

For all those interested in the work of Salter's Hill, a registered charity established in 1984 to provide homes and support for adults with learning disabilities.

Developing Opportunities

Since the Barn has opened, it is clear that there is considerable demand for the courses offered by Creative Learning and Leisure. Investment made by those who recognised the potential of the venture is already paying dividends. There are currently twenty three sessions a week providing a hundred and twenty four opportunities for individuals to join in. The Charity's enthusiastic and experienced tutors offer courses in Land and Livestock, Numeracy and Literacy, Drama, Woodwork, Horticulture and Craft.



From the increasing number of requests it is very clear that phase two of the Barn Development will need to be brought forward. This will allow Salter's Hill to offer more sessions to more people each week with the development of the upstairs of the Barn. If you would be interested in finding out more about these exciting plans and can offer help in realising the completion of the development then please do contact our Creative Learning and Leisure Manager, Julie Newman.

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Visit to the Morgan Car Works

A group of people from Keepers Cottage had the visit of a lifetime and the opportunity to see how the famous Morgan car was made.



Quality of Life

The emphasis now is for all people to have greater control and independence. All must be encouraged and enabled to manage their own affairs. 'Personalisation' is the newest keyword but at Salter's Hill everyone has been having personalised plans for years!

What do we offer? Every person is instrumental in planning and developing what they wish to do with their life. This includes having control of one's own bank account and finances, and being able to share the planning for appropriate work or work experience. Everyone is helped to explore opportunities and develop skills to seek a more independent but secure way of life. There is reassurance that the familiar, high level of support will still be available in the wider community.

Our staff continue to see themselves as enablers as well as carers, meeting the challenges created by the changing culture which encourages people towards more independence. This may be to think about moving on or to increase what they are able to do for themselves or by themselves. This is reflected in our CSCI reports rating Salter's Hill as "excellent".

Senior Team

Our expanding service covers not only residential care and accommodation-based supported living, but also floating support enabling people to manage in their own homes, a domiciliary care agency and our own Creative Learning and Leisure Service offering meaningful daytime activity.

It is imperative that our Senior Management Team remain informed and able to anticipate change. Our second Senior Team Training Day has just been held. An excellent day provided some challenging goals for the future. Our thanks to Ledbury Rugby Club for helping to make our day such a productive one.

Within the Community

In previous issues of Hillsider we have tried to give some flavour of what individual people do within the wider community. Our work and work experience placements include garden centres, schools, libraries, playgroups, shops, farms, kennels and many others.

What is more difficult to quantify is the involvement in gyms, the sailing club, line dancing, horse riding, swimming, drama and art groups etc. There are many opportunities! Our thanks go to all the groups who give their time to Salter's Hill.

We have a really wonderful set of volunteers who help to ensure it all works but we could always do with more! It does not have to be an onerous commitment and we are sure that your involvement will be rewarding as well as offering rich experiences to those you help.



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Another First

A small group of people ran a market stall in Hereford on Saturday 15th November to sell a number of products produced by Salter's Hill. Everyone enjoyed the experience and over £200 was made by the Charity on the day. Well done to everyone involved. The next time you browse an open air market you might just see us there!



Friends of Salter's Hill

Thanks to our group of Friends we are able to do so much more. Even the business of fundraising is enjoyable, whether collecting outside the racecourse in Gold Cup week, involvement on sponsored walks or helping at the four day table top sale in August. For the latter we are forever grateful for the support and interest of Alf and Doreen and their family as well as the way that Gorsley Baptist Church continue to make us feel at home.

What does the money the Friends raise actually do? This year they have provided and paid for tutors for the summer workshops. From the comments made they have been successful yet again. The BBQ in the Forest of Dean gives an opportunity for people to come together with staff and relatives. I am not sure how it is done but the weather always seems to be fair! Money is also being put aside to equip the social area in the barn when phase two takes place.

Season's Greetings
from everyone at
Salter's Hill.

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