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NEWSLETTER



All the latest news from Age UK Cheshire East

Back to the Shop Floor

Charity Chief Executive gets volunteer's view on life in the charity

At the start of the month, Age UK Cheshire East celebrated United Nations International Older Persons Day and to mark the occasion, the charity's Chief Executive went back to the shop floor to help out and get a volunteer eye's view on what it's like supporting the local charity.

This year, the UN day was about enabling and expanding the contributions of older people in their families, communities and societies at large. Over 150 people, most of them older people, volunteer in the local area for the charity, and a large percentage of these volunteer in one of the charity's six shops. To get a better understanding of the great contribution they make, Damon Taylor, our Chief Executive took time out to volunteer in the Alderley Edge store on Friday afternoon, seeing first-hand the work that staff and volunteers do 'on the shop floor.' During his time in the shop, Damon helped out on the till, tidied around in the store, and helped with donated stock.



The following day, we were pleased to be invited by Macclesfield Town FC to undertake a bucket collection at their National League match against Aldershot, at which the Silkmen ran out 2-0 winners! Damon was amongst a team of fellow colleagues and volunteers who braved the rain around the ground and in the process, raised a very impressive £241 for the charity.

To complete the weekend, and to mark United Nations Older Persons Day itself, Damon helped out at the Charity's centre in Macclesfield at a tea party for older people. As well as being served

limitless tea and cake, those attending enjoyed a picture quiz and a game of bingo. All those attending had a great time and left having met new friends, as well as taking away a few gifts as a memento of the day.

After three days of volunteering, Damon reflected on the various activities he had undertaken "It was really interesting to find out about the various roles our volunteers undertake for the charity, to help support older people across Cheshire East. In particular, it was lovely to see the positive impact that the tea party had on older people, some of whom would have been on their own that afternoon. They really enjoyed the chance to meet other people that they would normally have not met."



If you'd like to find out more about our work or would like to volunteer with us, please call us on 01625 612958 or email enquiries@ageukcheshireeast.org

Wedding showroom comes to Knutsford

New arm to charity's retail offering opens in the town

Members of the public had the chance to enjoy a glass of fizz and browse our new Wedding Showroom at our shop on King Street, Knutsford on Saturday 21 October.

Adding to King Street's charming mix of shops, staff at Age UK Cheshire East have put the final touches to a dedicated Wedding Showroom, which sits on the first floor of our charity shop selling a large collection of new and pre-loved wedding dresses at bargain prices.

At our open day on 21 October, we gave people the chance to browse the beautiful and unique range of vintage, pre-loved and brand new wedding dresses perfect for the special day. The showroom is in addition to the charity's shop on the ground floor, which will continue to sell a wide range of clothes, bric-a-brac and other items so popular with shoppers.

Shop Manager Caroline commented "We're so excited to open the doors to our wedding showroom, we have a range of styles from modern to vintage and beautiful fabrics including tulle, satin and lace. Dresses in stock at the moment range from £30 up to £250 and come in sizes 8-28.

The quality of the bridal wear we receive is incredible and many of the dresses that are given to us still have the original price tag on.



Stock is constantly changing which makes the shopping experience even

A rail showing some of the items available at our wedding showroom

more exciting. I'd like to thank the generous members of the public who have donated their unwanted wedding items to our shops in Cheshire East as without their donations, the launch of our showroom wouldn't be possible!"

The wedding showroom is not only the place to find the perfect wedding dress, there is also a good selection of formal wear for men, women and children alongside a variety of accessories, props and decorations for the big day.

The collection has already been showcased at The Magpie Wedding Show at Victoria Baths. As with all of our shops, all proceeds from sales in the shops stays in Cheshire East and goes towards funding vital services for local older people.



Access to the wedding showroom is by appointment only. Appointments can be made with Caroline, Shop Manager by calling 01565 654283.

Volunteer Q&A

This month we speak to Kevin in our New Horizon Club

What is your role at Age UK Cheshire East and how long have you volunteered for?

I am a volunteer within the New Horizons Club which is a day club for people living with Dementia. I have volunteered there nearly a year now.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

The smiles

What made you want to volunteer for Age UK Cheshire East?

I wished to re-engage with caring for people living with dementia & I saw an advert

What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time away from volunteering?

Cooking

If you could be one animal, what would it be and why?

Springer Spaniel because I enjoy life!

What would be your superpower?

Listening

Who would you like to invite to a dinner party past or present?

My wife



Would you be interested in volunteering with Age UK Cheshire East? If so, then please call us on 01625 612958 or email volunteering@ageukcheshireeast.org

Fraud Awareness

Session held to advise older people about the dangers of scams & fraud

Alison and Sophie from RBS Macclesfield delivered an informative session about fraud earlier this month at our Macclesfield offices.

Many people may already know the dos and don'ts of financial fraud- that no-one should ever ask them for their PIN or full password, or ever make them feel pressured into moving money to a 'safe account'. The trouble is, in the heat of the moment, it's easy to forget this. After all, trusting people on their word is something everyone tends to do instinctively. If someone says they're from your bank or a trusted organisation, why wouldn't you believe them?

We are very grateful to the RBS for running the fraud awareness session, which was aimed at giving people the knowledge and tools to prevent fraud from happening in the first place and it covered 4 key topics – Banking, Door-step Calling, Identity Fraud and Investment Scams. RBS also talked about the government campaign 'Take Five' which encourages people to follow these 5 steps to prevent fraud:

- **Never disclose security details, such as PIN number or full banking password**
- **Don't assume an email, text or phone call is authentic**
- **Don't be rushed – a genuine organisation won't mind waiting**
- **Listen to your instincts – you know if something doesn't feel right**
- **Stay in control – don't panic and make a decision you'll regret**

Macclesfield Police Constable Neil Cooke also joined the session and talked to people about some of the popular scams in Macclesfield and the best way to keep safe. Please don't be afraid to talk about any concerns.

If you would like more information or if you think you may have been a victim of a scam, please call your local bank, Age UK Cheshire East or report to 101 to get the help and support you need.

We are pleased to announce that this year, we are working closely with the national Age UK charity to raise funds for services for older people, through the Christmas Raffle 2017. The tickets will be on sale in our shops in Macclesfield, Alderley Edge, Knutsford, Poynton and Congleton for £1 each. The draw for the raffle will be made on 21 December with the lucky winner winning either a brand new Ford Ka+ or £10,000.

All money raised from the sale of raffle tickets in Cheshire East will go to Age UK Cheshire East. So for every £1 ticket you buy, all of that money will come to the local charity. **If you would like to sell some books to help support this charity, please give us a call on 01625 612958**



Tickets only £1

Christmas Raffle 2017

Which first prize would you choose?

£10,000

or a Ford KA+

Second Prize £1,000 or a trip to Lapland

Every ticket helps Age UK support people in later life.

Buy your tickets here.

Draw closes: 14th December
Draw date: 21st December
Tickets only £1



About us...

We are a local charity, providing a wide range of services to older people in Cheshire East. All the funds we generate are spent on delivering services locally. Our aim is to improve the later life of the people of Cheshire East. The main focus of our work is:-

- Support for people living with dementia
- Tackling loneliness
- Free Information & Advice
- Lifestyle support
- Men in Sheds
- Help in the Home



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