

## GET IN TOUCH

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8.00AM - 4.30PM

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**...POP IN &  
HAVE A CUPPA  
-WE WOULD BE  
DELIGHTED TO  
MEET YOU**

## WHAT WE OFFER

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**Community Café**

**Sweet shop**

**Personalised gifts for any occasion**

**Toddler Group**

**Basic gardening services**

**Window washing**

**Parties catered for**

**Birthday cakes**

**Home grown seasonal plant & veg**

**Activities during school holidays**

**Bric a brac sale**

**New volunteers always wanted**

# SAM'S WORK PLACE

COMMUNITY CAFÉ  
& SWEET SHOP

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### **Mission Statement**

*To provide a valid work experience placement within a realistic local working environment for adults with a learning disability so as to enable them to obtain work experience and to promote independent living and personal development; all carried out within the local community*

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## WHO WE ARE

### Deb & Phil



We chose to move to Rainworth 12 years ago from Bristol. We have 3 children and have always been actively involved in the local community. Our oldest son has Down's Syndrome and attended a local school until Year 4, when he moved to a special needs school. As our oldest son got older we have realised there is little of the same opportunities for him as there are for other children, and it is for this reason that the concept of Sam's Workplace was first established. To be able to offer an opportunity for these amazing young people to be a valued part of our community is, to us, the most worthwhile challenge we have undertaken.

### Vicky & Craig



We moved to Rainworth 21 years ago. We have 2 children; they both attended a local school. My husband, Craig, is the caretaker of a local school and is actively involved in the community as chairman of the local Scouts and Cubs group. As a Teaching Assistant I found the greatest satisfaction working with special needs, and from there went to work within special needs schools. I am also actively involved with the community through Scouts / fundraising and activities. Whilst working in special needs education it became apparent that after leaving school, there was less provision out there for them and I am excited to be part of the challenge of Sam's Workplace.

## WHAT WE DO

### Social Skills

Social skills are at the heart of everything we do. All staff members seek to support, and role model, positive relationships and social interaction in order to help people move on in their lives.

Our person centred programmes, based within a local retail outlet, will help promote independence and social skills within the local community, allowing greater confidence, improved self esteem and a chance to broaden horizons.

### Integration into the Community

Our retail outlet is based on Preston Road in Rainworth and is well used by both adults and children from the surrounding community. We are also offering gardening services, again within the local community.

### Personalisation: How it Works

Each and every young person that comes and spends time with us is funded through their personal budget. This is an amount that is allocated to them by their local authority and is paid to them every four weeks; the amount allocated is based on the outcomes of an assessment carried out by social services. This Self Directed Support Plan looks at all areas of someone's life and the things they would both like to do, and need to do, to improve on their current situation. The person can then buy services that will help them with their outcomes.

We are more than happy to help you with this process if required.

At Sam's Workplace we work with young people around an individual programme with the outcomes worked to being the same as those in the Self Directed Support Plan. We deliver small group activities for people that are targeted around individual outcomes. This also provides the added advantage of providing a controlled and safe social situation to help promote better reading of social situations and social cues.

### What We Offer

Within the retail outlet, we offer a variety of basic health and hygiene training, money skills, basic cookery skills, general housekeeping instruction, social skills and cohesion into the community. Plus general horticulture instruction, personal safety skills and gardening expertise which can be transferred to either a home environment or future employment.

We are also keen to establish other services, such as woodworking, window cleaning, car washing, dog walking, card and crafts making; in fact we will try to accommodate every young person's request as far as we can.

Our café is open from 8am-4pm and the young person can stay with us for a minimum of one hour, the whole day, or any variation in between, dependant on their needs and wishes. Within



their time with us, we will incorporate all the social skills, integration and personal choices as much as we can.

Please contact us for more information on costings and availability of dates/times.