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Hello everyone and welcome to another bumper edition of The Wren.

We have had so much going on this month that Anna and her team have had to add additional pages! They've done a marvellous job

At last we have had some beautiful weather to go with our recent events; let's hope it lasts as our summer season continues.

Massive thank you to the team of volunteers who joined us from Barclaycard who were like a whirlwind tidying up and painting outside for us.

If you haven't managed to see us out and about yet, we're at the Yorkshire Show next week; do pop by and see us in the garden shopping area if you're there. It's a great opportunity to catch up and take a look at our ever-expanding range of products

Until next time

Take care

Nicky

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Meet the team



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Our Amazing WOWs


Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month Jamie A, Ainslee, Jonathan, Ben and Adam received Worker of the Week (WOW).


Jennyruth Workshops
Established 2003

Jamie Allen
Worker of the Week
10th June 2024



- For using his initiative and renewing the library books.
- For working so hard on the detail of the special order toy box.
- For being really helpful, especially when making the drinks.


Nicky
CEO



Jennyruth Workshops
Established 2003

Ainslee Goddard
Worker of the Week
12th June 2024




- For coming into woodwork and settling down to get on with his work.
- For being so cheerful this week.
- For being a star baker.
- For amazing sanding.
- For taking pride in his work and wanting to finish it.



Nicky
CEO


Jennyruth Workshops
Established 2003

Jonathan Evason
Worker of the Week
7th June 2024



- For working really hard and getting on.
- For doing jobs without having to be asked.
- For embracing new skills.


Nicky
CEO



Ben Evason
Worker of the Week
 19th June 2024



- For getting on with his work.
- For being great in packaging.
- For having a go and persevering.
- For being a great help with drinks.

Nicky

CEO

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Adam Chapman
Worker of the Week
 24th June 2024

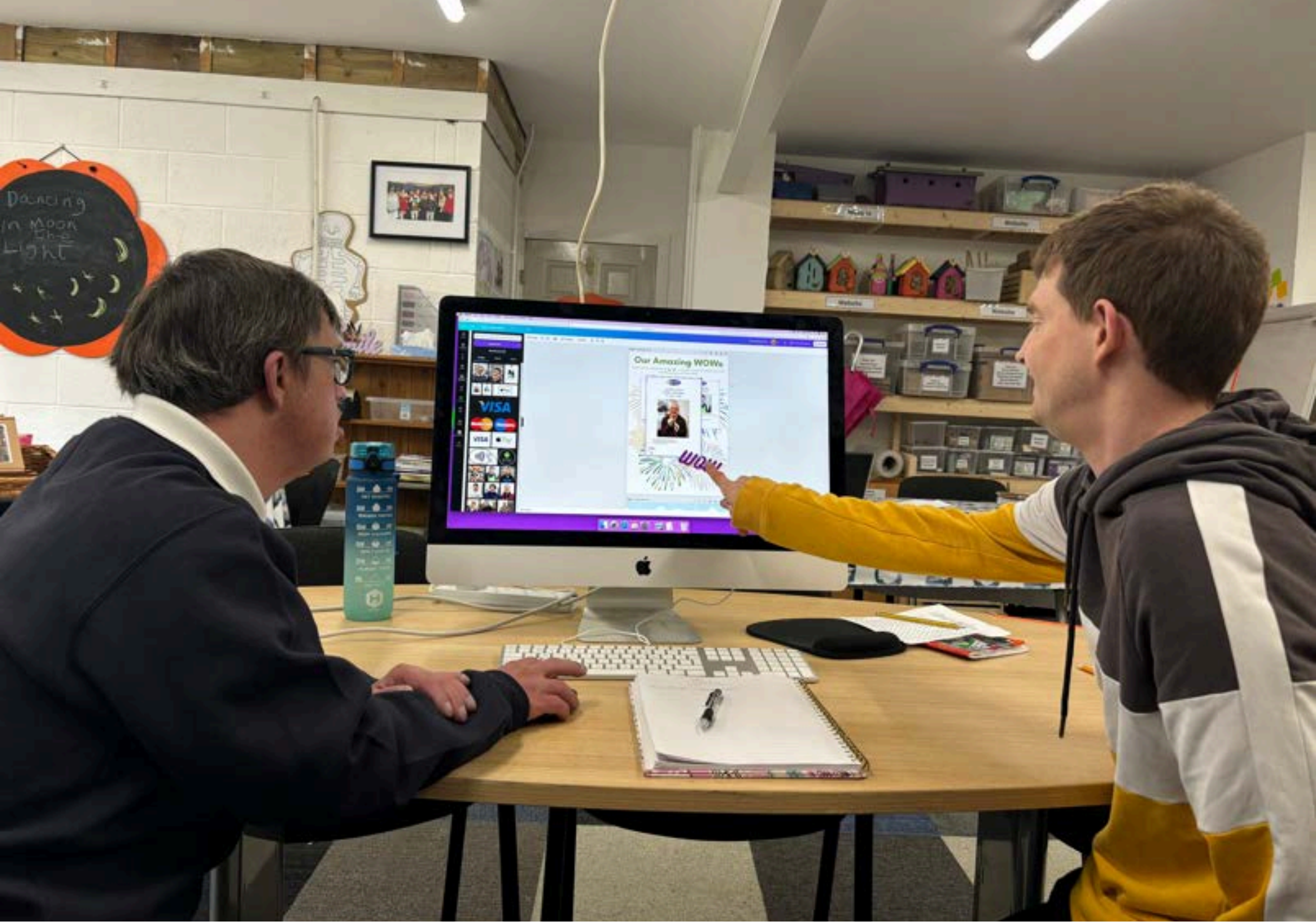


- For joining in with cookery and working really hard.
- For great team work in the Other Room and showing Harry the ropes.
- For joining in with conversations at lunchtime.

Nicky

CEO







Visits and Events

Harlow Carr Gardens Set Up Crew

“Really fun, enjoyed setting it up. We had lots of room to spread out! We had a very good team so it didn't take long to set up. We stopped at Ripley for ice-cream on the way back.”

- Jonathan

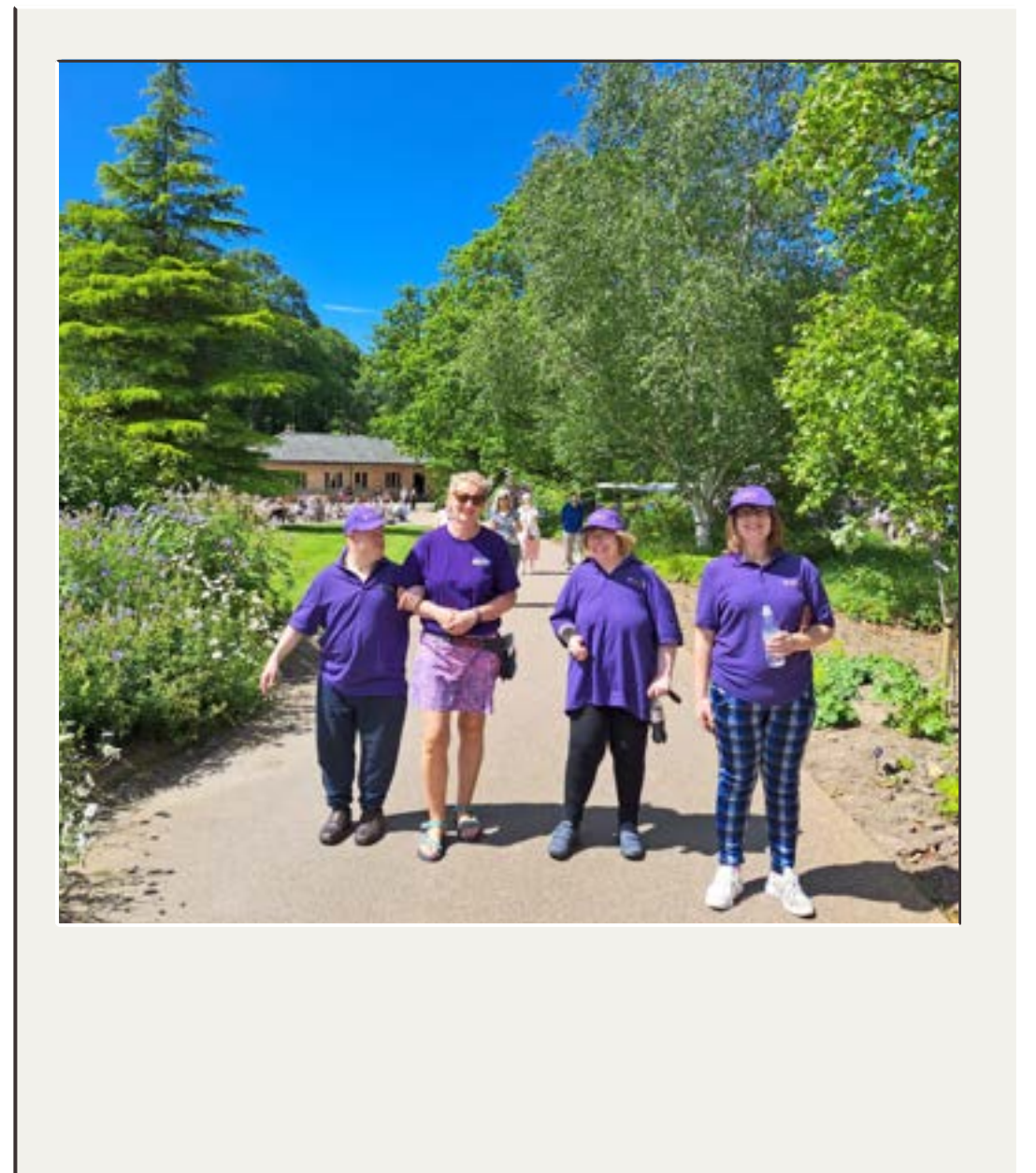
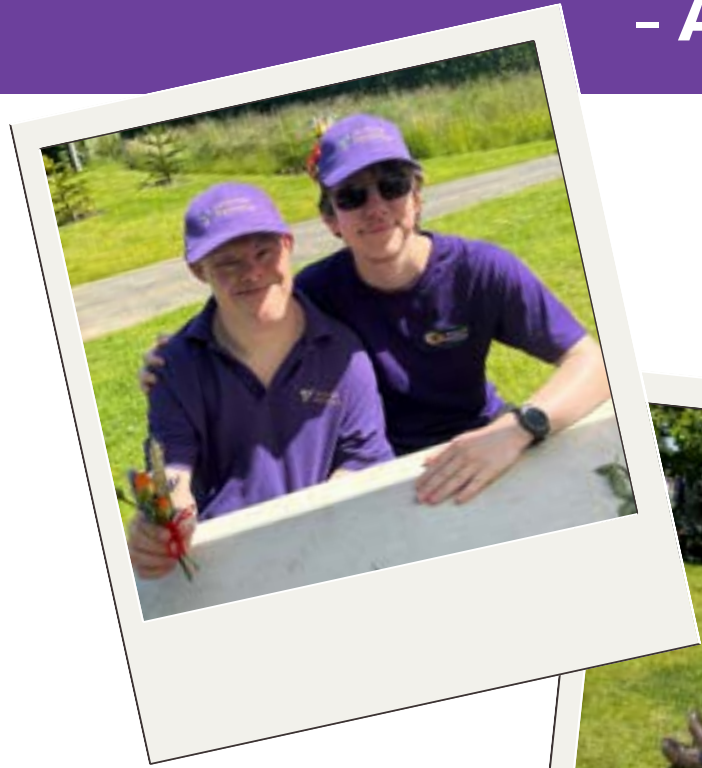


