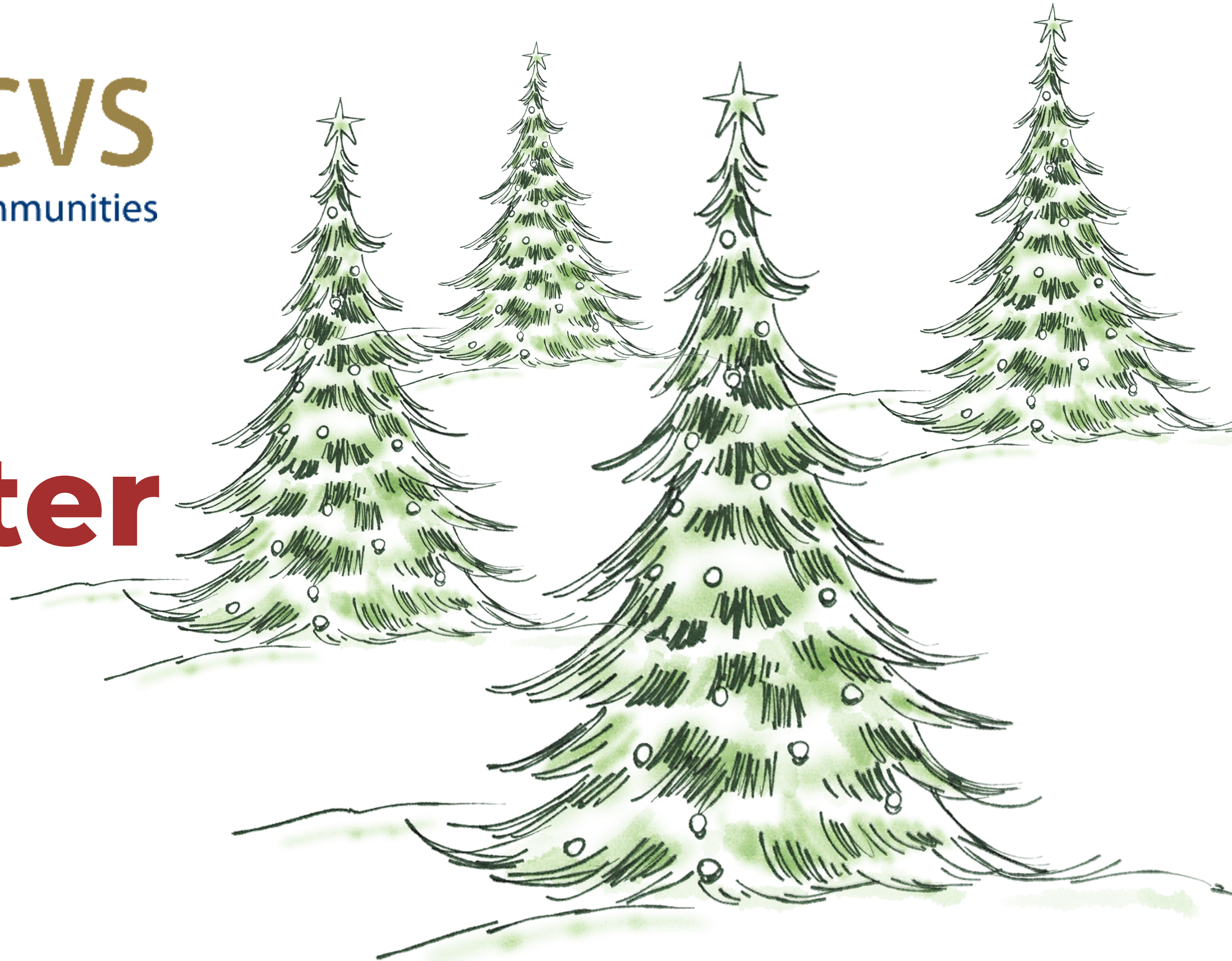




Sefton CVS
Supporting Local Communities

Staff Newsletter

6th Edition | Christmas



Dear Colleagues,

As you are preparing to wind down and have some well-deserved time for Christmas, I wanted to say a huge thank to all of our staff team.

