

## Wombridge Primary School pupils are loving their new greenhouse



Posted on [February 10, 2016](#)

Wombridge Primary School has a new botanical greenhouse to grow more of their own fruit, veg and flowers. Hear what pupils Amelia, Reece, Cody, Nariman and Inder have to say about their love of gardening – a great little film that captures their green fingered enthusiasm! View it here <https://youtu.be/L-yGTRuBemo>

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## What a difference new doors and windows make!



Posted on [January 29, 2016](#)

Work to install replacement windows and doors at Admaston House has been completed this week, thanks to a grant of £50,652 from Telford & Wrekin Council's Community Pride Fund.

These before and after photos sent in by Admaston House Community Centre Trust show what a difference they make to the appearance of the building.



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### The history of Admaston House

Admaston house was originally a private residence built for merchant traders in 1841, with stables, coach house and servants quarters. In 1961 Wellington District Council acquired the property for community use and Admaston House Community Centre Trust, which was established in 2001 as a registered charity, is responsible for the management and running of the house.

### Who uses the facility

The house is the only sizeable community facility in the area and attracts users from as far as Wellington. Over 500 people of all ages use the facility for meetings, classes and courses, toddler groups, youth groups, parties and seasonal fayres and celebrations.

### What was needed

Trust chair Barry Tillotson said that although the old house was popular, it had started losing users due to its poor heating, poor ventilation and increasingly sorry demeanour. The Trust has been working hard to secure funding to address these issues over the past few years, including its bid to the Community Pride Fund.

*Barry said: "A lot of work has been done to make the house more user-friendly and welcoming. The new windows have had a transformational effect on the appearance of the house. Everyone who we have spoken to in the local community has been impressed by the visual improvement to the building, which was considered an eyesore within Admaston. The money from the Community Pride Fund really has made a massive difference."*

In February 2015 the Community Pride Fund team went out to speak to Barry about their plans to replace the windows and what the Pride money meant to them. Watch the short film again [here](#).

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## People love Dawley Park outdoor gym



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The outdoor gym equipment continues to be a hit with locals in Dawley. Earlier this year we featured a post about the newly installed equipment, but it is great to see that the outdoor gym is being used despite the dip in temperature.

Sanctuary Housing's Hartshorne Court retirement living scheme worked with the council to set up the project and organises trips so residents can enjoy the fresh air and work out on the equipment.

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Scheme Manager Viv Chalmers, who led on Hartshorne Court's involvement, said: "I regularly use the park and always see someone on the equipment. It's open to everyone, which means residents from other local schemes are welcome to use it – one resident from Morton Court goes every morning – and it's nice to see teenagers using the equipment too."

Telford & Wrekin Council's Parks and Open Space Officer Derek Owen said: "The project has been an enormous success. I visit the park often as part of my duties and have noticed many adults using and enjoying the gym equipment. In fact I have noticed an increase in the number of people using the park which is great."



— Daphne and Sue using the equipment during a health promotion week in October



— A great photo of Zibi also taken in October

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## Wombridge Primary School grow their own fruit and veg



Posted on [December 30, 2015](#)

Awarded £60,000 to build a botanical greenhouse

### **About the school**

The school in Oakengates, Telford provides primary school education for children aged 4 to 11 years. It prides itself on providing its children with the best resources and opportunities as possible to develop well rounded, responsible citizens. After achieving nationally recognised success through gaining Apple Regional Training Centre status and a Farming and Countrywide Award, the school wanted to further develop learning opportunities for children outside the classroom. They began to develop areas around the school where the children could grow their own fruit and vegetables, which was a great success. The next step was to find a way of growing more fruit and vegetables that could be used in cookery sessions and for school meals.

### **What was needed**

A botanical greenhouse situated in the grounds of the school would mean that more fruit and vegetables could be grown throughout the year. Together with the creation of extra outdoor growing spaces, there would be plenty of opportunity for the children to develop their understanding of the world around them, where food comes from and also encourage healthy eating. Every pupil gets to visit the school's local farm where they experience the day to day workings of a farm and see how the local area changes through the seasons – a botanical greenhouse and additional fruit and veg plots would complement this learning experience.

