



*"Homemaking with the Homeless in Dumfries"
Redistributing & Recycling Furniture & Household Goods
A new local charity - SCIO42940*

WHO'S INVOLVED ?

SHAX emerged from the work of a local Steering Group following a Workshop Event held at North West Resource Centre in February 2011. The workshop was designed to look at how best to meet local crisis need for 'no cost' and affordable basic furniture, white goods and household essentials - following the closure of CCH Furniture Project. SHAX currently works in partnership with Garden Care, a small family run business led by Brian and Stephanie Wield. Currently a small team of valuable and much appreciated volunteers are responsible for day-to-day handling, deliveries and collections. SHAX Trustees include representation from Apex, Sacro, CCH, and ADS. John Worsley currently chairs SHAX. John recently retired from Nithsdale Health Improvement Team after 15 years service with NHS Dumfries and Galloway.

WHAT DO THEY DO ?

One of SHAX's key aims is to ensure that no one, and no families in Nithsdale and adjacent districts ie Stewartry and Annandale and Eskdale have to move into a new tenancy, usually from emergency accommodation - with no furniture, no bed, no bedding, no cooker, and none of the basic equipment needed to 'live' and set up a personal space called 'home'. SHAX also aims to provide (and deliver) very affordable furniture and household goods to local low-income families on a donation basis only.

HOW DOES IT WORK ?

SHAX works in close partnership with a number of local support agencies and housing providers including: Shelter; ILS; Apex; CCH; Women's Aid; Social Services; DGC Homeless Services; Prison Release; LGBT; Criminal Justice; and local housing associations such as: Loreburn; DGHP; Irving and Home Scotland. Most 'clients' come to SHAX via telephone referral from support agencies. Details are logged and arrangements made either for the client to view and select available items at Merrick House, or for the home delivery of collection of items required. SHAX is currently not 'open to the public', although viewing of available stock for collection or delivery is possible by prior arrangement. Shoestring funding of day-to-day operations is currently being met through donations and some recycling. SHAX's is applying for grant funding from a range of identified sources to better resource operations, to provide and expand volunteer support development, and to identify and reach realistic and achievable new activities and practical outcomes to reduce poverty, inequality and hardship in and around Dumfries.

EARLY DAYS YET!

SHAX SCIO 42940 is only a couple of months old! Our new telephone line (01387 -----) will be operational by mid-May. Meanwhile we are 'borrowing' a telephone line (01387 257474) to be able at least to offer a minimal service to those in need for the time being.

Many, many thanks to all our supporters! We hope to be able provide a really valuable local service to engage with and support local people in need into the future!

SHAX Launch/Open Day April 27th 2012