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Ross Residents Get Digital

Herefordshire Housing has been working with older residents at Penyard Gardens, Ross-on-Wye to improve their knowledge of digital technology and start using the internet. The result has been the creation of a digital hub!

Residents at the housing scheme in Ross set up their own internet access as they were keen to learn more about the wonders of digital technology. Working with the residents, Herefordshire Housing arranged for a reconditioned computer from local company, Enviroability. A second computer was also kindly donated by a resident.

Get Digital sessions were organised by the housing association with the help of IT colleagues and IT support from Enviroability.

“The residents were really keen to learn more about digital technology so we arranged a sessions for them in their communal area. We worked with Enviroability who provided them with the computer and IT support and Age Concern who helped with online shopping.” Said Suzanne Farmer, Customer Involvement Officer for Herefordshire Housing

Residents used search engines, emailed family members in Australia, looked at street views of loved ones homes in other countries, made online purchases, viewed online art galleries and got to grips with the Nintendo Wii!

The group also connected the computer to a projector and watched a clip from British Pathe of historic Ross-on-Wye and used youtube to watch films of the Wye Valley. Residents will also be exploring social networking in the near future as they learn how to use facebook.

Herefordshire Housing had also invited local photographer Gerry Matthews to give advice on digital photography. Due to the interest from residents, photography classes will now be running at the scheme.

Bingo sessions will also feature at the scheme in the future, thanks to Enviroability who installed a programme onto their computer. Residents will open these sessions to all of Western under Penyard.

For more information on the Get Digital Scheme at Penyard Gardens, please contact Suzanne Farmer on 01432 384010.

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Herefordshire Housing Ltd came into existence in November 2002 when Herefordshire Council transferred its properties under a Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT). It has since adopted Charitable Status.

Enviroability's primary aims and objectives are to provide and promote projects, which benefit disadvantaged groups of people, the community and the environment. They set-up and manage projects that integrate people with learning disabilities into the community by providing real work opportunities and experiences that are both valuable and visible to the larger community. EnviroAbility offers services that local people want and that otherwise would not be available.



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