Harlow Carr Gardens Day 1

Lots of customers and lots of sunshine....what more could we have asked for on day 1 of the Harlow Carr show! A great start to the weekend!

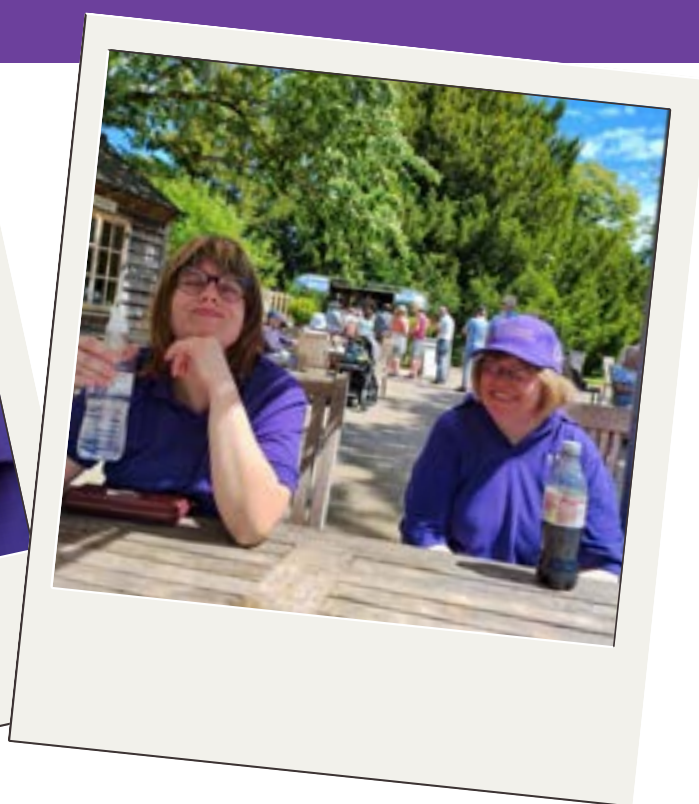
"I liked helping on the stall. It was good to meet lots of customers."

- Alex



"It was a nice sunny day. We made lots of money. I loved talking to customers. Everyone's stalls and flowers looked beautiful. I made a button hole with some lovely flowers."

- Emma S



"We sold lots of things. I had an ice-cream. My favourite part was serving the customers."

- Chris C



Harlow Carr Gardens Day 2



Harlow Carr Gardens Day 3

"It was really good, I really enjoyed it. We met customers who'd visited our stall before and loved our products."

- Simon



Bishopton Vets' Stall

"We had a great time at the Bishopton Vets' Open Day in Thirsk. We met a lot of wonderful people and saw some lovely dogs while working the stall."

- Harry



Scruton Village Fete

"Adam, Lucy and I had a lovely afternoon at Scruton's 2nd annual village fair on Saturday 22nd June. Being the first time we have visited Scruton we found most of our customers hadn't heard of the workshop before; a great opportunity to change that and enjoy the lovely atmosphere and of course indulge our sweet tooth with ice cream! Lucy was a real chatterbox and made lots of new friends during the afternoon. We're looking forward to returning next year."

- Nicky



Boroughbridge Lions Gala Fete

Another new event this year was the **Boroughbridge Lions Gala Fete**. Beth, Jonathan, Therese, Martyn, Carole, Phoebe and Anna were running the stall!



Beth and Jonathan arrived just in time to help Anna and Phoebe set up the stall in pride of place opposite the mobile disco. Throughout the day the DJ allowed Jonathan to pop over and request numerous shout outs for Jennyruth Workshops!



Volunteers, Martyn and Carole, soon joined us followed by Therese. Beth and Jonathan did a fab job handing out leaflets and chatting to customers while Therese was in charge of the Zettle and helping customers with their purchases.



The girls couldn't resist getting their glam at the beauty stall and by the end of the day Therese had purple sparkly hair and Beth, bright red nails.



A great day was had by all and we introduced lots of customers to our fantastic charity and productive workshop.



Community Works

Community Works visit us throughout the year with their early onset dementia group. They get involved in painting, woodwork and baking with their support and the support of our workers.

"It's lovely to see the workers with the community works group and show their skill, caring and kindness"
- Phe



"We had Community Works come to the workshops again. They had really good fun painting and we really enjoyed seeing them and helping them. My favourite part was helping Barry."
- Emma L



