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SGDEN NEWS



Save the Date

SGDEN will hold its AGM on Tuesday 3 December. Everyone is welcome, further details to follow.

To register your interest, please email info@sgden.org.uk.



Can't Wait Scheme

Do you know of any businesses/venues that would be interested in joining the [Can't Wait](#) scheme? Please do let them know about it and they can get in touch for more information by visiting our [website](#) or emailing info@sgden.org.uk.

We want to hear from you...

We want to hear from you about your experiences of inequality in South Gloucestershire.

- How can we work with the council to address these inequalities?
- Do you have experiences that highlight issues in the area?

Please email your thoughts and comments to info@sgden.org.uk and we will include your feedback in our discussions with the Council and other community groups.



Can you help WECA with focus group research?

Would you like to take part in one of the focus groups looking at accessibility products for those with physical, hidden and mental health disabilities?

To be eligible to take part, you will need to be a regular user of public transport have a physical, hidden or mental health disability. They are offering £25 cash to cover expenses.

There are two groups:

- **Wednesday, 23 October, 2pm – 3.30pm**

Turnberries Community Centre, Bath Road, Thornbury, CS352BB

- **Tuesday, 29 October, 5.30pm – 7pm**

Somerdale Pavillion, Tiberius Road, Keynsham, BS312FW

It is essential that you book your place by emailing

kelly.jones@futurefocusresearch.co.uk as there is limited availability.

Call to Extend Diamond Bus Pass Usage Before 9am

Peoples Voice are calling to extend the usability of the Diamond Bus Pass before 9am. This will lift the barrier to taking part in normal day to day activities such as employment, education and social activities. To take part in the survey [click here](#).



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Looking to Green Your Home?

Severn Wye Energy Agency are offering two free online 90-minute webinars in **November** and **February**. The webinars will guide you through steps to make your house greener, and how to make and fund improvements to your home. To find out more and book your place [click here](#).

Want to find out more about energy efficiency?

For more information on support with energy bills and energy efficiency advice, please contact any of the contacts below: Mike Ellaby on mikee@severnwyenergy.org.uk, or [Warm and Well](#) who offer energy efficiency advice.



Lunch & Learn

Book your session on:

Transgender Awareness or
Disability Awareness

Email: info@diversitytrust.org.uk

to book your Lunch & Learn session or to find out more.



Community Event

Kings Chase in Kingswood will be hosting [Social Sundays](#) on 3 November and 1 December between 11am - 3pm.

Expect local makers, free activities, food and music. To find out more [click here](#).

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Christmas Cheer

The [Marmalade Trust](#) are bringing cheer and companionship to anyone alone on Christmas Day with a free festive lunch, subject to meeting eligibility criteria.

To find out more, visit their [website](#) or email info@marmaladetrust.org.



People First Activities

Take a look at the calendar of events from [People First](#). From **Walk & Talk**, **Speaking Up** and **Women's Wellness**, there is a wide range of activities to support people with learning disabilities and/or Autism. There is also a Halloween Disco too! To find out more [click here](#) or [email](#).



Free Weekly Autumn Classes at Kingswood Park

Try something new for the Autumn!

Drum and base boxercise on Tuesdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Health walks around the park and local green spaces on Tuesdays at 1.00pm

Contact kingswoodpark@southglos.gov.uk for more information.



Celebrating PRIDE 2025 Are you LGBTQ+ and Over 50?

[The Diversity Trust](#) has teamed up with [Age UK South Gloucestershire](#) to look at the possibility of hosting a specific pride event in the local area for LGBTQ+ people aged 50+.

They are currently looking for feedback from people around what a specific Pride event for them would look like. Please complete this [survey](#) to give them an idea of what people may be looking for.

All answers are anonymous.

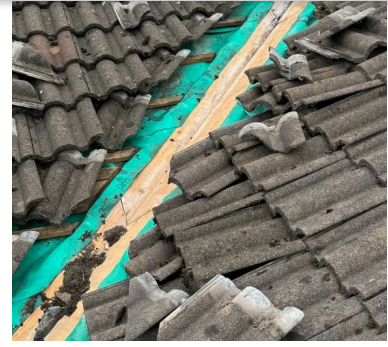


Local Charity Heartbroken by lead theft launches appeal

[Paul's Place](#), currently based in Coalpit Heath, is refurbishing the former Shire Way Community Centre in Yate into a larger hub for its members after winning a bid to purchase the centre last May. Over the Summer, thieves stripped lead from the roof of the building which saw ceilings collapse flooding the interior.

The charity has spent £6,000 fixing the roof but needs additional funds to repair the interior damage and is relying on donations and the generosity of local tradespeople.

Repairs have set them back and they now need to fund urgent internal repairs such as the electric wiring. The charity has set up a [Just Giving Page](#) which has so far raised more than £1,700. If you are able to donate, please visit the Just Giving page. Or if you would like to support them in another way, you would be very welcome, please email them direct on info@paulsplace.org.uk.

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VOLUNTEER FOR US!

We are seeking a volunteer to create this monthly newsletter and assist with our social media. Monthly commitment around 6 - 8 hours.

Skills you could develop

Confidence, communication and planning skills, grow your marketing knowledge and social media planning awareness. Skills that could lead to a different career path.

What difference will you make?

Your support will help us reach a wider audience and allow us to share vital information with our members.

You will have the personal satisfaction of supporting a good cause and being part of a network supporting those with disability or experiencing inequality.

Full training and support will be given.

For more information or an informal chat, please email

info@sgden.org.uk

Below are some links which may be useful for volunteering or job searches:

[Paul's Place](#)

[Cerebral Palsy Plus](#)

[Thornbury Volunteer Centre](#)

[Southern Brooks](#)

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SGDEN NEWSLETTER - Share your news and events

At SGDEN, we are always keen to provide a platform for local disability groups to share what they have been doing and events that they are running.

If you would like us to share your story or event in the newsletter, please send details to news@sgden.org.uk



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