Sheppard House
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Newsletter

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Honouring Remembrance at Sheppard House

As Remembrance Day approaches, Sheppard House is coming alive with a quiet, heartfelt energy. Our day centre is turning into a hive of activity, with clients, staff, and volunteers coming together for poppy-themed crafts and creative activities. Beyond the crafts, it is a deeply poignant time for our community—a moment to pause, remember, and pay our respects to the servicemen and servicewomen who gave so much, as well as the families who carried the weight of their sacrifice at home.



On Sunday 8th November, staff from Sheppard House will stand alongside the local community at the Newent Town Cenotaph to lay a wreath in solemn tribute to all those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

To mark the day itself, Rev. Simon Mason will be joining us at Sheppard House on Wednesday 11th November to conduct a special Remembrance Service exclusively for our day centre clients. It promises to be a moving and reflective morning, offering a peaceful space for our members to share memories, honour old friends, and join together in quiet reflection.

Workshops

Workshop Name
6th Nov 10:30 - 15:00

£10

Join Sam at Sheppard House on Fri 6th Nov, 10:00am–3:00pm, for a Willow Table Platter Workshop (£10, includes tea/coffee). Plus, grout previous October mosaics/**stained glass for an extra £5.**

Stained Glass
13th Nov 10:00 - 15:00

£20

Join Sam at Sheppard House on Fri 13th Nov, 10:00am–3:00pm, to craft a large stained glass piece from design to assembly (£20, includes materials, tea/coffee).

Willow Christmas Angels
20th Nov 10:00 - 12:30

£10

Join Sam at Sheppard House on Fri 20th Nov, 10:00am–12:30pm, to weave a large rustic willow angel (£10, includes materials, tea/coffee). Spaces limited—booking recommended.

Calling All Knitters & Crocheters!

Did you know that we stock a wonderful variety of wool and yarn at The Old Shambles Charity Shop? Whether you are starting a brand-new project, stocking up your stash, or looking for that missing shade, do pop in and browse our colourful range!









Every single skein purchased directly supports the vital work we do across our local community, helping us keep our services running smoothly for everyone who relies on us.

Pop by, say hello to our friendly shop team, and see what inspires your next creation!

An Update on Our New Charity Shop

As many of our supporters know, we have been working hard on plans to open a second charity shop to help raise vital funds for our ongoing work across the community. We had initially hoped to have the doors open by now, but unfortunately, we are experiencing unexpected planning delays.

While it is disappointing not to be welcoming you inside just yet, our team remains fully committed to bringing this project to life. Every delay is just a temporary bump in the road, and we are working closely to get everything resolved as quickly as possible.

We want to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has offered encouragement, stock donations, and support so far. We will keep you updated as soon as we have news on an official opening date—thank you for your patience and for standing by us as we grow!

Help shape local services in Newent!

What services are missing in our town? How can our day centre and transport fleet better serve you?

How to get involved:

1. Complete our online survey to share your feedback.
2. Register for our Community Focus Group (Wed 25th Nov) directly in the form. (Invite-only session; formal invites will be sent to registered attendees. Refreshments provided!)

Fill out the form here:

https://form.jotform.com/262873578948076

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Art with Mark
20th Nov 13:00 - 15:00

Join Mark at Sheppard House on Fri 20th Nov, 1:00pm–3:00pm, for an art workshop covering drawing, colour theory, watercolour, and acrylics (£5, includes tea/coffee). Booking essential.

Workshop Name
27th Nov 10:00- 15:00

£15

Join Sam at Sheppard House on Fri 27th Nov, 10:00am–3:00pm, to weave a large willow Christmas star (£15, includes materials, tea/coffee). Spaces limited—booking recommended.

Our workshops have blossomed into a phenomenon of great delight, which is truly wonderful! So, reserve your place without delay!







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

Why Your Gift Matters

Government funding covers only 40% of the operational costs at the Newent Association for the Disabled (NAD).For the remaining 60%, our doors remain open and our community transport fleet stays on the road through local donations and legacy gifts left in Wills.

When planning your affairs, family and friends always come first. However, even a small gift—such as 2% of an estate—can make a transformative difference in the local area. For instance, 2% of a £300,000 estate (£6,000) can keep one of our community transport vehicles on the road for an entire year, ensuring vulnerable residents access vital medical appointments, day services, and social connection. A gift of around £26,000 can fund a dedicated care worker at Sheppard House for a full year.

Every legacy gift pledged to NAD remains local, directly supporting residents across Newent and the surrounding rural communities.

How to Request a Legacy Guide:
To request a free, confidential Legacy Information Kit, call **01531 821227**, visit **sheppardhouse.co.uk/legacy**.







Join Our Volunteer Transport Team

For many elderly and disabled residents in the northern Forest of Dean, getting to a doctor's appointment, visiting the local shops, or attending day care services can be an overwhelming challenge. The Newent Community Transport team at Sheppard House provides essential door-to-door transportation to keep our neighbors independent and connected.



To meet growing local demand, we are actively searching for Volunteer Drivers to join our dedicated team.

- Flexible Hours: Whether you can spare a few hours once a week or a couple of days a month, driving schedules are built flexibly around your routine.
- Expenses Covered: Volunteer mileage expenses are reimbursed so that helping out never leaves you out of pocket.
- Requirements: A valid driving licence, a reliable vehicle (or willingness to drive one of our accessible vehicles/minibuses), an empathetic personality, and a standard DBS check.

Volunteering as a driver offers a rewarding opportunity to make a tangible, immediate impact in your immediate community while enjoying friendly conversations along the route.

Get Involved Today:
To express an interest or learn more about the role, call our office at **01531 821227**, email us, or visit **https://tr.ee/volunteer-with-nad**.

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