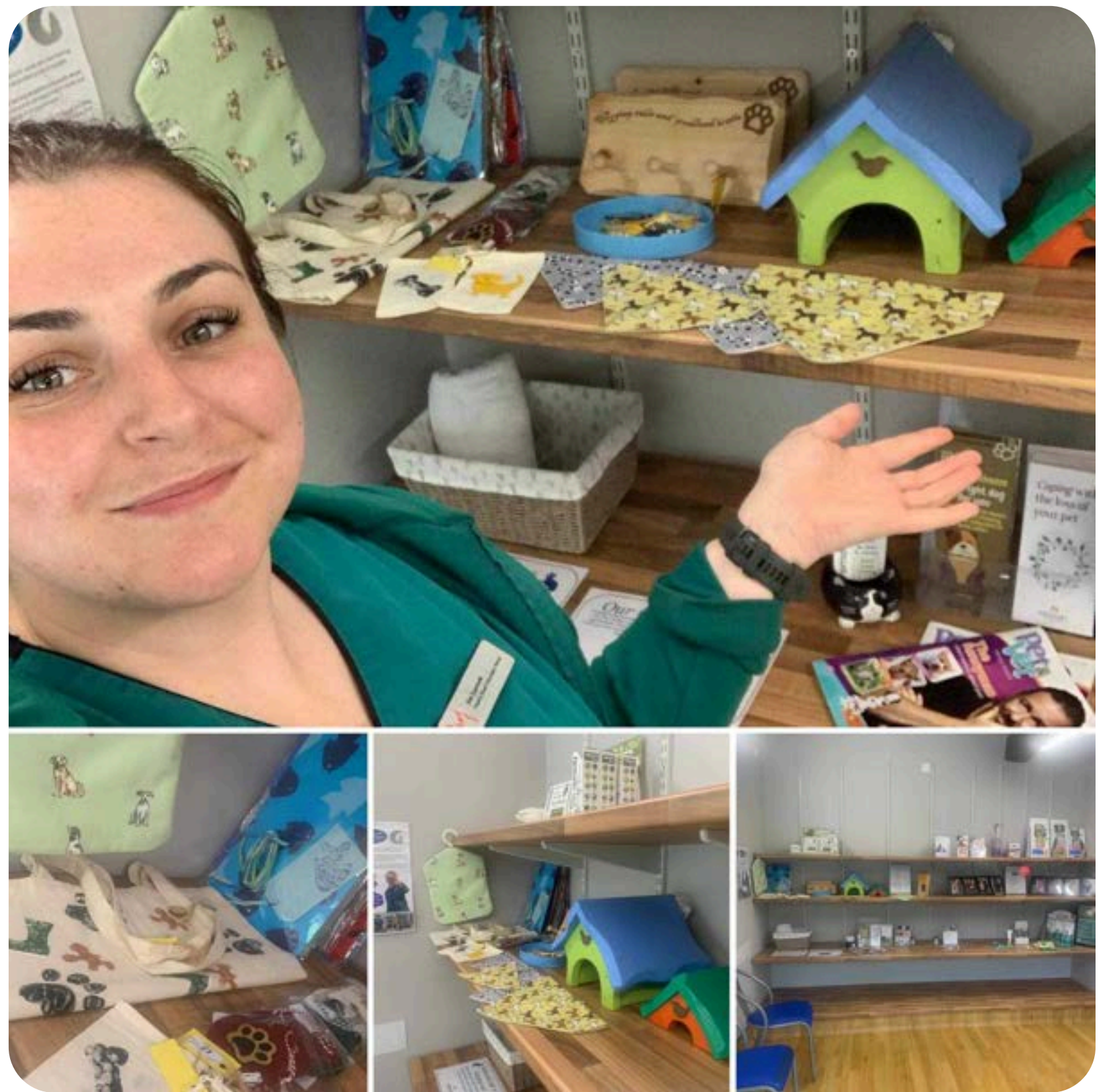
"I enjoyed working with them. One of them had a little dance with me! I helped them with their paintbrushes because they didn't know how to use them. I really enjoyed sitting with them!"
- Emma S



News from the Workshops

Our Outstanding Outlets

Skeldale Veterinary Hospital, in Ripon, have become one of our new outlets! They've mainly been selling our dog themed products.



If you're in Boroughbridge then pop by **Resourceful Living** on Fishergate as our beautiful handcrafted wooden products are on display and FOR SALE in their window!

Thank you both for supporting our wonderful workshop!

Blue Peter Badge Group

In Blue Peter badge club, Martin, Beth, Mathew and Daniel have been working on trying to gain a green environmental badge, they have all created a sea creature using tiny pieces of recycled crisp packets to create a huge piece of recycled sealife artwork.

They have enjoyed a trip to Redcar beach where they joined an arranged litter pick, they had great fun, enjoyed a lovely picnic and an ice-cream on the sea front.

This was our 1st Blue Peter Badge group, it's been lots of fun and there has been lots of interest in the group. Our 2nd group has already made a start on their project and we can't wait for you to see it!

**"I collected so much rubbish, I really enjoyed recycling."
-Beth**



**"I enjoyed the litter picking at the beach and the ice-cream!"
- Daniel**



**"I have enjoyed absolutely everything about Blue Peter badge club."
- Matthew**



**"I shared photos with the group of me scuba diving in Jordon, there were some amazing fish and other sealife."
- Martin**

Wrappers Delight

Beautiful handprinted wrapping paper! Perfect for all occasions and personalities!



Card Making and Print Design

So much time and care goes into our handcrafted cards and the results are amazing! We have a small selection available to purchase on our website but pop by our shows and events to meet our team and browse more of our card range.



Bird Box Building Experience

Looking for an original gift idea?
How about a Bird Box Building Experience at
Jennyruth Workshops?

£99

Choose which style of bird box you want to make ...

Tit Box



Robin Box



Blackbird Box



... and decorate it
using a range of
stencils in colours of
your choice.



We'll provide component parts, materials, tools and tuition - along with a sandwich lunch. Your unique bird box will be finished and ready to take home by 4pm

The day will include a tour of our workshop, as well as assembling and decorating your own bird box to take home.

Arriving at 10am, your experience will start with a hot drink and safety briefing. This will be followed by a tour of our workshop where you'll meet our 'workers', one of whom will show you around and guide you through the process of creating your own bird box.

Then it's off to the woodwork area where you'll sand the wooden components of your bird box, drill and screw the box together, assemble and fit the roof. You'll add finishing touches: roofing felt, a hanging hook, and one of our trademark wrens.

After lunch you'll move on to the paint shop where you'll be able to stencil on decorations to make your bird box truly unique.

This experience is suitable for adults aged 18+.

The cost of £99 per person includes all you'll need to make your bird box and will help support our workshop. Experiences are available Monday to Friday 10am-4pm. All materials, tools and safety boots will be supplied for the day.

The experience is for one person to attend. It is possible to book 2 experiences so that 2 people (max.) can attend together, each making their own box. Please contact us to enquire about similar experiences for larger groups.

Our workshop is near Ripon HG4 5AY. Parking on site.

Additional personalisation options (e.g. name plaque, bespoke cut outs or stencils, ...) can be pre-booked at an additional cost.

For more information, to book or request a gift voucher for our Bird Box Building experience, please email us: info@jennyruth.co.uk or phone 01756 606620 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am - 4.30pm).

Please note that we will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

**THURSDAY
MORNINGS**

ARE

**TOY
LIBRARY**

MORNINGS

Stay & Play Have Fun

Borrow toys

Community House, Allhallowgate

from 10 - Noon

ripontoylibrary@outlook.com

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Wonderful Workers

A section dedicated to our fabulously fantastic workers! Each month we will be putting different workers in the spotlight by interviewing them about their life! This month it's all about Chris C.

How long have you been coming to Jennyruth Workshops?
Since January

What do you like watching on tv?
I like watching soaps and I like to get inside soaps magazine.

What are your hobbies?
I like listening to music, singing, sewing and going out for lunch with my house staff.

What do you enjoy doing at Jennyruth Workshops?
I like the magazine group and stencilling with Denise and Kelly and also 1 to 1 work with Anna and Shelley.



What do you do on your days off?
Shopping and watching television.



What were you doing before you came to Jennyruth Workshops?
I went to Hand Paint Print and Bakewell in Star-beck.

Do you have any siblings or any pets?
I have a brother and a sister in law.

Do you have a dog?
I had a Snauzer. He was called Hector.



