

**Newsletter  
January 2016**

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### Support

We thank you for your support in the past and look forward to continuing the relationship.

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### Sad Goodbyes

We sadly said goodbye to one of our long term volunteers Gerald, in December. Gerald has volunteered as a driver on Fridays for 13 years. As a small token of our appreciation we presented him with a small plaque with a white van and a yellow van symbolising our old yellow sofa van that Gerald used to drive and our current white Cambridge Re-Use van. Gerald dedicated many hours of his time to the charity, for this we are extremely grateful, we will miss him and wish him all the very best.



Deborah also left us in 2015. Deborah had been a trustee for the charity for many years. She will be missed and we thank her for all her valuable advice and the ongoing support she has given the charity over the years.

### Agency Open Day

We held our first agency open day at the warehouse in December. The open day was an opportunity for organisations that are not aware of our service to come and look round, have a cuppa, meet the staff and volunteers and take away an agency pack.

Special thanks to students from Cambridge Regional Collage, National Citizenship Project who along with our volunteers came and helped for the day.



We will run open days this year too, however we are more than happy to arrange individual appointments for organisations to come for a chat and look around, if you would like to arrange a time you can email Cara (the manager) on [cara@cambridgereuse.org.uk](mailto:cara@cambridgereuse.org.uk)



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### Links

We are always looking for links to our website. Please let us know if you are able to help.

### Welcome

This year we would like to welcome two new trustees to our board

Debra Jeffrey  
and  
Andrew Noyes

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## Gift Aid

In November we introduced the option of donors to gift aid the furniture they donate to us. As this is a new process for us we had a few teething problems, however we are happy with the progress and would particularly like to thank all the volunteers and staff for their help in taking on the new gift aid procedures. This scheme will play a key role in financially helping us to continue our service.



## Volunteer Events

We had our summer barbeque for volunteers and staff at the warehouse this year. Special thanks to Judy and Alan for organising the food and volunteer Chris for doing the barbeque. It was a lovely day and enjoyed by all.

We had our Christmas meal at the Hungry Horse, 30 of our volunteers came along with some of their partners and staff.



## Stalls

We have been busy doing a number of stalls in the last 6 months. We had a stall at the Big Weekend in the summer and in the spring did a stall at Anglia Ruskin Fresher's Fair. We also did another stall to recruit students at a volunteering event run by the students union at Anglia Ruskin. In October we gave a talk to Social Policy Students about the charity, as this was the degree Cara did at Anglia Ruskin it was fun and a bit of a trip down memory lane for her.

We will be having a stall at The Volunteer Fair run by the city council at The Guildhall on 30th January. We also plan to have another stall to recruit students at Anglia Ruskin in February.