



Bethphage

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Welcome to Bethphage Buzz

Established in 1994 Bethphage is a charity that supports adults with learning disabilities, autism and mental health needs in Shropshire and the West Midlands.

Welcome to our newest edition of Bethphage Buzz! Our quarterly newsletter aims to keep you updated with what is going on across Bethphage with both the people we support and our dedicated staff.



30th Birthday Celebrations

As we mark 30 years of Bethphage, we were so pleased to bring our staff, people we support and Shared Lives carers together again for a big celebration! Held at Mereside Community Centre in Shrewsbury and with a tent from Curious Tent Hire, we were well-sheltered from the temperamental British weather. With a fantastic DJ set from Zara Bowden of Tomorrow's Joy Disco, karaoke, a raffle, a photobooth and games, there was something for everyone.



A massive shout-out to our supporters, including the Blakemore Trust and Helen Pugh of FlexAssist for their generosity. To The Beefy Boys, CSONS Shrewsbury, The Pheasant at Neenton, The British Ironwork Centre, Climbing Hut Shrewsbury, Booka Book, Flaxmill Maltings and all prize donors - you made the raffle a treasure trove!

We'd also like to thank all of our staff and volunteers on the day!

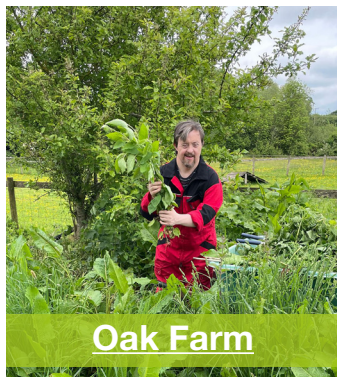
If you would like to find out more about our upcoming projects and how you can support us, visit our Friends of Bethphage page, sign up to our newsletter to receive updates from us, or email marketing@bethphage.co.uk

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What's going on? Day Opportunities



Oak Farm



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Our Space

We're well into summer at Oak Farm and it's all hands-on deck. We're preparing for another Burwarton Show in August and hope to see lots of you there.

We'll have a range of products available including freshly cut flowers, vegetables, eggs and aprons.

We've also enjoyed escaping the unpredictable British weather with drumming workshops!

Find out more

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent summer BBQ! We were fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day. A special shoutout to our DJ, James, for keeping the music lively!

We've also been enjoying our horse-riding sessions, and our walking group has made the most of the sunshine.

Don't forget, our products are available for purchase at "The Salon" in Highley and "The Gateway" in Shrewsbury.

Find out more

Things at Our Space are as busy as ever with a recent talk at the library on Eglantyne Jebb by Alison Utting and the first library outing to Clun Valley!

We've also seen updates on local artist and library volunteer, Sally's book on Eglantyne Jebb. Sally spoke with Princess Anne about her project on a recent visit to Ellesmere.

We also marked Volunteers Week with a thank you afternoon tea for all of our wonderful volunteers!

We are still regularly holding Tiny Tunes, Film afternoons, Memory Cafe, Teen Book Club and more, keep an eye on our Facebook page and Bethphage's event's page for more information.

Find out more

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Bethphage acquires Lower Sutton Farm



We're excited to announce the purchase of Lower Sutton Farm in Shropshire. This farm will provide day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and autism, focusing on horticulture, animal husbandry, and craft skills. We'll grow produce, run a farm shop, and actively engage with the local community.

With a farmhouse, 12 acres, and numerous outbuildings, this site has lots of potential which we want to explore. We aim to launch within the next year and will keep you updated on our progress.

Bethphage's CEO Stef Kay said:

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Bethphage as this site has so much potential. There are exciting possibilities for us to consider, there is already planning permission in place for two four-bedroom residential properties, and we have other ideas we will be exploring in the future subject to consulting with all stakeholders. Right now, our focus is on the initial work required to have the site up and running as a working farm within 6 to 12 months."



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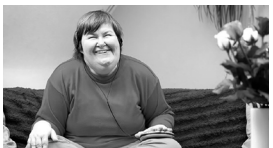
Support the Big Bethphage Project.
Your donation will go towards developing this service to be the best place it can be for the people we support and our staff.

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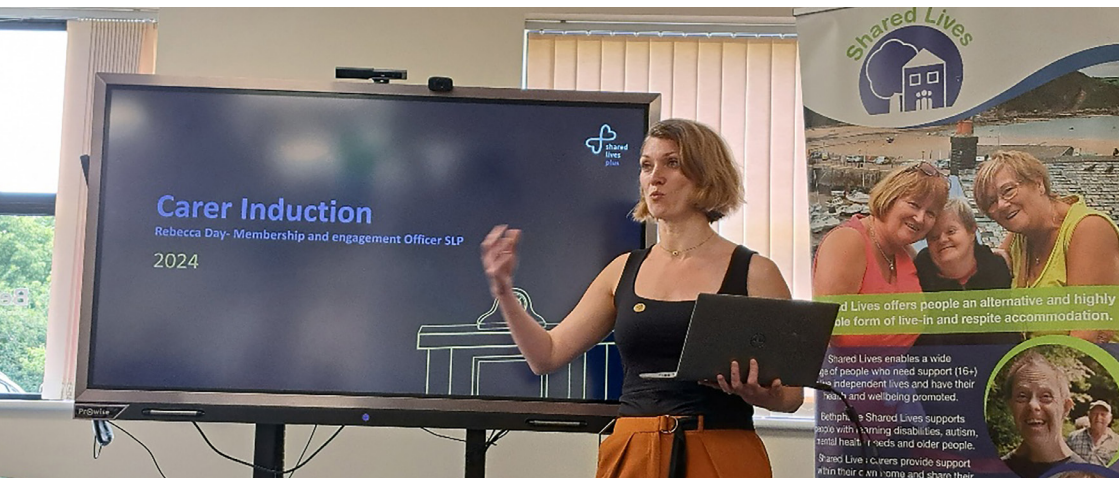


Bethphage Celebrates Shared Lives Week!

In June, our Shared Lives team celebrated Shared Lives Week! This week aims to highlight Shared Lives schemes across the country and celebrate the work of Shared Lives Carers.

We were delighted to host a Shared Lives Week drop-in at our head office on Tuesday 25th of June. With games, a raffle and buffet, there was much to enjoy at the drop in. We also had our Health & Improvement Lead, Enable, Taking Part and representatives from Shared Lives Plus Community on hand to share valuable insights.

The day also included the premiere of a new film created in-house to highlight living well in Shared Lives.



On the week, our Shared Lives Manager said:

"I'd like to thank everyone who got involved to celebrate Shared Lives Week and the fantastic work of our Shared Lives Carers. It was wonderful to see Enable, Taking Part, Oak Farm and Shared Lives Plus at our drop-in on Tuesday and we are so proud of Sue for taking on and completing her Three Peaks Challenge!"



Donate to Sue's Challenge



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FlexAssist hosting pre-loved fashion event

Join us for an exciting day of style, featuring a fabulous selection of pre-loved and new clothes and accessories.

Hosted by FlexAssist, all money raised at this event will contribute to our exciting new project in Chelmarsh, near Bridgnorth where we will be developing a farm-based day opportunity for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism.



FlexAssist Fashion Event

Saturday 3rd August
10am-4pm
St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury

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Celebrating our Staff!



Long Service Awards

We would like to congratulate the following staff who have recently celebrated a long service milestone and thank them for all their hard work!

Five Years Long Service: Lucy P & Layla L



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