

Reusing Care Equipment

Staffordshire County council has partnered with local charitable organisation, Grace Cares, to recycle purchased care equipment.

Staffordshire County Council have joined forces with a local non-profit organisation to correctly recycle purchased care equipment and make it available to those who need it.

Grace Cares, dedicated to improving the lives of individuals in need, is behind the project, with all profits going to support local community events. The organisation makes items available and accessible to individuals who might otherwise struggle to afford them.

Unwanted care aids and medical items can be donated at convenient collection points at any of Staffordshire's 14 Household Waste Recycling Centres. Typical items donated by people include walking aids, bathroom equipment, bed risers and commodes.

Simon Tagg, Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change at Staffordshire County Council said:

"This is a wonderfully simple project.

"Not only does it help get pre-used medical equipment and aids to people who need it, but it also prevents much of it being disposed of, which benefits the environment.

"This is just one of many projects the council has introduced to help reduce our impact on the planet and tackle climate change. Small changes can make a difference and if we all do our bit, we can help achieve our goal of becoming net zero by 2050."

Proceeds from sales directly fund community events, including afternoon teas and care home activities. Additionally, grants are also

(L-R) Hannah Montgomery - Grace Cares, Lamar Burke - Lichfield HWRC and Adam Harrison - Grace Cares





provided to care workers and users of care services.

Hannah Montgomery from Grace Cares said:

"Grace Cares are delighted to be partnering with Staffordshire County Council's Sustainability and Waste Management team on this exciting project.

"It means people right across the county will have the ability to donate pre-loved care equipment with ease, rather than simply throwing it away. We have the shared vision to stop waste and build community connections. It's great to work with a team that are passionate about making a difference."

For more information on the project, or details of acceptable items and drop-off locations, email

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For information about Grace Cares see <https://grace-cares.com/> or get in touch with the Grace Cares team at <https://grace-cares.com/contact/>