



THE PLYNLIMON TRUST

The Plynlimon Trust is a local charity (1175337), formed in 1986, it provides the following services:

- Hereford Dial A Ride, which provides approximately 8,500 community transport trips a year for people who are unable to use public transport.
- Horizon Training.
- Chapters Bookshop – selling secondhand books to raise money for the community transport scheme.
- Cranfields Café – community café catering for approximately 300 customers each week and providing work experience for apprentices and young people.

Since 1 August 2014 the Plynlimon Trust has been delivering a variety of courses for 15 to 19 years olds (plus some adult courses) at the Horizon Training Centre in Whitecross Road, Hereford. Each year we have between 70 and 80 students attending the 42 week courses.

The centre comprises of 4 large classrooms, a beauty salon, a large I.T. room, a catering training kitchen and 3 large construction rooms as well as a Community Café (Cranfields Café).

Cranfields Café has 32 covers and supplies freshly cooked food for a wide range of customers from the local community and further afield. The café is staffed by 2 chefs and a front of house server, along with apprentices and students learning the catering trade.

We believe that every young person has the talent to achieve anything they want to in life and to help them achieve that aim we work with them to overcome any barriers that life has thrown at them.

Most of our young people have really struggled academically at school but thrive when they are in the construction workshops, or learning how to cook in the catering kitchens, or finding out how to apply makeup and carry out face massages and nail art in our beauty salon.

On the Sports course a percentage of the students are taking part in fitness preparation for the Armed Forces.

They are all learning a vital trade to secure their future but need constant encouragement and support which in turn gives them confidence to go out into the workplace to apply the skills they have learnt, many of them have social and emotional barriers to learning (low self-esteem, those who have been in care all their lives, young offenders, the word-blind, refugees, those with mental or physical disabilities).

Our 2017 academic year statistics showed that 60% of our young people progressed into employment or further education which is above the national average.

The Whitecross Road premises have now been sold for re-development by the owners and we have to vacate the premises by the 22 April 2018.

To ensure the young people will engage with training we need to meet a specific criteria:

- It has to be within half a mile of the town centre so young people can walk from the bus station or town.
- We need a range of vocational courses for young people to learn interesting skills i.e. construction, sport etc.
- Premises that can offer both workshops and classrooms to enable young people to work in small groups.

Which will mean we can:

- Secure the long-term future of Horizon Training and the Plynlimon Trust and the work it does across Herefordshire.
- Secure the jobs of over 30 members of staff at The Plynlimon Trust and Horizon Training.

- Continue to develop and provide bespoke vocational training opportunities for young people who find it difficult to integrate into larger educational communities.
- Continue to develop and provide a supportive and safe environment in which young people can develop social skills, confidence and learning as they prepare for adulthood, further education and the world of work.
- Continue to invest in and provide community transport links for those facing social isolation and limited access to transportation across Herefordshire through the work of Dial- A Ride.
- Build and run a new, accessible, community café that will continue to serve the local community with quality home cooked food and a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for all ages.
- Continue to develop new opportunities for people of all ages and abilities across Herefordshire to take an active role in their community through volunteering and participation in events such as Hereford River Carnival.

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