

Heanor Salcare



For 35 years, Heanor Salcare has helped those in need in the Derbyshire communities of Amber Valley, Erewash and their surrounding areas, by providing a range of services including a charity shop, furniture project, laundry service, welfare and dept advice, a drop-in centre and café.

The furniture project, sells donated and unwanted furniture at low cost to the general public through its warehouse. All furniture on sale complies with trading standards and current fire regulations, and the charity is able to offer local delivery for a small charge. Donated furniture is collected free from Amber Valley and Erewash, as well as parts of Broxtowe and Derbyshire Dales. Many items of furniture are repaired and renovated by the project, creating work for up to five individuals.

The charity shop sells low cost clothing, bedding, household items, books, CDs, DVDs, videos and other items. Attached to

the shop is a laundry service, where local people can and wash and dry items including duvets. There is also a drop-in welfare benefits advice service on Friday mornings and debt advice over Tuesday lunchtimes, supporting people who are struggling to survive on low incomes.

As with the shop and the warehouse, the charity's Sunrays Café is open Monday to Friday, offering customers low cost food, including freshly cooked breakfasts and homemade meals.

Alongside donations and support from members of the Amber Valley, Erewash and Broxtowe communities, the Heanor Salcare is currently funded by:

- Derbyshire County Council;
- Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust;
- Derbyshire Community Foundation;
- Lloyds TSB Foundation of England and Wales;
- Big Lottery Fund;
- Comic Relief.

As It is expected that at least half of this



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funding will be subject to cuts, Salcare is looking to increase its income through wider publicity and developing new opportunities, whilst continue to focus on those in need. These plans include increasing the range of items it can recycle, including moving into electrical items, working with new suppliers and increasing the support services it is able to offer.

Following a vision day in January 2012, the charity also aims to increase its cooperation with other charities and large scale community projects. As part of this, it is on a mission to discover what the local communities it works with want from them.

For further information on Heanor Salcare visit www.salcare.org.uk.

“Salcare has provided us with all the necessary items to set up home here and we are really grateful for all that they do”

“It is like a cross between the tardis and an Aladdin’s cave!”

“Salcare is a one-stop shop for advice and help”