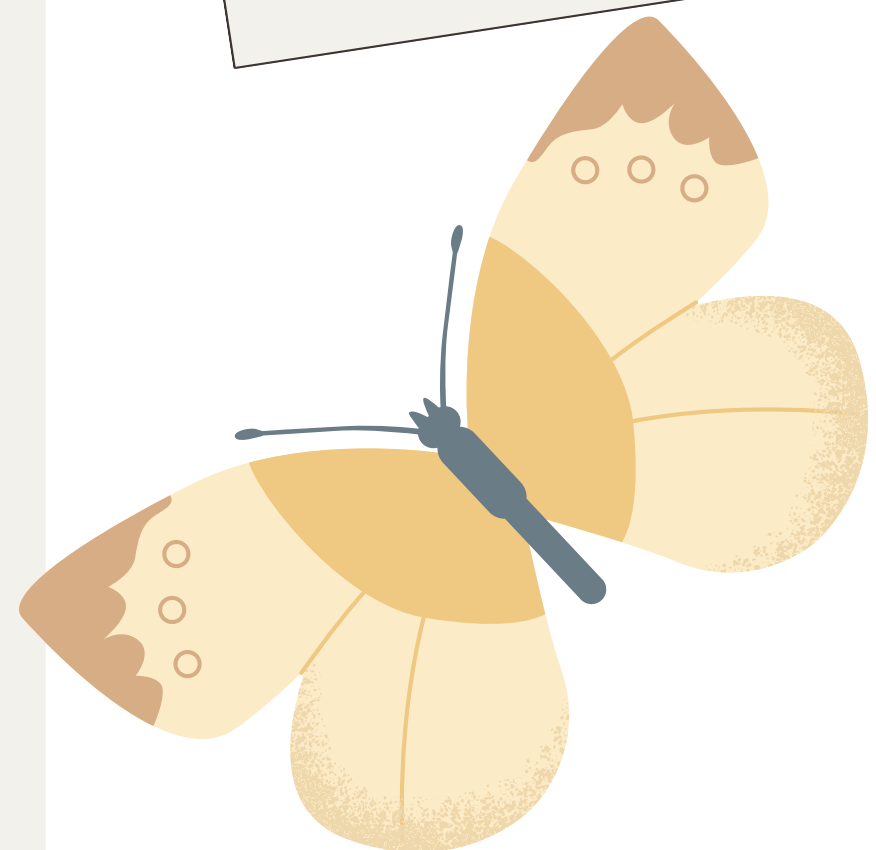
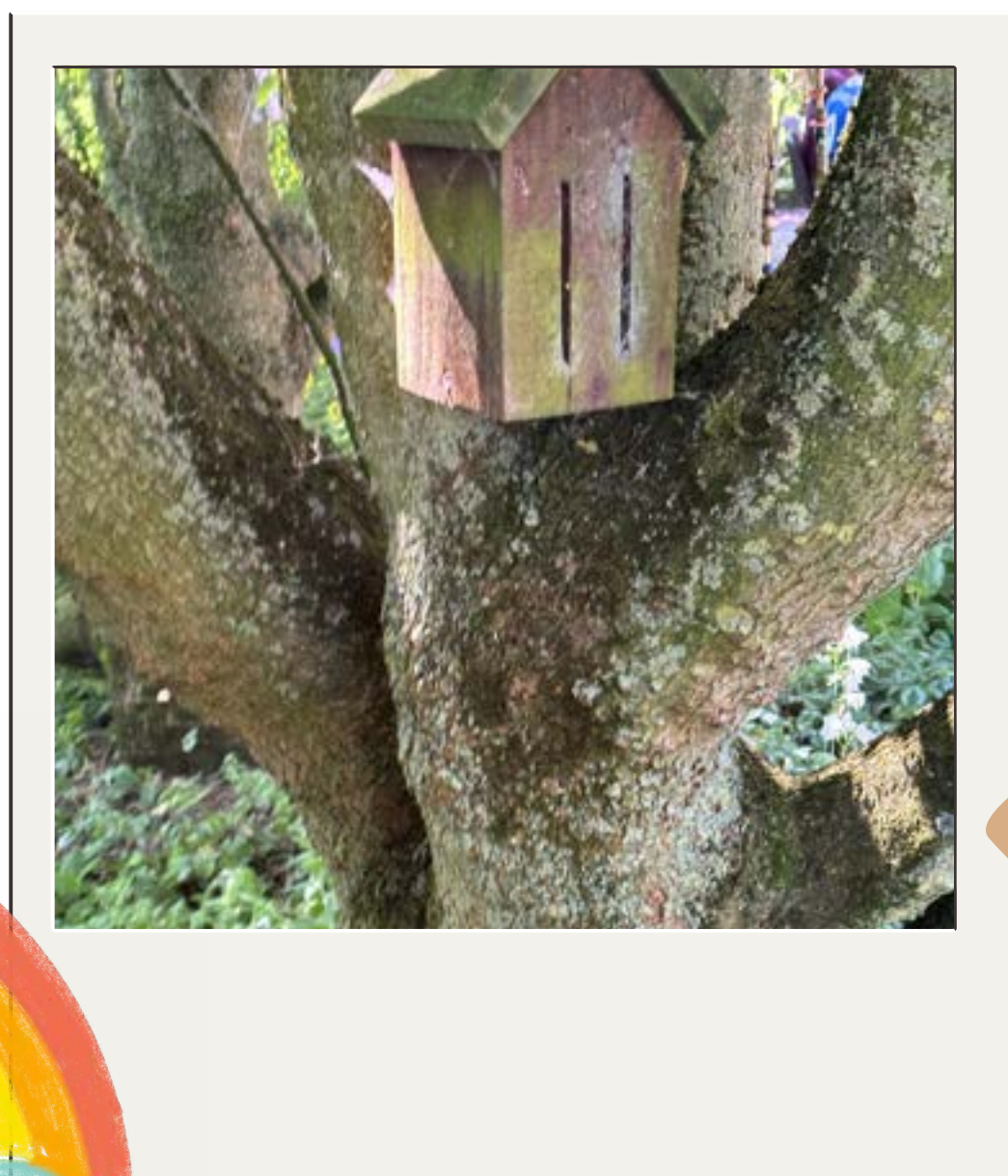
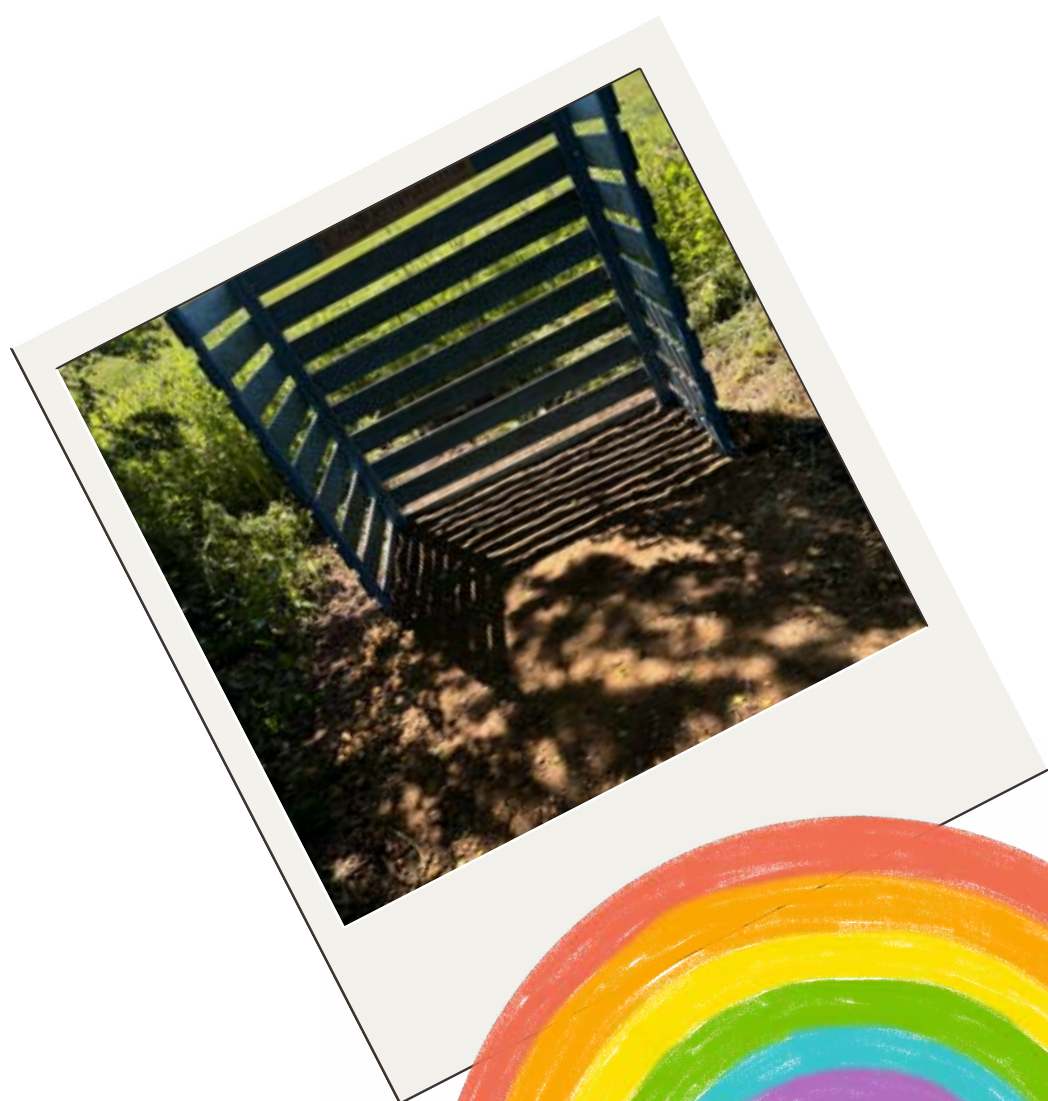
