

Creativity is fun, , never be afraid of what you could do!

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Exciting News!

If you live in the Shropshire area then you will probably be familiar with the County-wide paper the Shropshire Star! If so have you heard of their Cash for Communities 2016 initiative launched in the paper on 3 March?



This is a token collection initiative and out of the 118 organisations that applied to be part of the scheme, we are extremely excited to tell you that we have been selected. This means we could hopefully take a slice of their £20,000 prize fund, which would make such a difference for the Studio. But to succeed we're going to have to collect as many tokens as possible and for this we're hoping you might help. If you, or anyone you know are regular Shropshire Star readers, please can you collect your tokens and please help us spread the word.

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Meet Chloe and Steph

Here at Loudwater we work with people of all abilities, helping them to get creative in many different ways. One of our regular groups that join us in the Studio are the fabulous people from the Working Together Café in Ludlow. We know the group always enjoy their time here so Richard from the Café asked two members of the group to tell you in their own words why. Meet Chloe and Steph...

- R:** *What do you do at Loudwater Studios on a Tuesday morning?*
- C:** *Arts and crafts, creative things. I made a cat and a cathedral, a pottery plate and a sewing bag.*
- S:** *(Frowning an intense expression on her face) I do arts and crafts and bag making.*
- R:** *What's so special about Loudwater?*
- C:** *I like the variety of things we do.*
- S:** *Being with friends. I like the staff. They are really quite friendly and helpful.*
- R:** *What else would you like to do at Loudwater?*
- C:** *Singing, Karaoke, repeat the trips we did last year. Dancing.*
- S:** *More crafts. Rugging.*
- R:** *Anything you would like to say?*



Chloe



Steph

S & C: *Big thank you to all. Big thank you for helping us.*

Please take a look at the great work of the Working Together Café by clicking the more details tab below.

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Help us Knit a Twiddlemitt

Have you heard of Twiddlemitts? They're amazing hand warming tubes with little bits and bobs sewn on inside and out. Perfect for people with Dementia and those with active hands.

We've discovered they are in short supply across Shropshire so have launched a campaign to get as many knitted as possible. We will then get them distributed to anyone in the County who would benefit, whether that be a hospital, care home or individual.

Patterns are available via our website so please take a look and get involved

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Join our Craft Club!

Do you enjoy crafts of all types, but regularly run out of space at home and have many projects on the go, which you just never think you're going to have time to finish? Why not join our fortnightly Craft Club? We've got lots of space to spread out and by working together we can solve all those tricky issues and learn lots of new things. Our next group meets on 23 March between 1 & 3.

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Take in an amazing Exhibition!

Ross is a regular user of the Studio and an extremely talented artist. We are thrilled to announce that his first major exhibition is currently on show at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms.

At only 21 Ross is autistic and expresses his creative and warm nature through work with pastels. Working with only his fingers Ross' work changes dependent on the type of medium he is working on. With vibrant defined spaces on canvases and unique layering on cardboard each colour is chosen with a space and purpose in mind.



There are some amazing pieces in the exhibition and the Discovery Centre is a great day out for everyone. You'll find Ross' exhibition in the Café Gallery, so that's just the best excuse for a piece of cake that we've ever heard of.

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Book your place on our Needle Felting Day

Always fancied trying your hand at Needle Felting? Then why not treat yourself before the children break up for the Summer holidays and join us for a day of needle felting with local creative textile artist Maxine Smith.

In this one day creative workshop you'll learn how to use needle-felting and hand embroidery to create a stunning and one-off piece of artwork. Using a barbed needle to fuse different fibres together, needle-felting produces a tactile, textured surface on which to stitch and bead. An easy-to-learn craft suitable for any experience level.

The Workshop is priced at £40 per person and will be held on Thursday, 30 June between 10am and 3pm, light refreshments are included but we would ask that you bring your own lunch with you on the day. Booking is essential as places are limited, so please get in touch by calling the Studio on (01584) 877272 or emailing Loudwater@visionhomes.org.uk.

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Get Involved

We have many ways you can get involved in this amazing place. If you're a creative looking for somewhere to hold workshops of your own the studio space can be hired independently, or we are happy to work together with you to deliver your activity to a wider audience.

We are starting to develop a lovely team of volunteers to help in the Studio and there are so many different ways you could help, why not join the team?

Craft materials go really quickly in the Studio and being a Charity funds are always difficult to find. Next time you're having a clear out spare us a thought, all that ribbon, wool, and fabric (to mention just a few things) we could find a use for and it's always better to recycle than throw things away.

To find out more about any of these things, please give us a call in the Studio on (01584) 877272 or email us at

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