## Telford & The Wrekin Citizens Advice Bureau



Posted on [December 15, 2015](#)

Awarded £23,513 for computer equipment and an IT upgrade

### **About the service**

Telford & The Wrekin Citizens Advice Bureau covers the whole of Telford and Wrekin and offers a general advice service for walk-in clients and appointments. The service offers free independent and confidential advice on a wide range of problems, including benefits, debt and money management, housing and the law.

### **What was needed**

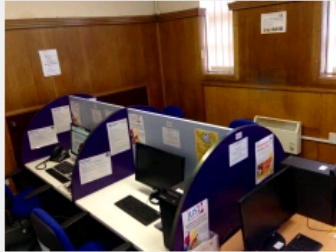
It is becoming increasingly difficult for people to manage their lives without access to the Internet, but many people don't have Internet access or are not computer literate. As more public services become digital by default, the effects of digital exclusion will increase on some of the most vulnerable members of our community. For most CAB clients there is a need to use the Internet to resolve their issues and safeguard their household income. Online applications take time to complete – an online application for a Personal Independence Payment averages two hours. The service's IT infrastructure was unable to cope with the increasing demand, which was restricting its ability to respond to client needs.

The service aims to help clients do as much as they can for themselves by using the online facilities it has available on site. Extra computers with furniture and monitors suitable for people with disabilities were needed.

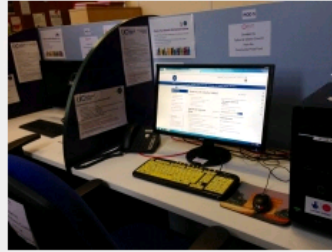
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### What the Pride funding has meant to them

The service has increased the number of accessible computers which are available to the public every weekday and one evening a week. It has also added capacity on its IT server to accommodate increased public use and installed WiFi, which benefits customers as well as visiting solicitors who provide pro bono services.



— There are now more computers for people to use



— Helping clients help themselves

*Lyn Brayne, Service Director, said: "Our direct work with clients gives the clearest indication of the need for this project. Whilst we always aim to empower clients to do as much as possible for themselves, most of our clients tell us that they don't have the skills and confidence to use their own or other publicly available online facilities. The equipment has made it much easier and quicker for us to help clients and support them in doing the digital activities needed to manage their lives."*

## New minibus for Telford After Care Team

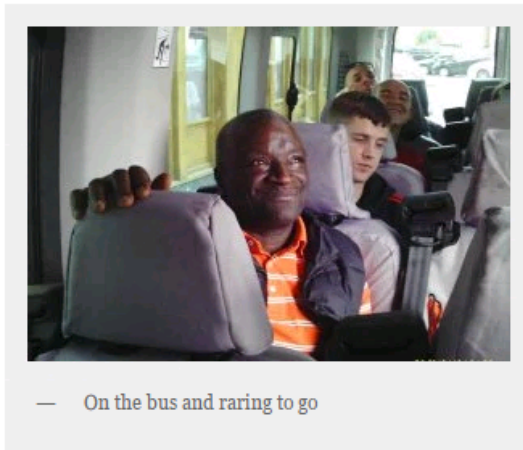


Posted on [November 25, 2015](#)

### Awarded £45,000 to buy a minibus

The group was set up in 2012 to provide a support and recovery programme for people who are drug and/or alcohol dependent. As well as providing help and advice about benefits, training and work, the group also offers a range of support options to help clients with their recovery so that they can live productive and fulfilling lives in the community. The majority of the group's work is recovery based. Many of the volunteers who work there have had their own experiences of addiction and come through them.

### What was needed



— On the bus and raring to go

A number of service users struggled to access the services on offer because of the semi-rural nature of the borough – it can take up to an hour to reach the service by public transport. Those who used the service were also limited to the activities on offer at the centre itself.

Having transport to take clients to outside locations would widen the social, health and wellbeing

opportunities on offer to them and benefit their mental and physical health. It would also help the service to reach out to clients who struggle to attend.

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### What the Pride funding has meant to them

Telford After Care Team (TACT) now has its own minibus. Since buying the minibus, the service has taken clients on regular outings, including weekly health walks in the surrounding countryside, day trips to Ironbridge, Barmouth, RAF Cosford and local points of interest as well as the National Recovery Walk in Durham and out fishing.



