



PCrefurb Newsletter

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Terrific Toolboxes!

Thanks to a grant from Derbyshire County Council Public Health Covid 19 Fund, we have been able to provide our fantastic volunteer refurbishers with individual, fully equipped work stations! - making their time with us easier and safer.

It also enables us to show how much we value them and the time that they give refurbishing and recycling IT equipment.



Job Seekers given a boost

Over the first quarter of 2022 PCrefurb has provided 33 disadvantaged members of our community with a device to help them with their job search.

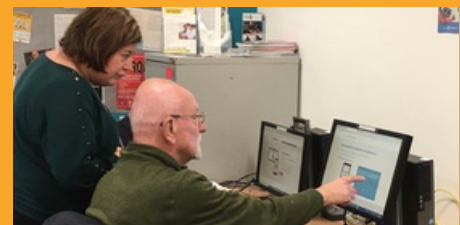
Many have also been able to undertake online training courses to improve their life chances.



We are delighted to announce that two new staff members joined the PCrefurb Digital Wellbeing Project Team in February. Andrea and Beth are coming onboard as Digital Training Coordinators working across Tameside and Glossop. We look forward to their success stories!



Diving straight in with the Hattersley Over 50's IT Club, starting with looking at 'Online Safety'.





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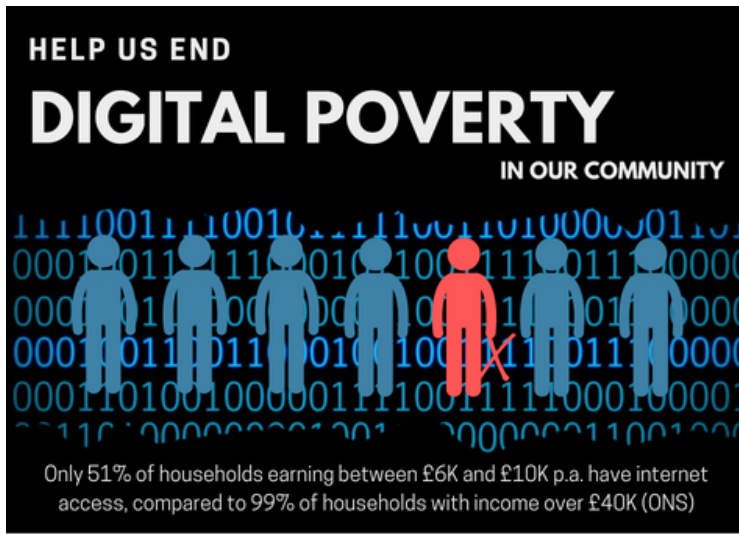
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Donations

It's two years since the start of the first lockdown. The pandemic generated a massive increase in demand for our devices. We are now receiving an average of 35 referrals per month, an increase of 875%!

If you would like to help us lift people out of digital poverty at a time when many are struggling to cope with the cost of living crisis, mental ill health and isolation please consider making a donation via the 'Donate' page on our website: <https://pcrefurb.org.uk/donate/>

We are also running very low on laptops so please continue to think of us if you are upgrading your device or if you have connections to businesses who might be overhauling their IT systems.



Donate to PCrefurb and help us supply data and devices to those unable to afford their own.

Our Supporters

In each edition of this newsletter we like to highlight the fantastic help we get from our supporters. This time it's our wonderful friends at Myson Pages (<https://www.mysonpages.com/>).

Managing Director David Brereton has been helping PCrefurb since our early days as a major donor of equipment. In fact, since May 2019, Myson has made 20 donations including 125 PCs!

thank you



Volunteer News

With funding provided by the Derbyshire County Council Covid 19 Fund we have been able to offer one of our long-standing volunteers the opportunity to train as a Portable Appliance Tester. We look forward to Shaun being able to support us in yet another way. He is already a volunteer refurbisher, driver and Digital Champion!



Did you know?

You can take a Digital MOT through the Safer Derbyshire website. In less than 5 minutes, by answering a few simple questions, this cyber security assessment tool will help you stay safe online when banking, shopping, emailing and using social media and more. This is one of the many resources we share through our Connect Against Crime project, funded by the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner. <https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/>

