



Supporting Greater Manchester Refugee Services

The British Red Cross Greater Manchester Refugee Services help asylum seekers and refugees access essential amenities and adjust to life in a new country. For the last five months PCrefurb has been providing equipment and digital skills training through our Digital Link Project funded by the Edward Holt Trust.

"This is a very exciting partnership, and what the Digital Link Project is all about. The British Red Cross run a very successful outreach service to refugees getting 100 people each week. They are aware of the struggle refugees have accessing services as so many are online, and the refugees often lack the IT equipment and skills needed to do so. Nina, the project manager, is very keen to collaborate to enable the refugees to have the skills, both for themselves, and to learn how to pass those skills on to others." (Sam Hardy, Digital Project Lead)



We have provided two laptops for their case workers to use and a further two for the refugees to use to access the internet. In addition, we have provided eight android smartphones which Nina (pictured here with Sam) can pass to refugees in desperate need. We have also given the project 40 Vodafone SIM cards.



Sam now attends their Thursday afternoon drop in session at Ashton Church of the Nazarene, providing bespoke digital skills training for the staff and for the refugees themselves.

Donation News

We're thrilled to share that in August and September Jigsaw Homes Tameside donated a total of 281 previously used Chromebooks to us. These devices will be refurbished and passed on to people who need them most – helping them to get online, access services, and build vital digital skills.



38 Chromebooks have already been allocated to clients.



Lights, Camera, Action!



Thanks to funding from Foundation Derbyshire, in August we were able to employ the services of videographer Carys Kaiser to create a video all about the work of PCrefurb.

We are grateful to our clients, Patricia and Wayne, and Shaun, one of our volunteers, for their willingness to be interviewed.

The video also contains insights from two members of our team, Jay and Jason. Our ambassador Brett provided the perspective of a company donating to the charity.



Foundation Derbyshire

We are excited that we now have this resource to share with supporters, funders and the general public, and hope that it will inspire more people to get involved and help us combat the digital divide. The video will be launched at our Autumn Review event in November and is [available to view here](#).

July - September Statistics

Equipment referrals: 76	40.9 tonnes of CO2e saved.
Equipment distributed: 207	That's the same as driving 20.4 petrol cars, or growing 2044 trees for one year!
Hours of skills training: 574	





IT Training Suite for Gamesley Community Centre



Over the summer we have been equipping the Gamesley Community Centre with PCs. Some have created an internet café, others are to be used by staff and volunteers in the office, and finally, in August, the process was completed with six PCs, monitors and keyboards being installed to create a fantastic IT training suite.

Helen, Trustee of Gamesley Community Group pictured here on the left, said, "Really excited and thankful to PCrefurb for completing the installation of computers in our training room today. These will be used by the local community for: training, job searching, accessing health services, business use and much more! Thank you all so much for everything."

Volunteer News

Ryan (pictured here) joined our IT refurbishment workshop as a volunteer in July. He showed incredible dedication and enthusiasm for learning new skills. This certainly paid off as just six weeks later Ryan secured an IT apprenticeship with Hyde Group Ltd!

Although we will miss him, we are so proud of his achievement, and we'd like to send him our heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes for the future.



We have lots of volunteering opportunities here at PCrefurb. Information is available on our [website](#).

In particular at the moment we are looking for volunteer drivers and Trustees so do use the contact [form](#) on our website if you are interested in supporting our work.

WELLIES!

Through our work with Rural Action Derbyshire and the Digital Support Derbyshire network we were recently able to support The WELLIES Project. This project offers therapeutic learning activities with animals, plants, creativity and the countryside for people recovering from mental ill health, typically social anxiety and depression.

We provided them with five laptops with ChromeOS Flex, five mini Desktops with Windows 11 and five monitors.



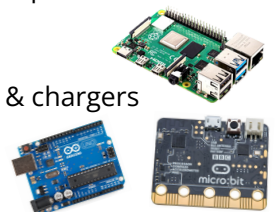
Inspiring Young Coders



In July we were approached by Karen, Manager of The Together Centre in Dukinfield, with an exciting idea — launching a children's coding club! But they needed some essential tech to bring it to life.

Thanks to our supporters we were able to provide an assortment of kit, including:

- 1 x MacBook Pro with charger
- 5 x refurbished ChromeOS Flex laptops & chargers
- 5 x refurbished monitors & IEC leads
- 4 x Raspberry Pi
- 2 x Arduino



Karen told us, "PCrefurb, you've made a real difference for our charity and for the young people who will benefit from these sessions. Thank you so much!"

Annual Review & Impact Report

Our Annual Review and Impact Report 2024/25 is now available to read online [here](#).