The last three years have been unprecedented in recent memory and your contribution in assisting those who need the greatest support in our communities in Sefton through that time has been incredible.

I know that you always do everything to achieve the best possible outcomes, which is down to your personal commitment, care and kindness – the very best of qualities that are needed universally right now.

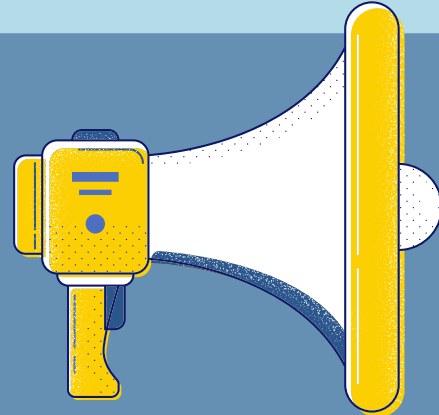
On behalf of the Trustees, Senior Management and myself, may I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and all best wishes for 2023.

Kind regards,
Angela



From
Angela White
Sefton CVS Chief Executive

Quick Reminders

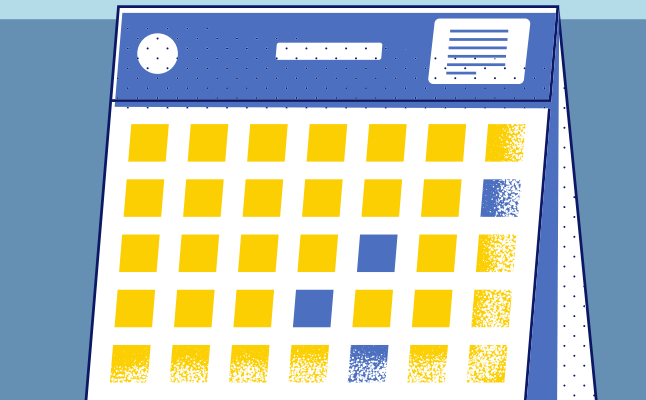


Office Closure Dates

A reminder that our Sefton CVS offices in Waterloo & Southport will be closed from 12:30pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022 and will reopen from 9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Please see Ste Penn's email for an out of office message.

[Read More](#)



Christmas Leave Reminder

Reminder - If you haven't, please could you book the time on Breathe before the 23rd as Breathe doesn't let you book time off retrospectively.

Full time staff have 2 days off to take and Part time colleagues will need to need to book all working days off but will be reimbursed for 40% of their working hours.

[Book Leave](#)



Sefton CVS Christmas Meal

We are all looking forward to the Sefton CVS Christmas meal which is on Thursday 22nd December 2022 at The Royal Hotel, Marine Terrace, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 5PR.

Staff are welcome to join us for a 1pm arrival for a 1.30pm sit-down.

[See Map](#)

Christmas & New Year Services

Sefton CVS have produced a dedicated online Christmas Services Information page.

Here you will find details of local Voluntary, Community and Faith (VCF) sector services operating over the Christmas and New Year period, as well as details of Sefton Warm Spaces, Sefton Council services and local NHS services including GPs, Pharmacies, Walk-Ins, Flu and Coronavirus vaccinations and Dentists.

- Sefton MBC Services
- GPs & Out-of-hours health care services
- Sefton Foodbanks
- Homeless Support Services
- VCF Sector Services
- Information, Support & Advice (Helplines)

seftoncv.org.uk/christmas

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2022 SERVICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

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Warm Spaces over Christmas

Sefton Warm Spaces

Sefton residents facing a difficult winter because of soaring fuel bills and rising prices in the shops, now have a network of Warm Spaces available across the Borough where they can go without the fear of what they are spending on gas and electricity.

Warm Space providers across the borough will be remaining open and the Christmas and New Year opening times will be live from Thursday 22 December 2022, with services open as usual after Tuesday 3 January 2023.

To find your nearest Warm Space today or during the Christmas period, please visit:

seftoncvss.org.uk/warmspaces

Warm Spaces for Sefton Residents

Open every day across the borough

All 'Warm Spaces' will be heated, safe and friendly places where you can comfortably spend time reading, studying or chatting with others. Our 'Enhanced hub' Warm Spaces, will also offer hot drinks and food, activities, and other services such as free Wi-Fi.