— A day out at Haughmond Hill



— A trip to Durham climbing wall

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— A day of fishing... and what a catch



— Another great catch... the fish that is

The team that runs the centre, including the volunteers, have been able to visit other service groups in the region to learn new ideas and skills that are enhancing the way they work in Telford. They now offer drop in sessions in local health and community facilities so that they reach even more people and have been able to do more with schools around their prevention programme. In addition the minibus has been loaned out to other community groups, including local churches and carers' groups, so that others in the community are benefitting.

*Director Robert Eyers said: "Having the minibus has meant that TACT now offers easier access to recovery for its clients and also benefits the local community. It has increased footfall through our doors as more people are becoming increasingly aware of what we do and what opportunities and services we provide. Our clients put a lot of hard work into their ongoing recovery and the minibus has provided the means to show them what the rewards can be and also what there is to do right on their own doorstep."*

Telford Mind and the House of Prayer Church in Wellington are two of the local organisations that have benefitted from the use of the minibus – the minibus was used to collect a carpet for Telford Mind and transport 15 people from the church to and from the airport at Heathrow.

*Anthony Herber Davies, Pastor of the House of Prayer Church, said: "It is a great credit to all at TACT in that they are prepared to share and give mutual support to the local community. We are aware that many are turning their lives around and are able to take hold of life again and give back to others. Well done to all the volunteers and thank you."*

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## Telford Hornets send in photos of the newly resurfaced car park



Posted on [November 20, 2015](#)



The new look car park offers a much warmer and safer welcome to people visiting the club – see the earlier blog post to see what a difference the Pride work has made.

— Properly marked parking bays have increased capacity



— New allocated parking for visitors with disabilities



— And no more potholes!

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## Newport Cottage Care Centre



Posted on [October 22, 2015](#)

The Community Pride Fund continues to make a real difference in our communities. Newport Cottage Care Centre is one of the organisations that has benefited. The centre successfully bid for £5,000 to help refurbish the kitchen. Hear what Trustee Derrick Clancy has to say



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## The Hub, Newport



Posted on [October 15, 2015](#)

Awarded £57,900 to purchase their building

### **About the service**

The Hub is a registered charity that provides activities, training and support for young people in Newport and the surrounding areas. As well as a youth club, The Hub has the potential to be a venue for other community groups that need a permanent base from which to operate. At the start of the project The Hub was used by a mother and baby clinic, TCAT and a job club that helps people secure work and training. In addition it is the home of Nova FM radio station which broadcasts local news and offers training for budding presenters and technicians. The facility is open to any youth based organisation to provide services and support to the whole of Telford and Wrekin.

### **What was needed**

The cost of leasing the building was putting the activities of The Hub at risk. Without the Community Pride Funding the charity and the building would have closed. This would have closed the youth club and put other community groups and Nova FM out of their home. The potential to develop the facility for more community use would have been lost.

We needed to purchase the building, remove the lease costs and make the facility attractive to more users so that The Hub was a viable and valuable community facility.

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### **What the Pride funding has meant to them**

Word regarding the Community Pride Fund has spread and resulted in more community groups approaching and using The Hub. The charity has worked with these groups to re-design the interior to be more flexible for all users. Desks and chairs have been purchased, providing better facilities. They are now home to:

- My Options – providing activities for adults with learning disabilities
- Boughey Explorer Scouts
- TCAT- providing training for adults
- Job Shop
- NovaFM – local FM radio station
- Newport Bridge Club

The Youth Club also now opens on two nights per week, Monday and Wednesday, for the young people of Newport and the surrounding areas.

The next step is to complete the purchase of the building and then increase the number of young people using the youth club.

The non-measurable benefits are the community spirit and support between the users of The Hub. A spokesperson from My Options said: "Being part of the diverse group of local people that access the Newport Hub has meant that adults with learning disabilities have been welcomed into the local community and now have a safe place to meet socialise and develop friendships and learn different skills all in one place. Working together with all the other users of the hub has given us all pride in continuing to develop the building and maximising its use for everyone benefit."