

What happens to 'e-waste'?



Pictured here are Jay Abbott, Technical Lead Worker, Helen Melhuish, Chief Officer and David Woodriff, Sims National Commercial Manager – Recycling



PCrefurb refurbishes donated I.T. equipment so that it can be passed onto those who cannot afford to buy their own. Sometimes, however, the equipment we are donated is unsuitable for refurbishment. The charity has as one of its objectives the aim to recycle this e-waste in as environmentally friendly a way as possible, so we were very happy to partner recently with Sims Lifecycle Services in March. Their Stalybridge processing site receives around 800 tons per month of scrap e-waste for recycling. All the separated recovered materials (metals, plastic and circuit boards) are sent to an approved downstream vendor partners for further processing and eventual re-use.

Funding News

We are excited to announce that PCrefurb has been awarded a three year grant to enable us to work with organisations providing specialist crisis support to people experiencing homelessness and insecure housing and those experiencing poverty, particularly food poverty.

The project will:

- Provide front-line staff with bespoke digital training to help them develop a long-term strategy of giving digital help to their clients.
- Train volunteer Digital Champions to provide basic digital skills tuition for people using these facilities.
- provide refurbished IT equipment and/or data connectivity for clients' own use.





PCrefurb Newsletter



Vodafone UK 'everyone.connected' campaign

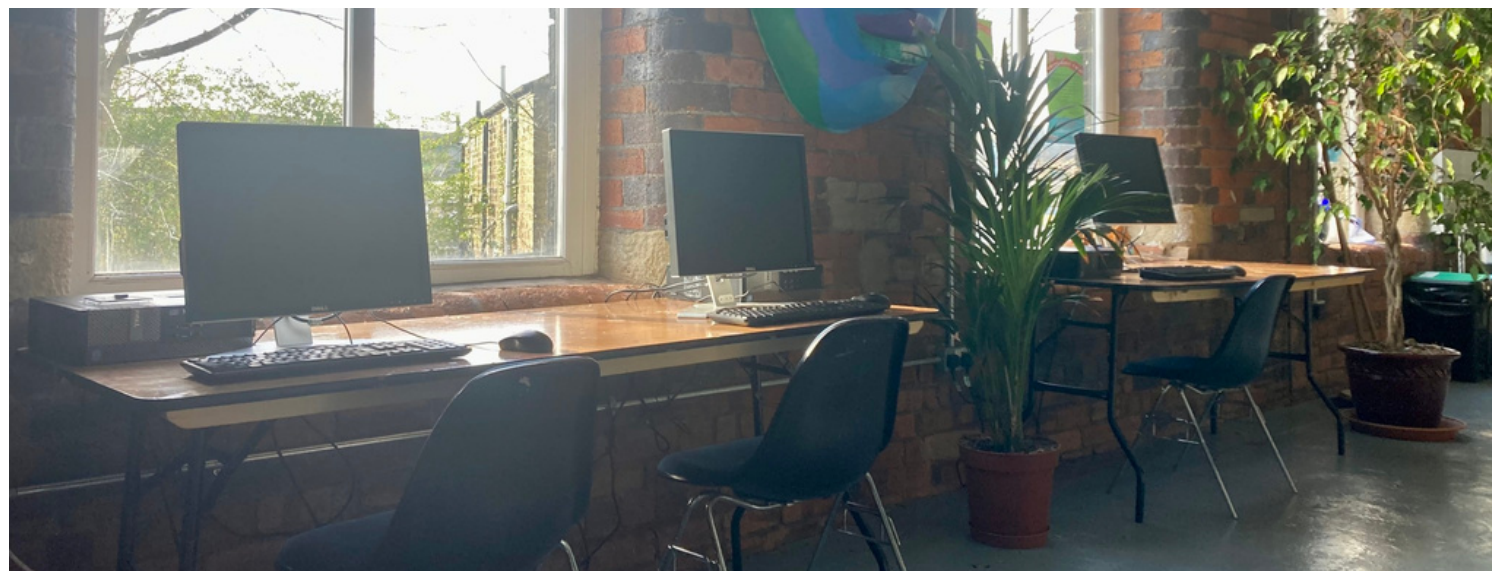
As part of the Vodafone UK 'everyone.connected' campaign, in March we passed 25 free SIM cards to Crossroads Derbyshire.

These SIMs provide unlimited texts and calls, and 20GB data every month for six months from activation. Crossroads Derbyshire is dedicated to helping people break free from domestic abuse and build a safer future for themselves and their families. We are very happy to support their work via the provision of connectivity for the people they support.



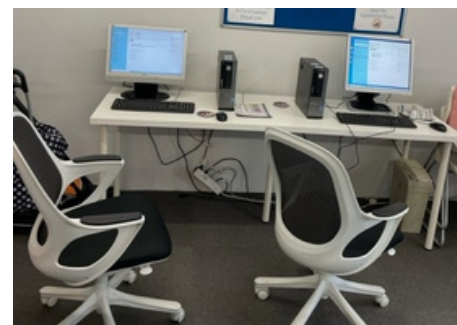
Tech Tip

Do you have a Gmail or Microsoft account? You can use cloud computing to automatically backup your files and photos. Google uses Google Drive and Microsoft uses OneDrive. This means wherever you log in, on whichever device, you will be able to access your files. This is incredibly useful should your device break or you don't have access to it for some reason. Extra tip: check your account settings to make sure you have a way to recover your account password such as an alternative email address or mobile number.



PCrefurb provides two I.T. suites

In February, two of our fantastic volunteers, Shaun and Mark, installed seven PCs for Ashton Pioneer Homes residents and we also provided three PCs to The Vale. The Vale is a former textile mill converted to a state-of-the-art venue for all kinds of artistic, creative and Carnival happenings. Sarah Hardacre, their project manager, told us "Thanks once again for donating the PCs to us; they look really terrific in our space and everyone is so excited about the possibilities we now have to engage the community digitally",



Jan - Mar. Stats:

Equipment referrals: 77
Devices distributed: 115
Digital Skills support sessions: 102 by 19 volunteers and 2 staff