You can find out more information about opening times and those organisations providing Warm Spaces across Sefton by visiting:

seftoncvss.org.uk/warmspaces

**Sefton
Warm Spaces**

a space for community
and warmth in Sefton



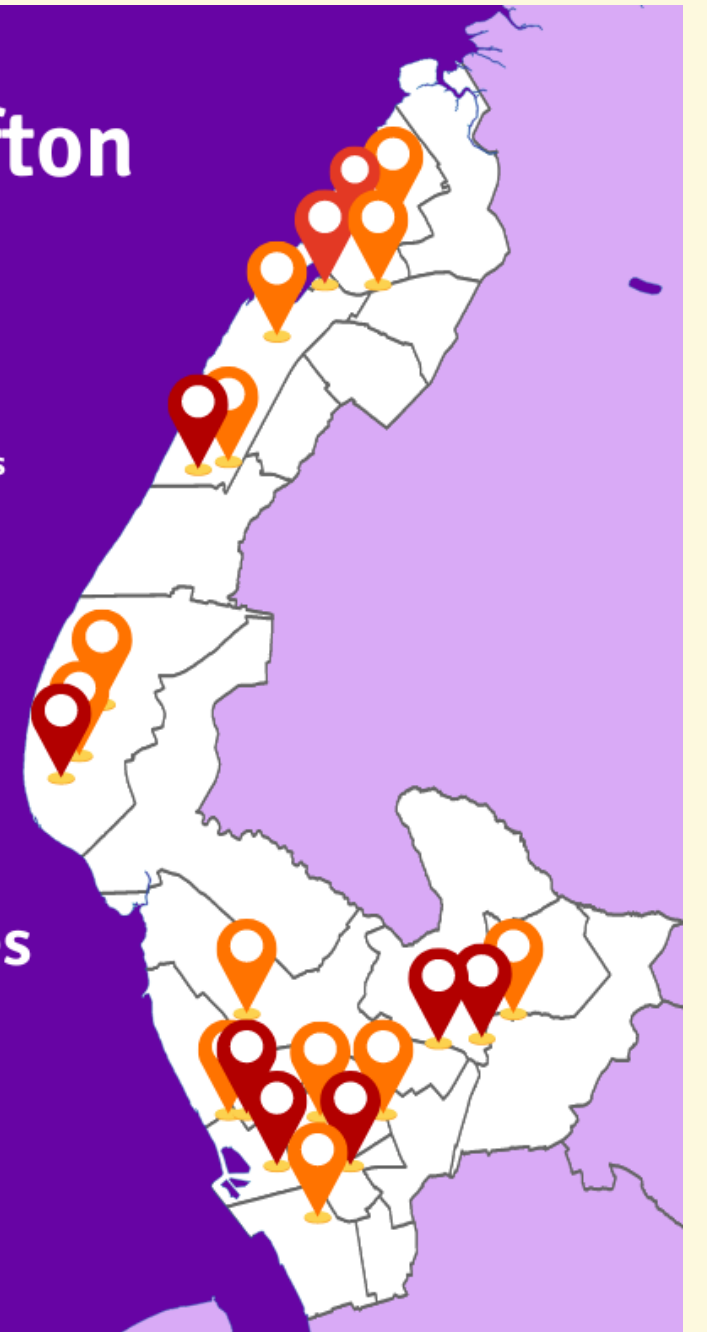
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Sefton Crisis Cafe's over Christmas

Sefton Crisis Cafe Christmas Opening Hours

Our Crisis Cafe's in both Southport and Crosby are open over Christmas to provide out of hours mental health support.

- Friday 23rd December, 5-11pm
- Saturday 24th December, 5-9pm
- Sunday 25th December, 5-9pm
- Friday 30th December, 5-11pm
- Saturday 31st December, 5-9pm
- Sunday 1st January, 5-9pm

Normal operating hours will resume from Friday 6 January 2023. We operate a drop-in for anyone struggling with their mental health, but we advise people to call us first on 0300 323 0197 to check availability.

[Read more](#)



Sefton 4 Good Abseil

The Liverpool Cathedral Abseil is back next year!

Can you face the drop?!

