

Café Christmas Coffee morning

DIAL West Cheshire (DIAL House) was delighted to welcome staff, volunteers, regular customers and other guests to their recent coffee morning on 2 December to see the newly refurbished kitchen and café at DIAL House in Hamilton Place, Chester.

Guests enjoyed a fine festive delight with homemade, hot mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee in response to generous donations to the charity amounting to over £70.00. DIAL also wanted to acknowledge the International Day of Disabled People 2016 on 3 December and felt this was a perfect opportunity to celebrate the occasion.

The DIAL House community café is a social hub open to all members of the public serving healthy, home-cooked food at competitive prices. It plays an important role in providing a social environment where friends can meet and in making clients feel welcome at the Disability Rights Centre whilst waiting to see an Adviser. The kitchen is staffed by volunteers, including some with learning disabilities, who gain confidence and skills as part of their work. Many of the fruit and vegetables are home grown on the charity's allotment and DIAL has links with food redistribution initiatives which avoid food waste. As well as baking a daily supply of cakes for the nearby St Peter's Church refectory, the café is able to supply buffets for organisations holding local meetings, training courses or other events.

Keith Roper, Chief Officer said:

“We were delighted so many people turned up to enjoy the festive refreshments and see our newly refurbished kitchen and café. Our project to refit the kitchen and refurbish the café could not have been achieved without a Lottery Awards for All grant, funding from the Williams Family Foundation and donations from people in the community, together with support from Cheshire West & Chester Council and contractors including Maxiflow, Engie, KDE Ltd and Vision Commercial Kitchens.”

“We would also like to dedicate a special thanks to Dave Lupton (Crippen Cartoons artist) who kindly donated a number of his cartoons at the cutting edge of disability that we have on display in the café. Pop in for a cuppa and take a look!”

To find out more about DWC visit www.dialwestcheshire.org.uk .

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