



Party Time! 🎉☕

We rolled out the red carpet for our amazing volunteers, handing out shiny long-service certificates like confetti! A massive congratulations and thank you to our incredible awardees:

- 25 Years of Service: Margaret Yelland, Zanna Sayell, Sally Grendall
- 20 Years of Service: Carol Doelman
- 15 Years of Service: Michael Butler
- 10 Years of Service: Marion Church, Sue Bowdidge
- 5 Years of Service: Sandra Leiper, Janet Parry, Kath Rees, Margaret Tyler

On Friday, June 12th, we hosted our annual volunteer tea party, showering our heroes with immense gratitude for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

The party went off without a hitch! Our caterers, Vanessa and Jo, put on a lovely spread of sandwiches, cakes, and sweet treats, which our volunteers thoroughly enjoyed. Our Chief Executive, *Lyndon Biddle*, proudly presented the long-service awards—including a truly monumental milestone for trustee Michael Edwards, celebrating 30 golden years of service.

Following the awards, thanks was given to the entire group by *Patricia Hales* the *Chair of Trustees*, who also shared an exclusive, incredibly exciting look at the future of Sheppard House.

Want to know more about the big announcement shared at the tea party? Turn to the next page to read all about our plans for the new furniture shop, café, and site improvements!

Workshops

Beaded Glasses Chain **3rd July 10:00 – 12:00**

Jenny will be dazzle us with a crafty spectacle: creating a Beaded Glasses Chains!

Craft Butterflies **3rd July 13:00 – 15:00**

Esther will be showing us how to turn ordinary household bits and bobs into breathtakingly beautiful butterflies!

Arts and Crafts **10th July 10:00 – 12:00**

Esther is hosting a lively and colourful arts and crafts session that promises to be a whirlwind of creativity and fun!

3D Wooden Flower Puzzle **10th July 13:00 – 15:00**

Keren is jumping in to help us craft some fabulously flower-tastic 3D puzzles!



Michael Edwards

This month, we celebrate Michael Edwards' remarkable 30 years as a trustee of the Newent Association for the Disabled. His dedication has significantly impacted our mission, enhancing care, transport, and community connections for individuals in Newent. Michael has played a key role in board meetings and strategic decisions, witnessing the growth

of Day Care services and Community Transport, as well as the establishment of The Old Shambles. His legacy is evident in the friendships formed and volunteers trained. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Michael for his invaluable contributions over the past three decades.

To The Future

Exciting news from our recent volunteer tea party: the area opposite Sheppard House, known as the Trading Post, is set for a new development! Plans include a dedicated furniture shop with a small café, enhanced landscaping, and improvements to Sheppard Way.



While the Old Shambles shop will remain open, the new space will allow us to accept and display larger, higher-quality furniture.

We need our community's support for this expansion:

- Volunteers to help run the new space and café.
- Donations of quality furniture, household items, and bric-a-brac.

Stay tuned for updates as the project progresses!

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Arts and Crafts

17th July 10:00 – 12:00

Esther is hosting an exciting arts and crafts session full of creativity, fun, laughter, and colourful surprises!

Art With Mark

17th July 14:00 – 16:00

Mark expertly guides the group, demonstrating techniques with flair and a playful twist.

Willow Bunting

31st July 10:00 – 12:00

Sam will be guiding us through the process of creating whimsical willow bunting.

Willow Dream Catcher

31st July 13:00 – 15:00

This afternoon, Sam's got us covered with a DIY dream catcher, it's tailor-made fun for the kiddos!



To secure your spot, please contact **Keren** at **01531 821227** or email **adminpr@newentbb.co.uk**. The cost is **£5 per person for each workshop**.