We are looking for brave volunteers to join us next July to take on the challenge and raise money for Sefton 4 Good, supporting good causes in Sefton.

Over previous years we a team of staff from Sefton CVS have taken on the drop and we are looking at putting forward another team next year. If you'd be interest in joining Sefton 4 Good and taking on the fundraising challenge then you can register your interest below!

[Register your interest](#)





Project Highlights

Updates and news from projects and programmes across CVS.

LWS Grant Funding

Living Well Sefton's Community Resilience Grant round 11 is now accepting applications.

The theme of this round is Mental Health. Sefton-based voluntary, community and faith (VCF) sector groups are invited to apply for up to £2,000 to support local community health and wellbeing projects and activities that aim to address low level Mental Health within the borough.

Projects do not necessarily have to be new for this round but we are looking to fund projects aiming to support Mental Health.

Grant deadline: Wednesday 8 February 2023.

For more information and to apply visit:
livingwellsefton.org.uk/grants.html

Jumpers 4 Good

Jumpers4Good is our annual Christmas jumper day fundraiser, helping to raise money for local good causes as part of Sefton 4 Good!

Sefton 4 Good is a charity initiative from Sefton Council for Voluntary Service (CVS). It encourages local people to come together and give their time, skills, money and resources to help local good causes.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to all those who have supported and donated to Sefton 4 Good, we've loved seeing our staff in their fantastic Christmas jumpers!

We have raised a total of £230 that will go towards grants for good causes in Sefton.

[See the Highlights](#)



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 **BBC Radio Merseyside** ✓
@bbcmerseyside

Now you might have heard of therapy dogs... but how about this...
Squirrel is a Therapy Pony in training @SeftonCVS

@BBCSounds for more on Squirrel - bbc.in/3uYVSW6

#therapypony #pony #miniatureshetland



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Squirrel on Tour

As part of Jumpers4Good day Squirrel the miniature Shetland pony went on a tour of Sefton, visiting both our Waterloo and Southport offices and Southport College and KGV college all in aid of Sefton 4 Good.

Squirrel became a star of the day, not only drawing the crowds but also having his very own interview with BBC Merseyside!

[Listen to the interview here](#) or click the tweet to watch the video





Equalities Team Highlights

A message from Robert Brennan, Community Development Manager,
Diverse Ethnic Background Service

During the recent debt & mental health training I informed attendees that alongside debt advice maximisation of benefits is essential and that people should be encouraged to pursue appeals if disability related benefit are refused.

We have today won a further appeal that has procured our client an additional £156.90 a week in benefit and arrears payable of £10,512, he broke down and said how he and his family were worried sick over rising energy costs and for the first time in nearly two years he can pick his Daughter up from school and take her to McDonald's on the way home.

Its outcomes like this that make everything so worthwhile and the difference to this family is immense, so do please encourage clients to appeal. We will not win them all but winning some is so important.

We have won many appeals this year and the largest recovery was £32,000 in September prior to which the largest amount recovered was £20,000 in June.





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Staff Training

For more information please
contact Jenny Dexter via

training@seftoncvvs.org.uk

TEAM KINECTIC, VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Date: Tuesday 17th January 2023

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Venue: Delivered via ZOOM

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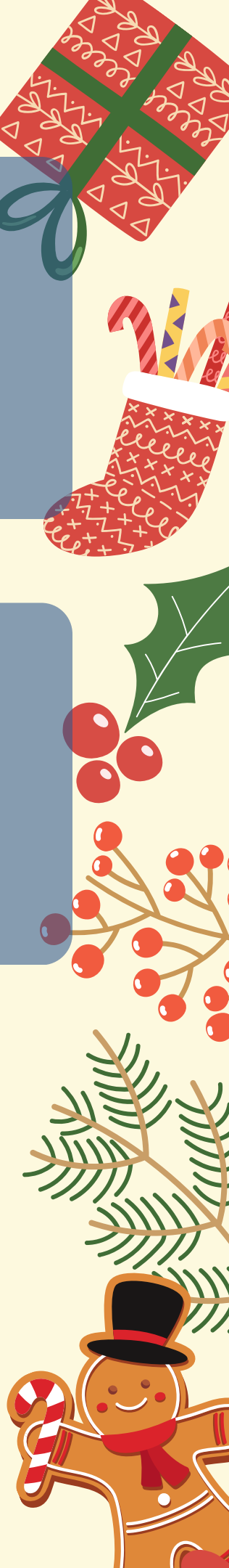
SAFEGUARDING REFLECTING PRACTICE BRIEFING SESSION

