

# Day Opportunities

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This month we are shining a spotlight on the fantastic activities and opportunities facilitated by Shropshire Council's Day Opportunities.

To read more about this service area, and to stay updated on their activity please view 'The Rainbow Times' which is published once a month and can be found online at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/day-centres/newsroom/>

**Avalon**

**Maesbury Metals**

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# Avalon

Way back before any talk of a pandemic, I read something about planting a tree for the Queens Jubilee. I thought what a fantastic opportunity for our guys at Avalon to get involved. We grew some of our own willow trees from cuttings and we sourced the others from Shropshire Council's Weeping Cross Nursery and also from Tom the fruit tree man out at Weston Ryhn where Michael and Jonathon picked the trees up from Tom.

All of our guys at Avalon have all had some involvement in this project. We have also registered our trees on the Queens green canopy map, so hopefully nobody will cut them down, or build on our mini wood. We are hoping that our mini wood will attract even more wildlife to our garden. Space for nature is fast running out, so it's been great to provide a safe space for it to flourish. *Andy Edge*

*Community Support Worker*



## Avalon & Maesbury Metals



For the past 18 months staff and service users from Avalon and Maesbury Metals joined the team at 'OsNosh' every Friday serving at their food share tables and helping in the kitchen.

Maesbury Metals offered to help the service users build some items for the new OsNosh community garden as a way of saying thank you for the welcome they received [text deleted].

Elliot Bastos of OsNosh said that the wooden cloche they built would be a very useful addition in the new garden at The Centre.

Further information about OsNosh can be found at <https://osnosh.co.uk/> or on Facebook at OsNosh – Oswestry Community Kitchen.

# Albert Road



## Butterfly Rainbow Alley project

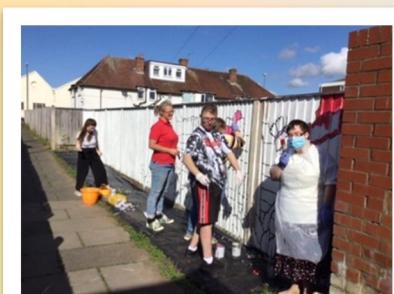
The residents that attend Albert Road have been working hard with Lovelyland to produce a vibrant and engaging space along the alleyway next to their centre. The service users have named this the Butterfly Rainbow Alley project.



Lovelyland is a not-for-profit, social enterprise that designs and delivers engaging programme with schools and community groups in Shropshire and surrounding areas.

The first stage of the project involved litter picking, followed by the distribution of a leaflet in order to draw views and participation from the local community concerning the design of the mural.

The ground was prepared in order to sow a variety of wildflower seeds, and all that's left is to wait for the magic to happen and enjoy!



In preparation for this day, we displayed some of our work, did some stone painting and put some bunting up. We invited our community to join us.



# Helena Lane

Here at Helena Lane our gardening project is off to a good start, we have planted carrots, onions, potatoes and are preparing for the Jubilee Community Event with a red, white and blue flower scheme. In addition, we are planting sunflowers to show our support to the people of Ukraine.

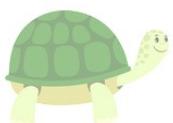
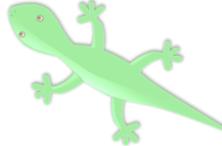
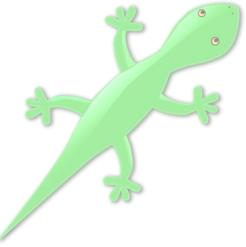
£71 was raised from the Easter raffle and further money was raised for Bake for Dementia, thank you to everyone who participated!



The Spring edition of our magazine was published, the next edition will focus on celebrating and raising awareness for Learning Disability Week in June. For your copy of Helena Lane Spring Edition please email: [helenalane@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:helenalane@shropshire.gov.uk) or visit their Facebook page called Helena Lane



# Wayfarers



At Wayfarers they have been working really hard over the past few month organising fund raising events such as running community coffee mornings and bake sales. The money they've raised has been going towards their comforts fund.

With the money raised, a group decision was made to have a visit from the 'Animal Man' who came and showcased a selection of amazing animals.

The residents who attend Wayfarers really enjoyed getting up close with snakes, frogs and bearded dragons. Lots of happy faces and questions were asked, and a great time had by all!!