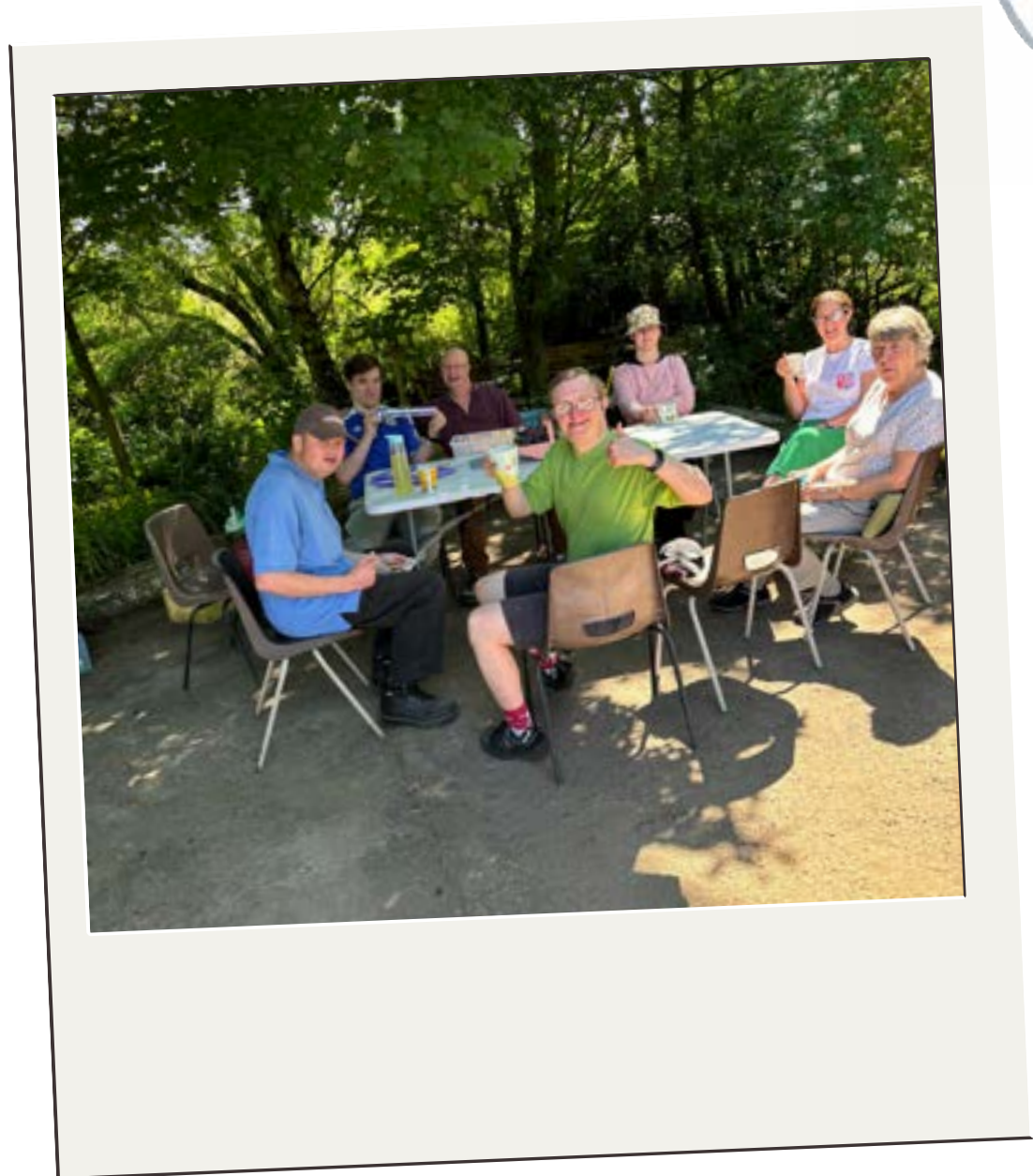
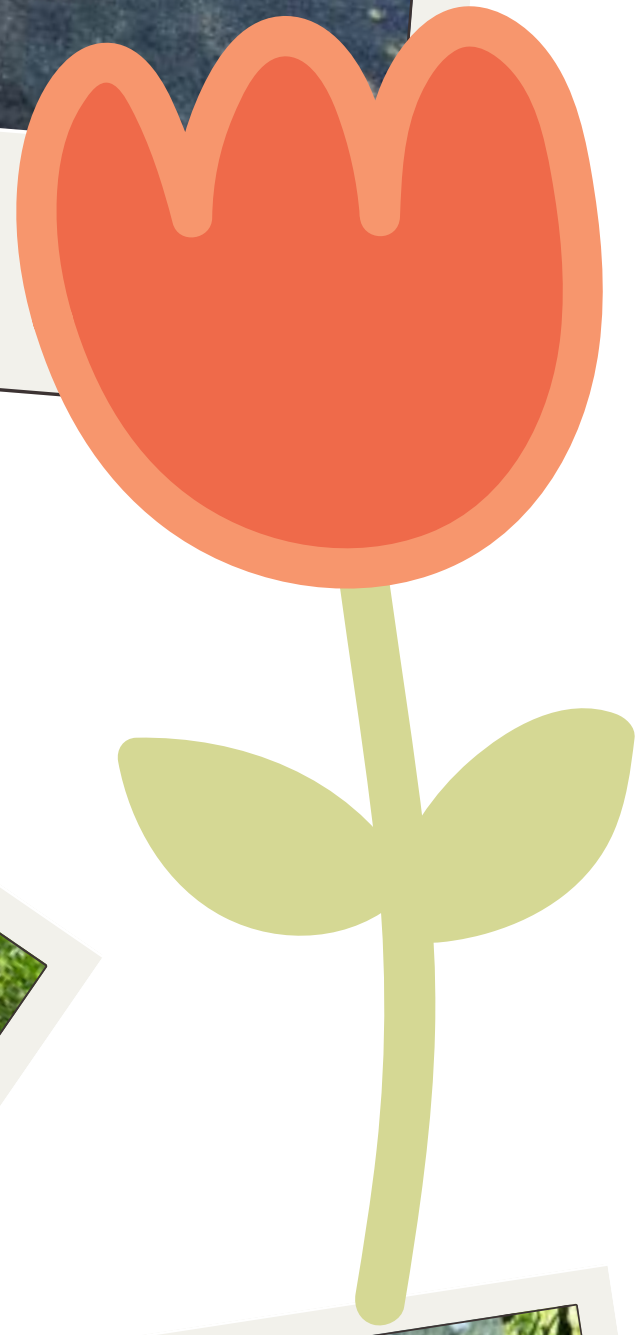
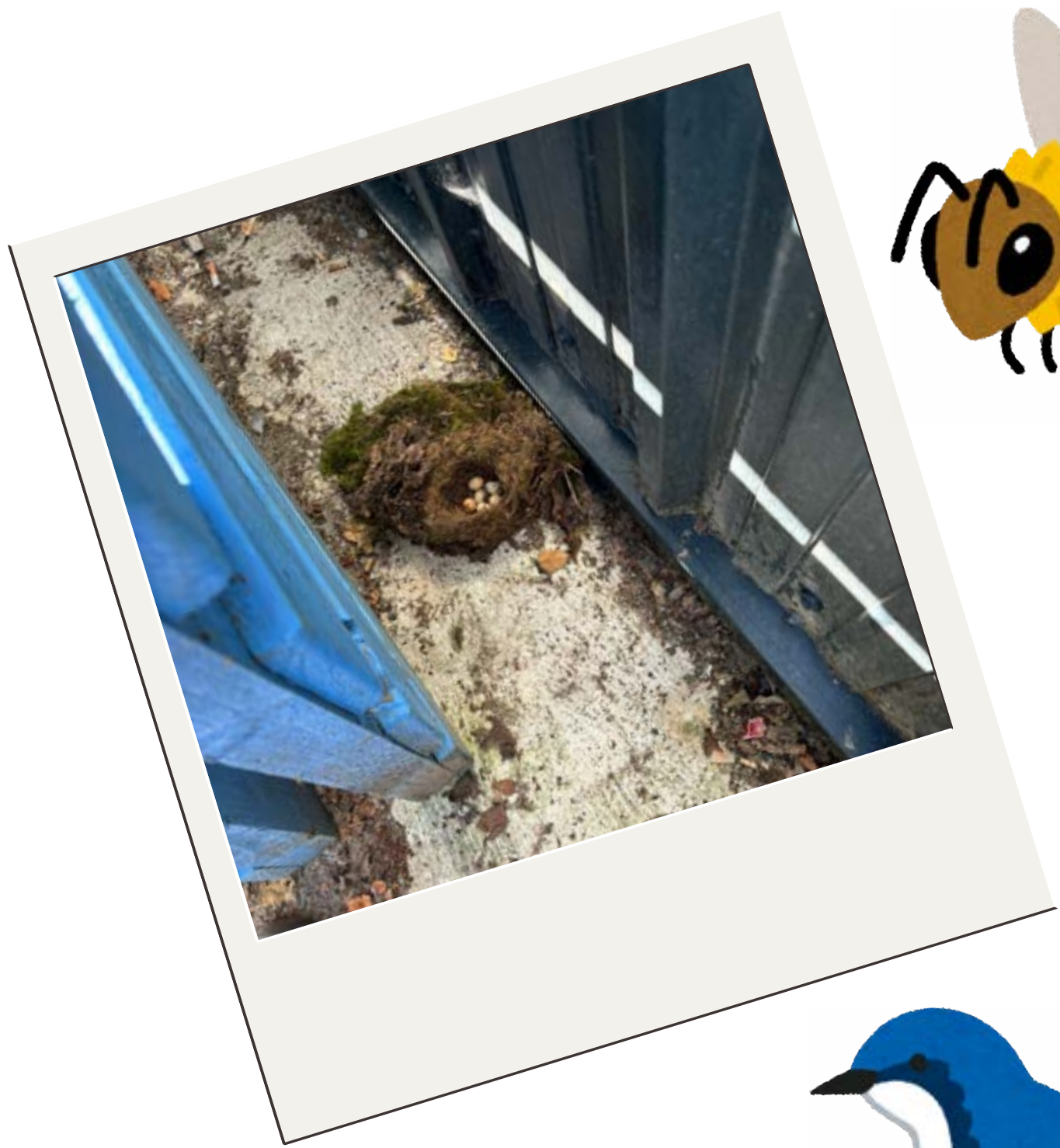
Andrew's Photo Snaps