Date: Thursday 23rd February 2023

Time: 3pm – 4pm

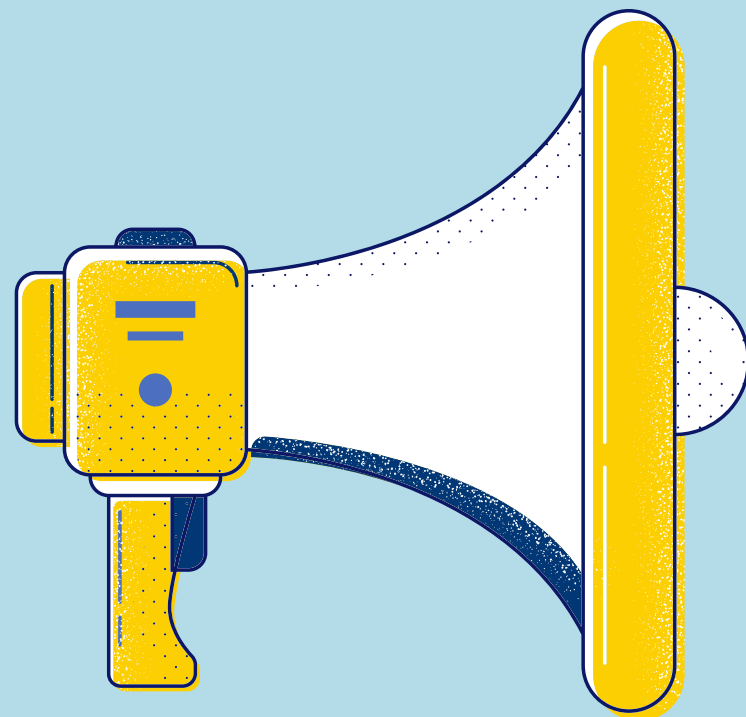
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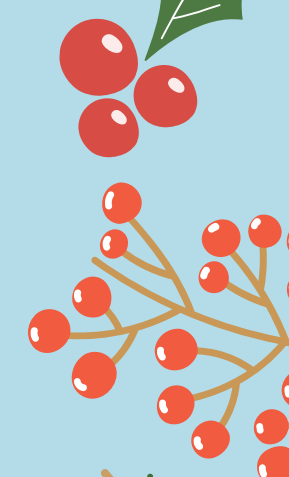
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CURRENT VACANCIES WITH CVS

Check out more information about the latest vacancies, including Merseyside Offender Mentoring Service and Buddy Up Project.

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Job Vacancies

Our latest job opportunities
with CVS programmes and
projects

We'd encourage you to share these job opportunities with your networks or anybody else you think may be interested in applying!

For more information, including jobs across the wider sector visit: **seftoncvvs.org.uk/jobs**

Kudos on Breathe HR!









Want to show your appreciation to a colleague? Whether they have gone out of their way to solve an issue or provided you with support on a task, give them Kudos!

Massive congratulations to Josie Barrow who is this month's winner!

20+ staff received Kudos this month...

