



*"HELPING TO GUIDE
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY
OR DISADVANTAGE TO
FIND THEIR VOCATIONAL
AND EMPLOYMENT
GOALS"*



LUGWARDINE GARDEN

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In November 2009 Rachel Hall and I had a vision to create an organisation that would offer opportunities for disabled individuals to get that little bit extra out of life by taking part in vocational activities and work based training. We knew the journey to achieve this would be long and hard but we also knew it would be worth it. As we look back at the last eleven months we know we have taken more than a few steps in the right direction

Tony Heath
Director and Trustee

The story so far...

- In November 2009 we took over the management of the Georgian walled garden at Lugwardine Court with the blessing of the Lugwardine Education Centre Trustees and with the help of two dedicated and skilled volunteers we are able to offer training places two days a week.
- In January 2010 we recruited three further members of the team (Lin Mathius and Malcolm Lloyd who were to become Trustees and Jill Grange who has become the organisations chief fundraiser)
- We started to recruit volunteers who were able to offer their time to establish and run activity programmes
- Meetings with local support groups and Social Services teams helped spread the word and confirmed our understanding of where the greatest need for our service existed.
- In March 2010 Compass Herefordshire Ltd was registered as a company limited by guarantee and in August we gained charity registration
- In April 2010 we acquired a lease on an office and workshop unit at the Rural Enterprise Centre in Hereford, and during the following weeks we were able to set up a workshop area for cycle renovation and a crafts area
- In June we launched our Pedal Power and Creative Crafts projects
- In October Bill Wiggins MP will officially launch the Charity

All the Trustees and Volunteers at Compass Herefordshire Ltd are extremely grateful for the help and support already offered to them but like all organisations of this type we still need your help. All donations whether they be old cycles, art materials, volunteer help or cash are very welcome and you can be assured 100% of what we are given goes to helping those less fortunate than ourselves

If you are interested in joining us either as a volunteer or service user please contact Rachel on 0771 876 9001 or email rachel@compass-hfd.co.uk

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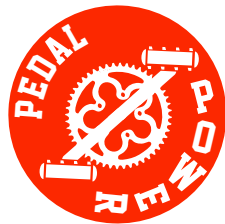
Since Nov 2009 we have provided 214 day placements for our service users!



Many of our volunteers have themselves experienced strokes, brain injury or other debilitating illnesses and have firsthand experience of the recovery process. They are therefore well placed to understand the needs and frustrations experienced by those we are trying to help and in helping others they are taking themselves further along the road to recovery



This has certainly been a year to remember at the garden project, it started with the partial collapse of a section of wall into the main road which resulted in the loss of part of the garden and the main storage and welfare accommodation sheds having to be demolished for safety reasons, then a break in - which saw thieves making off with our mechanical equipment which had just been secured from the previous operator at the garden - not the start we were hoping for. But it has not been all doom and gloom - Steve the Head Gardener with his man Friday Brian have worked tirelessly to ensure the garden was planted, nurtured and in recent weeks harvested of the wide range of fruit and vegetables which we have sold locally. A caravan has provided temporary shelter for Steve, Brian and our three existing clients. We are looking forward to the wall being rebuilt later this year and we have already started to construct new bases for new sheds which we hope to be able to erect over the winter period. Fund raising is ongoing and we hope to be able to secure new machinery ready for 2011. With several new prospective clients looking to join us at the garden we hope to increase the days we are open from two to four.



Pedal Power is our cycle refurbishment project based in unit 44, we have provided work benches, cycle repair stands, tools and materials to help our 2 cycle technician volunteers to begin work. We have had a major donation of old cycles and have been able to sell several refurbished cycles helping to fund of the project.

Our service users get the chance to learn basic cycle maintenance, repairs and full renovations in our friendly workshop. We have placement interests from several potential clients and are currently open for business two days a week. We also hosted the Hereford Cycle week breakfast and we are grateful to Hereford Council for their support with this event.



Creative Crafts is our arts and crafts workshop again located at unit 44. Here we undertake a number of activities to suit individual client needs from knitting and sewing to drawing and painting.

Also included in this area of the workshop is our computer training facility where one of our skilled volunteers will undertake basic computer skills training and explore creative design using simple programmes to help clients manipulate photographs or create new art work. We also have plans to have photography workshops in which our service users can learn the basic skills of photography. We currently open every Wednesday but are looking at additional days

