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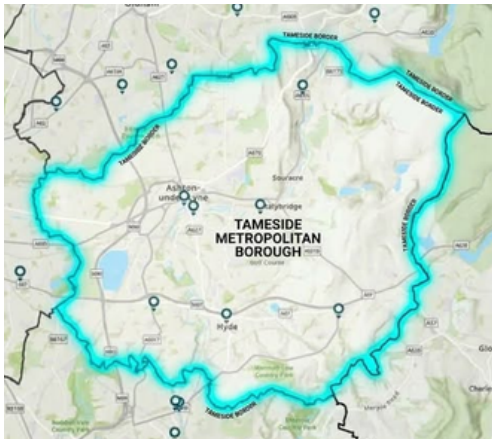
Annual Review & Impact Report Published



The PCrefurb Annual Review for 2025-26 is now available to read on our website. This is an opportunity to reflect on all the different ways we work to tackle digital exclusion, and all the fantastic support that we receive from our volunteers, donors, Board and partner organisations.

To quote from our Chair, Jon Spriggs, “There's a huge amount to be proud of. We supported over 800 client and Digital Champion interactions this year, helping people across Tameside, the High Peak and wider Derbyshire build the digital skills and confidence to apply for jobs, manage their health, and stay connected to the people who matter to them. Behind every one of those numbers is a person - whether that's a young person able to communicate with their Jobcentre advisor for the first time, or a woman who has fled domestic abuse finally able to access online support. On the equipment side, we had our busiest year yet: just under 1,000 items of equipment were donated to us, up from around 650 the year before.”

GMCA Digital Skills Directory



Residents of Greater Manchester can now access an online map when looking for digital skills support in their community. This has been provided by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. All of our groups in Tameside are listed on the map.

Cavendish Mill Community Hub

With the support of Jigsaw Homes, we announced in September that we were about to provide at new digital support group in Cavendish Mill, in Ashton. The session was previously held in Ryecroft House, but we outgrew that space and decided to accept the invitation to move to the new Ashton Central Community Hub.



Cavendish Mill, a Grade 2* listed former cotton spinning mill.

Autumn Jobs Fairs

In September our Digital Tutors attended Jobs Fairs in Glossop and Dukinfield. These are important opportunities to spread the word about how we can support people with their digital journey into work, and about our provision of volunteering opportunities.
It’s also important to network with other providers to keep up to date with other service provision.







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Afternoon Tea with the MP!

In September two members of the PCrefurb team attended an afternoon tea hosted by Jon Pearce MP for High Peak. The event was for local charities, community groups and volunteers across High Peak to mark International Day of Charity.
It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends from the voluntary and community sector, and make new ones!



WELCOME to our new Trustee

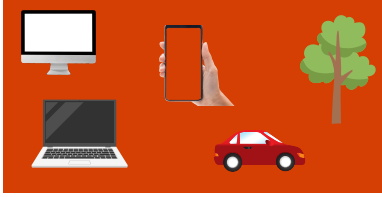
We were thrilled to announce in August that we had welcomed a new Trustee to our Board, Jackie Sheldon. Jackie is a corporate solicitor who now teaches company law courses up to Masters level.



Jackie is a very familiar face in Glossop, whether that is due to her role managing a local martial arts school or walking her giant dog! She brings to PCrefurb considerable experience of charity work having been a Trustee of Glossop based charity Mummy's Star for nearly six years.

July - September Statistics

Equipment referrals: 116
Equipment distributed: 225
Hours of skills training: 520



44.3 tonnes of CO2e saved.
That's the same as driving 22.1 petrol cars, or growing 2213 trees for one year!

Donation News



This quarter we received a fantastic donation of kit for our volunteer refurbishers to use in our weekly workshops. The equipment has been provided by iFixit.
iFixit.com is an online community and e-commerce platform that provides free, wiki-style repair guides for electronics, appliances, and other consumer goods.
Kris, their Community Manager told us, "The work you're doing, refurbishing devices for people who need them and giving your volunteers a place to build confidence and skills, is exactly the kind of mission we like to support".

Tameside Digital Champions



In August we had a lovely get together with our fantastic Tameside volunteer Digital Champions. Ellissa, Project Lead, organised a quiz and then we enjoyed a buffet together. We simply couldn't do what we do without the time and skills that these volunteers give to PCrefurb.





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