Give some Kudos now



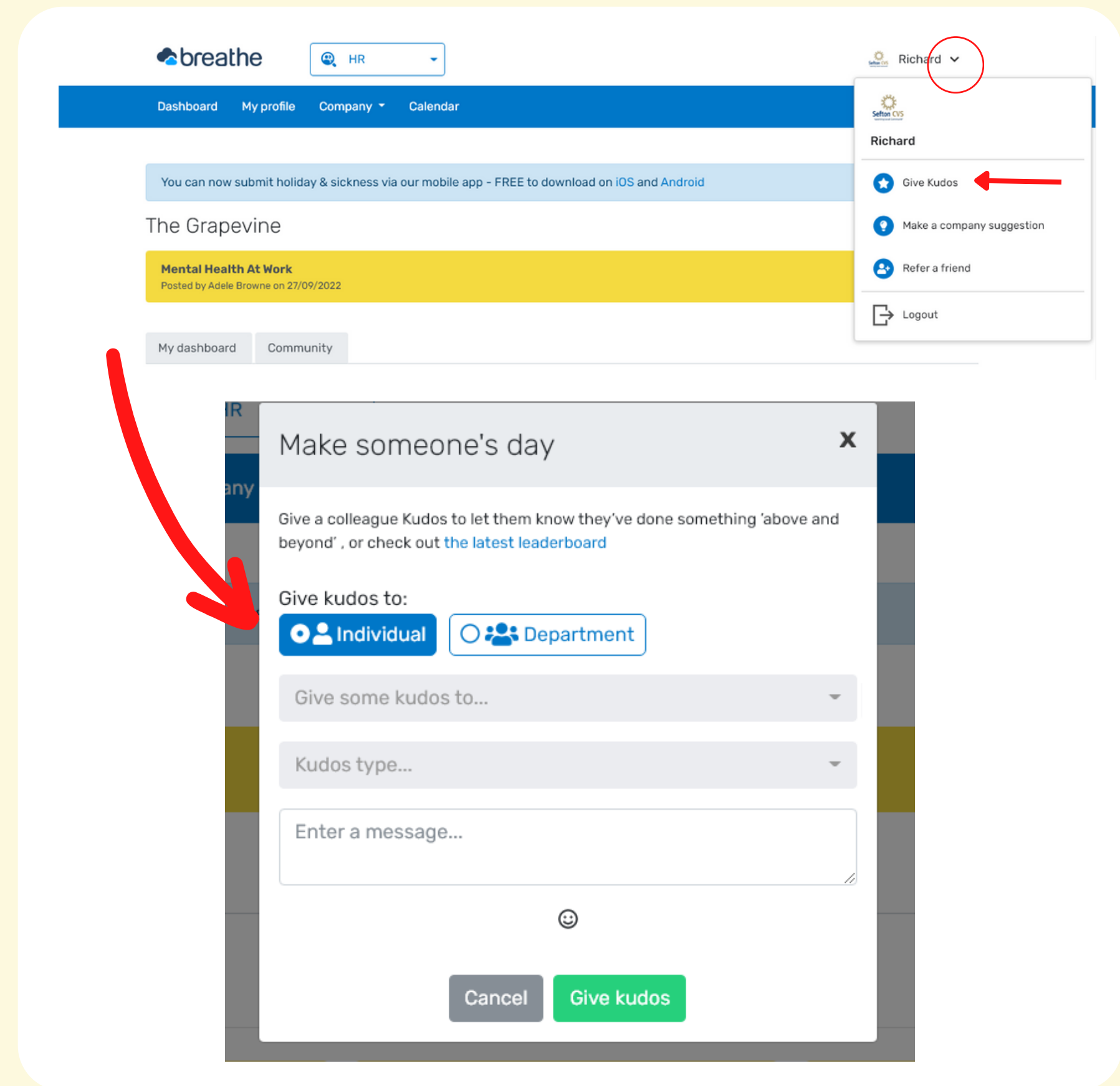
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 Maggi Aslet	3	1
 Nigel Sharp	3	1
 Catrin Hughes	2	1
 Emma Copestake-Websdell	2	0
 Richard Cheetham	2	0
 Andrew Coulson	1	1
 Cormac O'Carroll	1	1

How to give Kudos...

Login to **Breathe HR** and from the dashboard click the drop down arrow next to your name at the top right and select 'Give Kudos'.

This will open up the 'Give Kudos' pop up and here you select a colleague, provide a reason from the drop downs and add a personalised message. Click Give Kudos when you're happy and DONE!

You can view the leaderboard from the 'Community' tab on the main dashboard!





That's a wrap!

We want to hear from you!

Do you have any Project Highlights, Good News Stories or staff to highlight. It is not all serious, we'd love to hear about any favourite hobbies, crazy fundraising efforts, recipes to try and more!

If you'd like to contribute to next month's newsletter please contact:

Richard Cheetham
Communications & Marketing Officer

[Get in Touch](#)