Our Head of Photography, Andrew, has taken some fantastic photos for this edition of 'The Wren'.









Wildlife Wanderers

With our Deputy Editor Daniel being in the Magazine and Wildlife group we thought it was the perfect opportunity to introduce the section 'Wildlife Wanderers'. Daniel will be telling you all about the wonderful adventures that the wildlife group go on.

Staveley Nature Reserve has become a fast favourite of this groups.

We visited Staveley Nature Reserve which is part of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. We saw herons, mallard ducks and heard 2 cuckoos which was really exciting. We even practiced our own cuckoo impressions.

We did spend a lot of time dodging the rain but eventually we found blue sky. It was great that it was wheelchair friendly although there were quite a few puddles we had to avoid.

By Daniel Allen



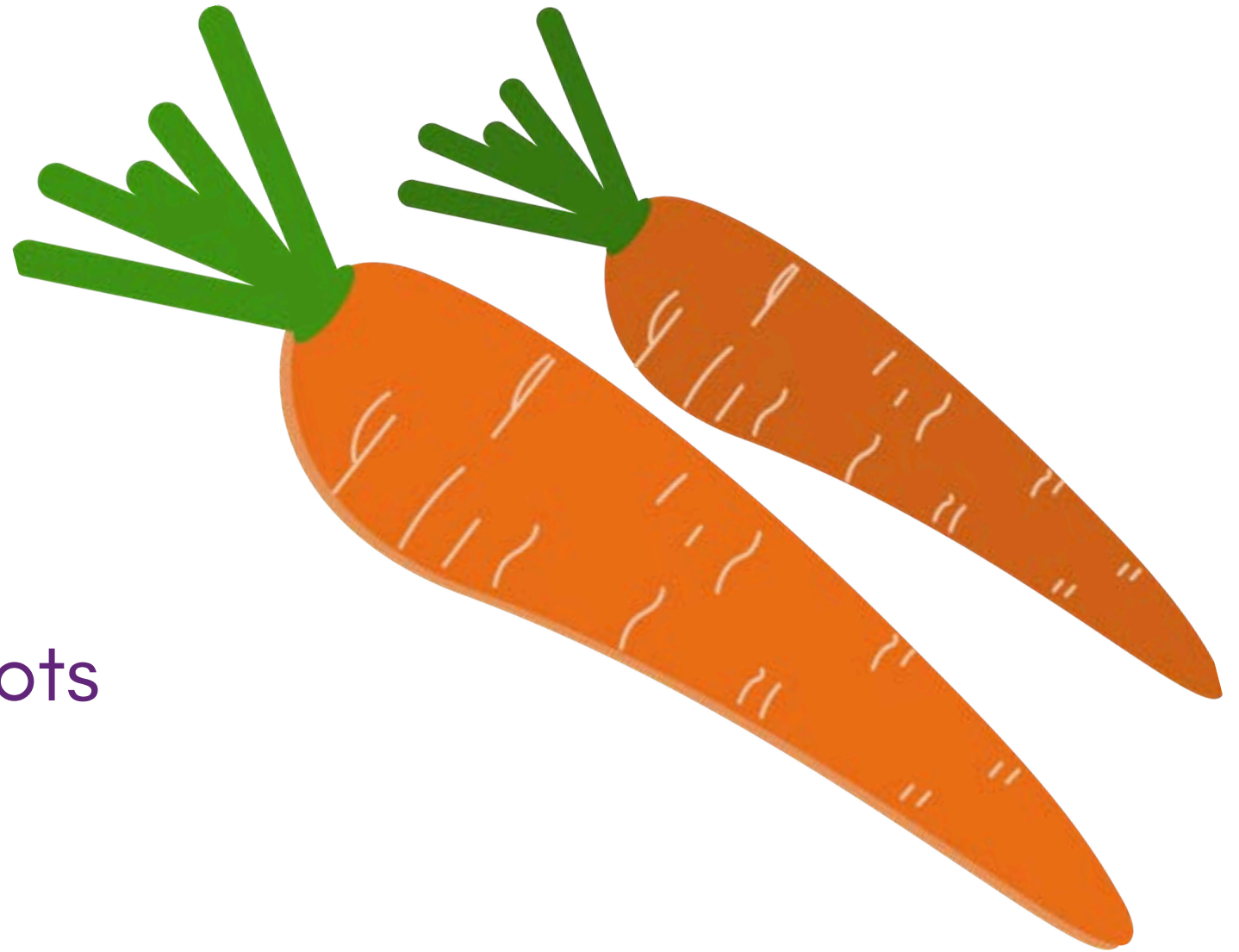


Cooks Corner

Cooks Corner has been taken over by the Baking Group this month with delicious recipes of Savoury Leek and Ham Muffins and Carrot and Coriander Soup.

Ingredients

1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 chopped onion
1 tsp ground coriander
1 chopped potato
450g peeled and chopped carrots
1.2L vegetable stock
handful of coriander



STEP 1

Heat the vegetable oil in a large pan, add the onion then fry for 5 mins until softened.

STEP 2

Stir in the ground coriander and potato then cook for 1 min.

STEP 3

Add the carrots and vegetable stock, bring to the boil, then reduce the heat.

STEP 4

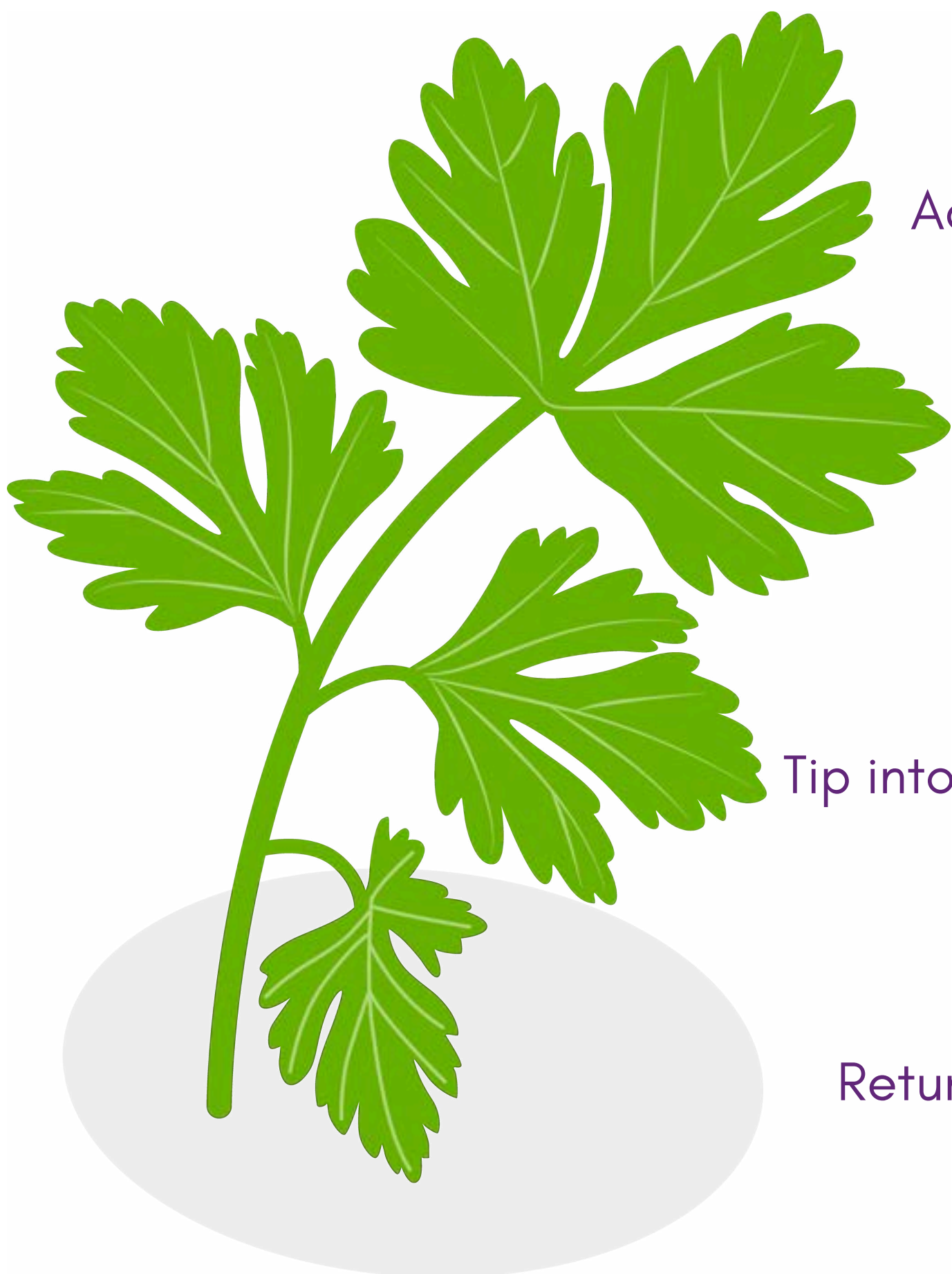
Cover and cook for 20mins until the carrots are tender.

