant from NFU Mutual.



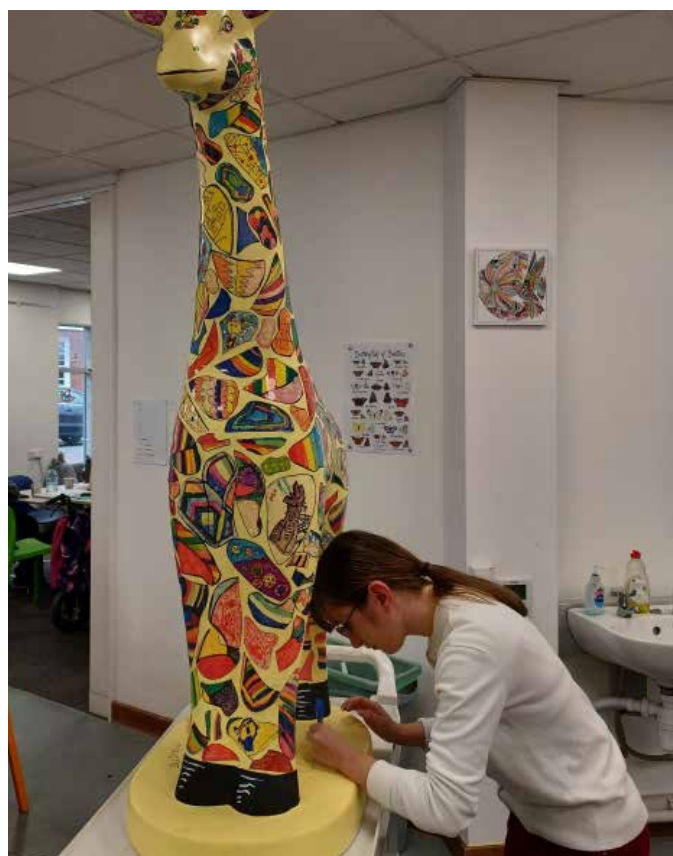
Standing Tall - Cambridge, Huntingdon, Abington

Our Huntingdon, Abington, and Cambridge Day Opportunities joined the Cambridge Standing Tall 2024 initiative! Following the incredible success of Cows about Cambridge in 2021, Break, in collaboration with Wild in Art, is bringing a fresh sculpture trail to the beautiful streets of Cambridge. A heartfelt thank you goes to B&Q for generously donating all the paint and varnish for the giraffes across our three Cambridgeshire centres.

As the towering Cambridge sculpture trail approaches in Spring 2024, keep an eye out for these magnificent giraffes reaching new heights for Break - Changing Young Lives. Join the movement and #BeMoreGiraffe. For further details, and to get involved, visit: www.break-charity.org/cambridge-standing-tall

Check out the incredible artwork of our giraffes below!





Abington's Christmas tree

Customers from Abington enjoyed a trip to Darwin Nursery to pick out their Christmas tree. Frank said he loved visiting and learning about the different types of trees and sizes on offer.



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Abington's Christmas performance

Abington customers put on a spectacular performance of a medley of songs for their Christmas show. They performed as The Spice Girls, Grease, as well as singing 'Bobbing along' and 'Merry Christmas Everyone', it was a truly excellent performance and we think you'll agree they all look fantastic!



Abington - Wild World

Jason from Rubbish Walks led our Abington crew on an exciting journey Down Under! They explored the incredible wildlife, got crafty building boats, and marveled at the magic of floating. Plus, they dipped their toes into Aboriginal art, letting their creativity flow. And you know what? Richard was all about that Aussie sunshine and a chilled drink!



Abington OWL Dynamos

"I really enjoy playing football as a team and against other teams . This encourages me to be healthier and fitter. I really enjoyed scoring my first hattrick against Cambridge United."

In a heartwarming presentation, a group of enthusiastic members from Abington Day Opportunities took the spotlight at the Trustee board meeting to speak to Trustees and the Executive team about their beloved football team, OWL Dynamos. Read more here:

<https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/news-and-blogs/owl-dynamos-attend-trustee-meeting/>



Cambridge cooking sessions

Cambridge Day Opportunities customers prepared a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, they even did the washing up!



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Cambridge art sessions

The centre is currently hosting festive art sessions featuring Christmas-themed creations displayed on our art wall! Customers listened to their favourite Christmas songs playing in the background whilst making Christmas trinkets. In addition to this, the team helped customers to craft a Christmas-themed installation which features a fireplace centrepiece. It was constructed from repurposed boxes with brick-patterned paper for a lifelike appearance, the mantelpiece was fashioned from old cardboard wrapped in wood-patterned material. The final touch involved customers dressing up the fireplace to set the scene! It looks amazing and was definitely worth all the effort!





Cambridge - Routeways to Work Ceremony

Routeways to Work celebrated its second Award Ceremony and first Graduation. The training programme has recently completed its first year, so some of the initial participants are embarking on their next adventure, having successfully completed all the training modules. These modules encompass Customer Service, Retail, Bicycle Maintenance, Advanced Bike Mechanics, Stock Management, Online Sales, Employability, and Recycling and Refurbishment.

Read more here:

www.papworthtrust.org.uk/news-and-blogs/routeways-to-work-awards-ceremony/



Cambridge and Abington Parliament Outreach

Our Cambridge and Abington Day Opportunities customers had a great time with Your UK Parliament diving into the world of Parliament and learning about how they can register to vote.



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International Day of Persons with Disabilities

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is an international day which has been promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It is celebrated every year on 3 December. In the run up to this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we spoke with our Day Opportunities customers to discuss with them what changes they'd like to see to make their lives easier/better.



You may also want to read a blog we wrote called “Digital inclusion: Don’t leave us behind”

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