



Branching Out

Welcome to our latest Newsletter.....

In the Community.....



We've been out in the village planting the summer beds and we think they look beautiful! We will continue working on them all over the summer making sure they are maintained and watered to keep them looking perfect.

With the growth of the village our Littleport Life Magazine delivery round is getting bigger and in June we delivered to an incredible 1070 houses. Also involved with Littleport Life is

Chris – Operational Business Manager, who is the magazines treasurer, and along with our Admin Assistant Vikki looks after distribution of the magazine ensuring that the other community groups and volunteers are informed when the magazine is ready to be delivered and making sure they have enough magazines to cover their rounds. We do hope everyone enjoys keeping up to date with all the local news and we are proud to provide this service.



We've had pop up stalls at Ely Train Station, White Stuff Ely, Stretham Feast, G's Open Farm Sunday and Littleport Leisure Open Day. Its great getting out and meeting people from the local community and showing them the wonderful items that we make here at Branching Out.



Bev and Tash walked 36 miles for Branching Out!.....

On the 8th June, Proactive Support Worker Bev and daughter Tash walked the Jurassic Coastline to raise money for Branching Out. With a distance of 36 miles and an elevation of 1,650 meters they completed the task in an amazing 15 hours, 2 minutes and 17 seconds,



and raised an enormous £1,681.27. We're so proud of their achievement and grateful that they took on this challenge in aid of our charity. Thank you also to everyone for their support and sponsorship which really spurred them on!

Shop News

The Charity Shop is now open 7 days a week, giving you more time to browse the rails. We have been receiving some fantastic donations lately so there are some amazing bargains to be had. Don't forget that if you are a UK taxpayer you can Gift Aid your donations. There is no cost to you but the Charity can claim an extra 25p for every £1 your donation raises. Next time you donate please ask for a form and sign up, it only takes a minute.

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Great news. You can now support our charity in a new way. If you sell on eBay and would like our charity to benefit from your sales you can now choose us when listing your item. Click on the box for donation, find our charity and then choose your % of the final sales price to donate to us, between 10 and 100%

<https://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/Branching-Out/176970>



Branching Out Family Fun Day



This year's Fun day takes place on Friday 2nd August from 10:30 – 14:30 and this year we also celebrate our 25th Anniversary. We got lots of stalls and fun planned for the day and have entertainer Mr Marvel performing 2 magic shows. We will also be holding a free raffle to win a Kindle Fire 7; all you need to do is turn up!! We are still in need of tombola and raffle prizes so any donations are most gratefully received, but please remember that food items



need to be dated until at least the end of August. Our service users and Proactive Support Workers have created an amazing cake for our window display, we hope you like it as much as we do!!

Recycling with Thurlow Nunn Standen



We're lucky to have been chosen to benefit from TNS on Wisbech Road's crisp packet recycling scheme. For every tonne of crisp packets recycled we receive a donation. Although we are not an official collection point, we are happy to drop off your packets for you, any brand can be recycled so not only is it good for the environment its good for the charity too!



Tesco Fair Share Scheme.....

We're proud to be a part of the Tesco Fair Share Scheme – fighting hunger, tackling food waste in the UK. Since we joined the scheme over 2 years ago, we have received 120 collections, which equates to 4800kg of food, and is the equivalent of 10653 meals. We have also made 15,495kg of CO2 savings. We love receiving our boxes on a Wednesday morning and discovering what items we will be using in our cooking group throughout the week.



Thank you

As part of the Co-op Community Fund we have received our first donation of £358.98. Thank you to the Co-op for choosing to be part of the scheme and to everybody that shops there for selecting us as their good cause.

Many thanks to The Copper Cup in Littleport for being a retailer for our hand made dog biscuits and raising £156.64 from the sales.

Thank you to our Charity Partner Claire's kitchen for raising a fabulous £71.12 from an Easter Raffle and collection pot.

Thank you to Ely Hereward Rotary Club for choosing us to be their Charity of the Year.

Thank you to our Charity Partner White Stuff Ely for another £582.84 for their fundraising efforts between February and April this year.

A big thank you to everyone that supports the Charity by volunteering their time, donating their goods, purchasing our items, sharing our Facebook posts and all the other things that help us to continue to do the wonderful work that we do at Branching Out

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th August - Summer Bank Holiday – Branching Out closed

Friday 27th September – Workforce Development Day – Branching Out Closed

Tuesday 3rd December – Workforce Development Day – Branching Out Closed

December TBC – Christmas Shopping Trip

December TBC – Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December 12 noon – Branching Out Closes for Christmas

Friday 3rd January – Branching Out Open