STEP 5

Tip into a food processor with a handful of coriander then blitz until smooth.

STEP 6

Return to pan, taste and add salt if necessary, then reheat to serve.





Ingredients

- 2 tbsp oil
- 1 finely chopped leek
- 280g plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 300ml plain yogurt
- 4 tbsp melted butter
- 25g grated cheese
- 25g fresh chives, finely snipped
- 150g cooked ham, chopped

STEP 1

Pre heat oven 200 degrees/Gas Mark 6. Fill a muffin tin with 12 muffin paper liners. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the leek and cook, stirring, over a low heat for 2 mins. Remove from heat and cool.

STEP 2

Sift the flour, baking powder and baking soda into a large mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, lightly mix the egg, yogurt and melted butter together. Add the cheese, chives, leek and half of the ham, then mix together. Add the cheese mixture to the flour mixture, then gently stir together until just combined. Do not overstep the batter.

STEP 3

Divide the batter evenly between the muffin cases (they should be about two-thirds full). Bake them in the oven for 20 mins or until risen and golden. Remove the muffins from the oven and serve warm or leave to cool.







Volunteering



Would you like to be a part of a vibrant social enterprise, working with wonderful, friendly people and to feel like you make a difference?

We offer a range of volunteering opportunities at Jennyruth Workshops. These include enabling and supporting our workers in:

- office skills and educational courses
- painting wooden gifts and products in the paintshop
- cutting out wooden items and assembling habitat boxes in the scroll saw/assembly room
- work experience and voluntary work outside of Jennyruth Workshops
- talks and running stalls at crafts fairs and shows

We also have volunteers who help with fundraising events.



Please check the events list and if you would like to help out at any of these please email Avril at info@jennyruth.co.uk

Brilliant Barclays



A huge thank you to our friends from Barclaycard who spent yesterday volunteering with us you are all fabulously fantastic whirlwind machines that will throw your hand to anything.

Our garden space looks beautiful,
our doors are bright lime green,
we had an extra pairs of hands in cookery
And the bird hide...what a scene
You dug, and cleaned and cleared
No wonder we all cheered!
Painted windows, oh so clean
Oiled tables, what a team!

Thank you again for all your hard work and endless positive vibes! Hopefully see you all again next year!







We Love Our Volunteers

Last month we celebrated Volunteers Week so here's a little poem to show them how much they mean to us!

Our volunteers are lovely, kind, caring and true
The workshop wouldn't be the same if we didn't have you!

Your skills and compassion never cease to amaze us
Your positivity and baking show us how much you love us!

You're marvellous, magical and wonderful too,
We love you and thank you for everything you do!





Fundraising

There are numerous ways that you can support Jennyruth Workshops.

Fancy starting your own fundraiser? Click the link to create a Just Giving page and start raising money for Jennyruth Workshops!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=3261823>



You can donate via our website:



Click the link to make a regular or one off donation!

Easy Fundraising gives people an easy and free way to raise donations for Jennyruth Workshops through online shopping

You can also add the Donation Reminder button to your browser so whenever you're shopping online – the Donation Reminder automatically lets you know when you're on any site that offers donations with #easyfundraising.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

It's now been made even easier...just scan the QR Code to sign up or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to find out more.



Claro Lounge - Lounge Aid

Throughout the whole of June the Claro Lounge, in Ripon were raising money for our fabulous charity by doing bake sales, quizzes, a raffle and their manager even braved the shave (of his beard)!



"I heard of Jennyruth Workshops through a family member and as a team, we found your website and saw all the great work that everyone does there. The support and opportunities you provide for adults who have learning disabilities made you an obvious choice to raise money for!"
- Dan, Assistant Manager

We had two fab groups of workers visit the Claro Lounge in June to help out with Bake Sale to raise money for Jennyruth Workshops.

On Monday 10th June, Anna, Ryan H, Ryan R, Tom H, Linda and I went to the Claro Lounge in Ripon. We all helped with a bake sale. We all sat down at a table for a cup of tea and other drinks, then we went for a walk around carrying the cakes and giving them to the customers that were on individual tables. The Claro Lounge was a little bit busy inside but the customers kept on coming in and out. The weather was very cold because it was a bit windy, it was raining only a little bit so it made us a lot more miserable, but then the sun came out and that brightened our day up a bit more.

By Jessica Lewis





It was a very hot and sunny day when we were at the Claro Lounge with Adam and Helen. To begin with it was a bit quiet but it become busier after a while. We had a drink and a cake. The hot chocolate was delicious and the cookies were tasty. Then who should come in but Andrew and Shaun for their lunch.

A customer recognised us from Jennyruth Workshops because she has a bird box that she bought at Tate's. She came and said hello. Everybody was really friendly and welcoming!

By Pippa and Rachael



KNARESBOROUGH KNIGHTMARES CHARITY GHOST WALKS

19 June

14 August

30 October

18 December

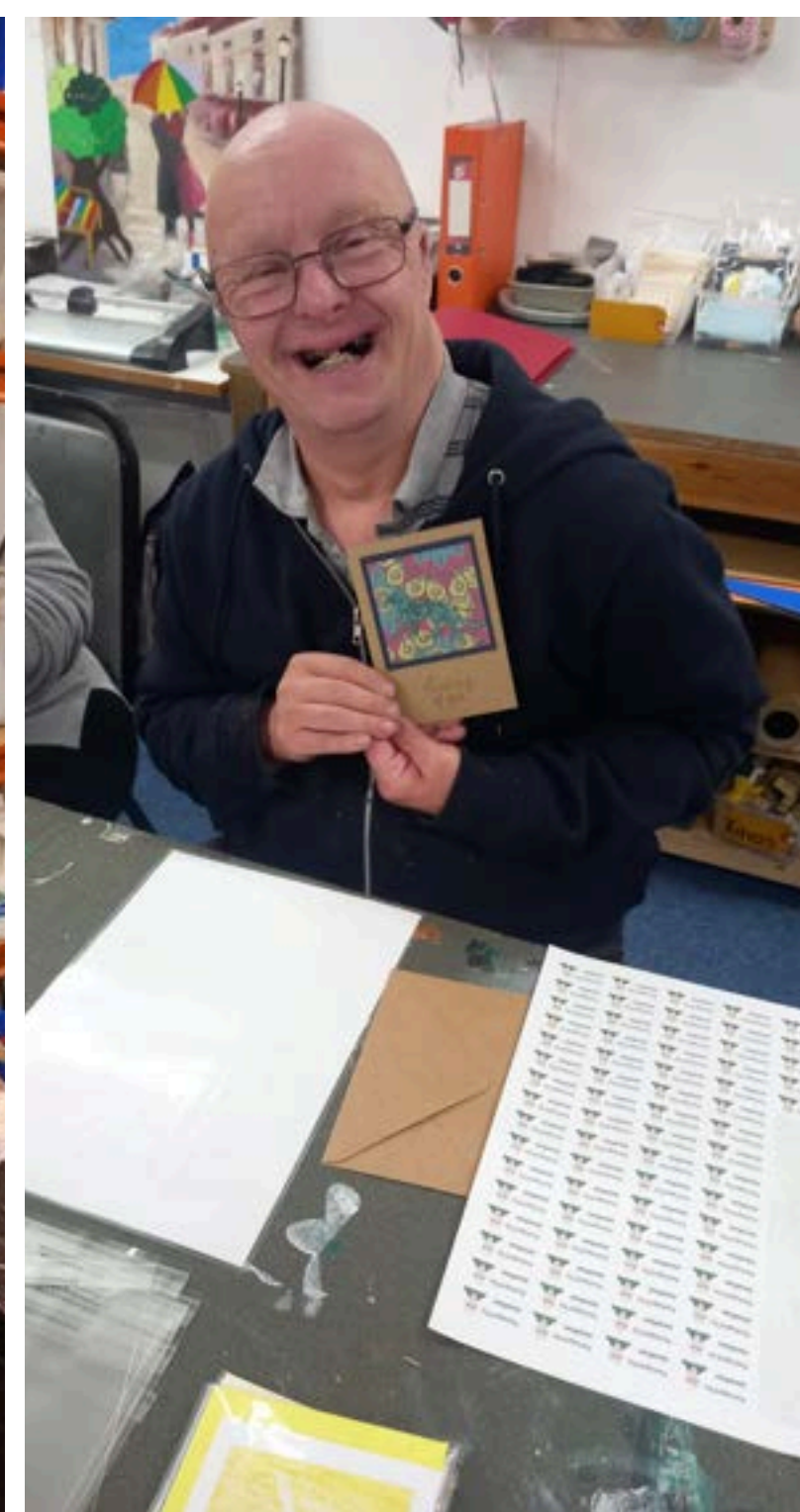


ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares

The 2024 Knaresborough Ghost Walks are now open for booking, with all ticket money donated to local good causes like Jennyruth Workshops.

