

# Mower's Ark Autumn Newsletter



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## Our Lovely Centre

- We are SO happy to be settled in our lovely new centre.
- Mower's Ark CIC has rooms within the historic Connaught Centre in Corby, owned by our friends at Living Faith Church.
- We are SO excited to be a central part of the community, with professional kitchen, café, sports hall and social areas opening soon.



Mower's Ark have our very own baby hedgehogs!

We rescued them from the car park as their mother was missing.

They only weighed 150g each and, after taking them to the vets, we were told they were too young and weak to be outside and he asked us to look after them for the winter.

They will be overwintering with us and released in March. They have put on weight and now weigh 750g each!

## Hedgehogs

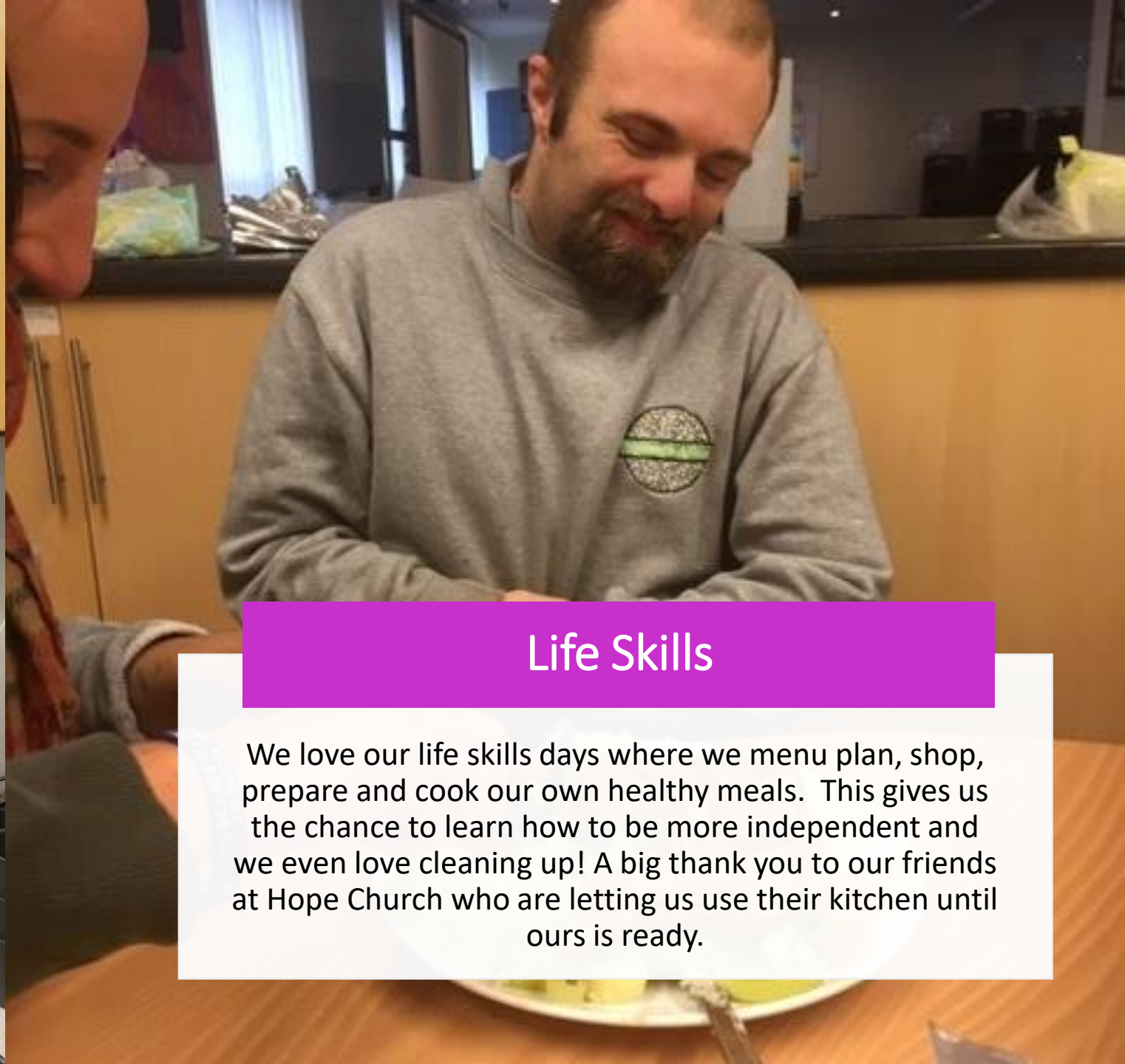
We have been learning how to care for them and it has been a great opportunity for us to learn to take care of our British Wildlife.



## Working in the Community



It's hard to believe we have only been open for two months! We have been working hard making friendships with people in our local Community. We have regular work placements at Lakelands Hospice in Corby, and have served others by working in several private gardens. We have had good feedback and our gardening skills are getting better every day!



## Life Skills

We love our life skills days where we menu plan, shop, prepare and cook our own healthy meals. This gives us the chance to learn how to be more independent and we even love cleaning up! A big thank you to our friends at Hope Church who are letting us use their kitchen until ours is ready.



## Training Garden & Allotments

Reverend Jez Stafford and our friends at St. Mary's Church in Burton Latimer have kindly donated the land at the back of the vicarage to Mower's Ark CIC.

We are using this land to create large vegetable plots and learn horticultural and gardening skills, our very own training garden and allotment. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



## The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal

# Shoebox appeal continued...

After watching a video of the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal, Jess was so moved he wanted to make a shoebox for a 'little girl'. He went shopping and chose lots of goodies to fill it with his own money.

He lovingly wrote a card and sent a photo too. We can't wait to hear where his shoebox was sent, and Jess had so much joy to be given the responsibility of dropping a whopping 61 Shoeboxes for poor children at the collection point for Hope Church, Corby.







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## Remembrance Day

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On Remembrance day we visited the war memorials at St Mary's Church in Burton Latimer.

Wanting to learn a little more, we visited the Royal British Legion in Corby where we met a lovely lady called Liz who told us all about the British Legion and the work they do to help veterans.

We are looking forward to working with the British Legion in Corby and are hoping to serve some local veterans in our community by providing free gardening services to them.

We will keep you updated.

## Birthday Celebrations

It was Jess's special birthday (the big 30!) last week and we had a huge party for him.

He chose to cook for all of his friends, and served up a lovely meal of burgers, sausages and healthy chips.

Jess's favourite part of the day was 'everyone coming to see him', and we played party games all afternoon (Jess won them all!)

Everyone at Mower's Ark would like to say a HUGE thank you! To everyone who offered up their time to help! 😊





# Mower's Ark Dates for your diary...

• Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December –  
Christmas Party, Christmas Carols and  
Special Santa Visit!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December –  
Last day before Christmas Holidays

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January –  
Return from Christmas Holidays