

Reach Community Projects

Tackling poverty in and around Haverhill

October 2017 News

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We send out monthly updates like this to keep you updated on our latest news and client stories.



Henry's Piece

As I write this, it is literally 12 years to the day that I began working as a debt counsellor for Christians Against Poverty. In my first year we helped 36 families or individuals with debt related issues, today we are helping hundreds of families every year with debt, food, furniture and more. We are seeing some great success stories too, like Janet who is featured in our annual review and became debt free this year! Or Mark & Liz who also became debt free this year; to me this is why we do it and despite the difficulties of fundraising and ensuring we have enough food in to help those struggling, these stories just make it so worthwhile!

Despite our successes, we're not content to sit back when there are people struggling with poverty related issues, who cannot come in to see us and it doesn't matter what it is, whether it's a lack of income, a change of benefit or debt, we want to help. To enable us to do this we have launched a new project called 'Reach into the Community'...

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Havebury Food Collection

Throughout July [Havebury Housing Partnership](#) have been working hard to collect food items for Haverhill foodbank and as a result arrived with a van full of boxes of food donations. All together they donated 122 kg of food!

A green and white poster for 'GADGET DRIVE' with the tagline 'CUTTING EDGE FUNDRAISING FOR ALL'. It features icons for various electronic devices: a smartphone, a handheld game console, a desktop PC, a digital camera, a tablet, and a game controller. The text reads 'WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH DONATIONS!' and 'YOU CAN DONATE: MOBILE PHONES, IPODS, HANDHELD GAMES CONSOLES, GAMES CONSOLES, DIGITAL CAMERAS, DESKTOP PCs, TABLETS, CHROMEBOOKS, LAPTOPS, ALL IN ONE PCs, MP3 PLAYERS.' It also includes social media handles 'FOLLOW US: f GADGET DRIVE @GADGETDRIVE' and a blank white box at the bottom for a name or address.

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Gadget Drive

We are now working with [Gadget Drive](#) to raise money through donations of electronic gadgets.

Gadget Drive allows schools, clubs and good causes to accept donations in the form of electronic gadgets including mobile phones, digital cameras, tablet PCs and laptops, which are then turned into real cash by Gadget Drive. It's also a crucial way to promote the importance of recycling.

We are collecting old electronic devices at our Resource Centre so if you would like to raise any money for Reach and have any old gadgets lying around the house, why not bring them down?

Screw Fix

Screwfix Branch Manager, Gary came to Reach to present a cheque for £3000 to Reach Community Projects. The funds will be used for renovating our Resource Centre kitchen area. A massive thank you to Screwfix for their incredible donation!



(Left) Reach Trustee, David Howell, (Middle) Screwfix Branch Manager, Gary, (Right) Reach Projects Director, Henry Wilson



Mark & Liz's Story

We first saw Mark and Liz approximately 18 months ago and they were struggling with repaying an IVA. Mark had to give up work due to a break down, their rent was approx. £700 and they were struggling big time. Along with emotional support, we helped them begin winding down the IVA into a bankruptcy but all this took time, approx. 15 months. Unfortunately, they were not entitled to housing benefit as their grown up children were working. This

meant that the children 'kept their parents' and put a huge strain on the relationship and their depression spiralling downwards... [Read more](#)

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'H' and a long, sweeping 'W'.

Henry Wilson
Projects Director

If you'd like to support Reach and our projects, please click the donate button below. We would greatly appreciate the support.