Knaresborough may not be huge, but it has a wealth of history and folklore, with tales of ghosts, witches and murderers. Local characters like Mother Shipton have been known to make personal appearances from beyond the grave (but her availability is hard to predict).

Unlike most other things, our ticket prices have remained the same, at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for under-16s. Tours are on 19 June, 14 August, 30 October and 18 December. You can book tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares.



Happy Birthday

July

Jamie Allen
Rebekah Evason
Angie Shield
Sally Chignell
Phoebe Dawber
Shirin Fenn
Ainsley Goddard
Sam Manning

July 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.

1st prize – No 98

2nd prize – No 64

3rd prize – No 90







Dates for the Diary

A note for volunteers

If you would like to help out at any of our events then please get in touch by emailing Avril at info@jennyruth.co.uk.

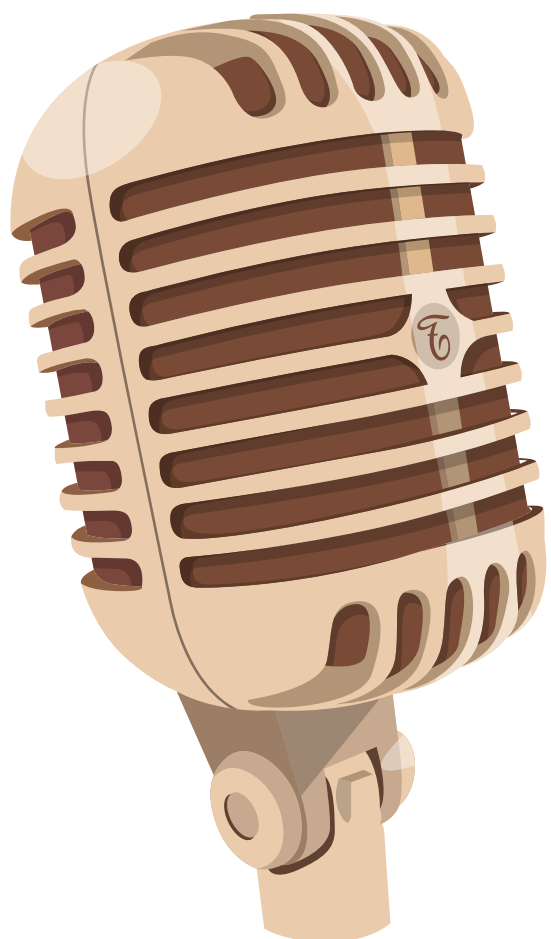
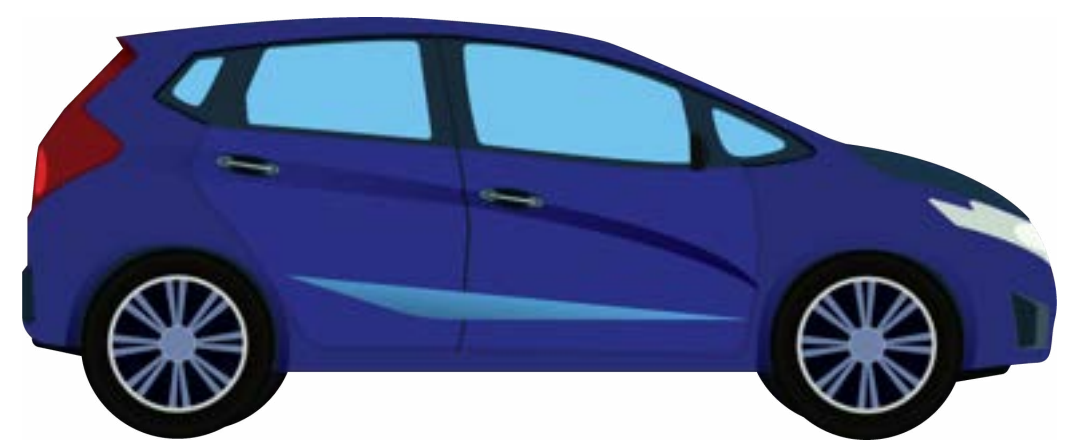
July and August



Great Yorkshire Show
Yorkshire Showground
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th July

Harrogate MG Rally
Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge

Sunday 4th August



Mini Music Fest
St Wilfrid's Church, Ripon

Sunday 4th August



Pop up Shop
Knaresborough High Street

26th August - 1st September

September and October



Autumn Flower Show Newby Hall

13th - 15th September 8:30am - 5:30pm



Haxby and Wiggington Conference Haxby and Wiggington

Saturday 19th October 10am - 3pm

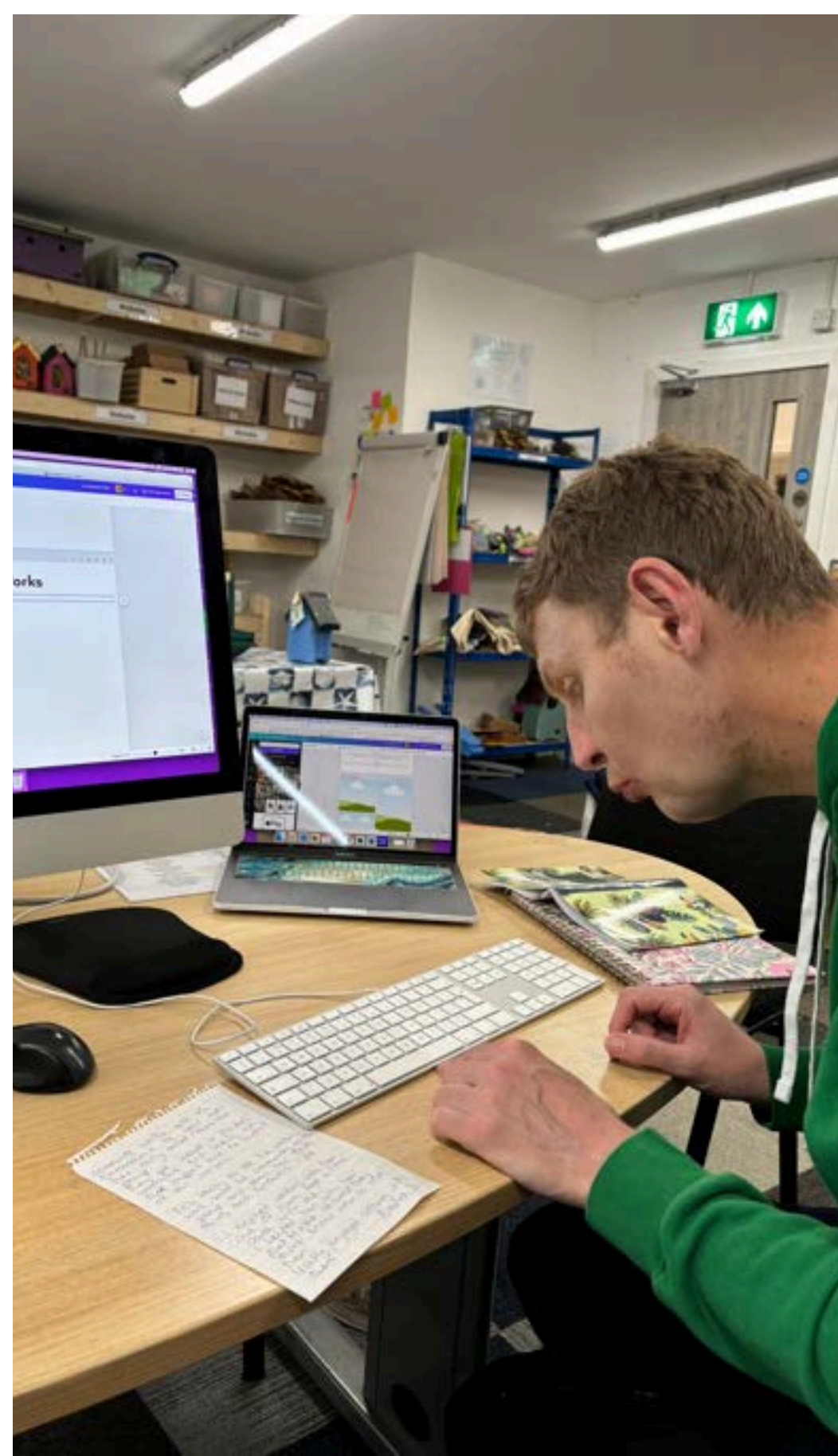


November

Christmas Fair Ripon Cathedral

Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd November





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