

Red2Green

Newsletter

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During the hot summer of 2018 a group of learners with autism had a memorable beach trip to Norfolk. This photo says it all.

Dear friends,

It's that time of year again: the decorations have gone up throughout Red2Green and learners have enjoyed upcycling craft sessions making Christmas creations ready for sale at our bazaar. Next week will see Christmas lunch served at all our services, plus our annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church in Swaffham Bulbeck. Phil, our Options Service Manager, is sporting a range of Christmas jumpers daily and there is a very cheerful atmosphere at Red2Green. It's a great distraction from Brexit!

Once again, I would like to thank you so much for the support of Red2Green that you provide in so many ways, through donations, your time and your fundraising efforts. We couldn't do it without you! Happy Christmas.

Jackie Fernandez, Chief Executive

"The people here are so easy and approachable and I've made friends coming here."

A young woman on the autism spectrum who came to Red2Green having felt very lonely and isolated.

A taste of what you have helped us achieve...

Art work not only unlocks creativity but also provides an excellent environment for people to open up and talk to each other.



After a funding drive ('scuse the pun) to purchase a new vehicle we are all delighted with the 7 seater Chrysler. However, we still need to raise funds to replace one of our buses... see over.

A delicious spread of homemade treats and an array of handmade gifts and stocking fillers were made at Red2Green's Christmas Bazaar. Proceeds will go towards a trip or activity in 2019.



What's next

- We are holding regular drop-ins for carers at our Community Café in Bottisham. Do you know anyone who might be interested? Have a look at the dates on our website or get in touch if you would like to come along.
- All our services now run 50 weeks a year. If you are 16 years plus, on the autistic spectrum and would like to try something new during the holidays, give us a call. We'd love to meet you.

Transport matters because:

Transport is often a major barrier for people with disabilities for a variety of reasons: cost, accessibility and lack of availability, to name but a few. Yet it is crucial for people to achieve a quality of life that most of us take for granted.

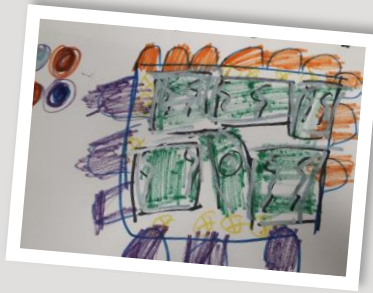
The transport we offer makes the difference for some learners between having a place to go every week to meet friends, learn new skills and be active, or staying at home and risking isolation.

Our minibuses ferry learners to and from our service every day and take them to our Bottisham site. We go on numerous trips and activities, such as day trips to the beach, the zoo, bowling, the Christmas panto and weekly community visits. For many, this is the only chance they have to go anywhere.

Funding the buying and running of the buses is a constant challenge at Red2Green and any contribution you can make is gratefully received. If you can help, please email:

elizabeth.froy@red2green.org, or go to justgiving.com/red2green.

Help us get out and about



This piece of artwork was made by an adult with profound learning difficulties who has called it 'Happy Bus'. The column below left explains why it is so important that this 'Happy Bus' is a reality for all our learners. If you want to help us ensure that learners gain the quality of life that this bus brings, please consider donating to our bus fund.

Rising to the challenge



Ian, a Community Café apprentice with autism has discovered his love of breadmaking and is now teaching it to our clients with learning difficulties. He says "I really, really, really like it here. My confidence has grown and it makes me realise I can find a job one day." This was unthinkable for Ian before the café opened its doors.

Bake and share



Phil has brought people together from Darwin Nurseries, Burwell Print and CamTrust to make soups and bake cakes, quiches and biscuits. The groups have shared skills and made new friendships while producing delicious food for the Community Café menu. What a brilliant example of community collaboration. Thanks to all who helped.

Can you support us?

In this challenging economic climate, we appreciate all your kind donations of any size

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