# PCrefurb Newsletter

# DWB's *Belonging* Event

In December last year PCrefurb's Digital Wellbeing Project took the opportunity to show its gratitude to its fantastic network of Digital Champions by throwing a Christmas bash. Entitled 'Belonging' this event brought together not only the Digital Champions but also staff, Trustees and partner organisations. It was a time to reflect on the the amazing achievements of our volunteers in 2022. A huge thank you to Action Together for supporting the event.

Digital Champions work with digitally excluded people to help them access the digital world. If you are interested in volunteering with us please get in touch via our website:
https://pcrefurb.org.uk/contact-us/

## Our Donors

We are incredibly grateful to Stuart, one of our Digital Champions and volunteer drivers, for putting in a request on our behalf to his employer, Bupa UK, for used laptops for us to refurbish. In September we received 75 Dell laptops. 34 have already been distributed to our clients.

## PCrefurb partners with Ashton United

The Digital Wellbeing Project has a new digital support group thanks to a partnership with *Ashton United in the Community*, which is the charitable arm of Ashton United Football Club. They have been incredibly supportive of our new digital training group which provides basic digital skills to the local community. The group is expertly run by two of our experienced volunteers, Robert Alston and Brian O'Neill,

The Group began last September and the two hour sesions take place on a Thursday morning.

## Oct. - Dec. Stats:

Equipment referrals: 68
Equipment distributed: 108
Digital Skills support sessions: 279 by 31 volunteers and 3 staff

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## Funding News

We are pleased to announce that in November last year PCrefurb was the recipient of a grant of £5000 from the Sara and Michael Scanlon Trust . This trust was set up by sisters Lucy and Jane Scanlon in memory of their parents. Their aim is to support charities under three themes: Equity & Accessibility, Education & Empowerment and Care & Community.

As an 'unrestricted' grant this funding will be a fantastic boost to the core work that we do of fixing the digital divide through the refurbishment and redistribution of devices.
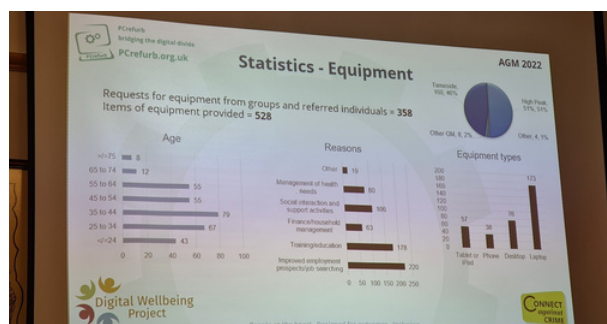
## Welcome Kerri

In November we welcomed a new member to the PCrefurb staff team, Kerri Swindells, as our 'Digital Wellbeing Assistant'. Kerri told us: "It's such an honour and pleasure to work for a charity that not only acknowledges the Digital Divide and how it  disadvantages people, but one that works in practical ways to address it. My role is to assist the team in getting both digital resources and knowledge directly into communities across Glossop and Tameside to the people who need it the most."



## PCrefurb Annual General Meeting

At PCrefurb we value the contribution of everyone who supports our aims, so in October we invited Trustees, staff, volunteers and partner organisations to join us at our Annual General Meeting. This was an opportunity not only to share news about the charity's achievements in 2021-22 but also undertake a consultation on future plans.





## Fundraising Fun!



Here at PCrefurb we are always looking out for innovative ways to raise funds. In November our wonderful Chairperson, Emily, turned quizmistress at the Glossop Labour Club quiz. A packed house saw several teams battle it out. And proceeds from a raffle (£122) were passed to PCrefurb. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Then, in December, PCrefurb was selected as one of the beneficiaries of a fundraising gig organised by local campaigning group *Save Roughfields*. The evening, held in Hadfield Hall, was a sell out as local folk came to hear the wonderful music of duo Òlta. In total almost £560 was raised which was shared between four community organisations.

If you are interested in ways that you can support our aim to bridge the digital divide please visit our website for more information: pcrefurb.org.uk