

The Worx

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OFFICEWORX SUPPORT

We show how it's not just about those big charity cheque donations

FOCUS ON

Cheltenham Animal Shelter reveal how they keep their doors open

PLUS MUCH MORE

Pet selfie competition, business card offers and colourful bean bags!



Supporting charities isn't always about presenting those multi-digit cheques! It's hard for smaller companies to continually come up with the £££. At Officeworx we enjoy helping charities in ways that we **know** can make a huge difference to them. Donating our time, raising awareness through social media and taking part in fundraising events are just some of the ways we try to make that difference. Here are some of our latest activities!

DONATING TIME

Cheltenham Challenge Water Station

Officeworx were back at the Three Masts - Cleeve Hill water station at this year's **Cheltenham Challenge** organised by local charity **CCP**, with all proceeds going to **Caring for Communities and People** in Gloucestershire and beyond. Officeworx provided salty crisps, jelly beans and water to give runners a power boost after their highest climb to the top!



Officeworx waiting for the first runners to arrive



Kate ready to hydrate the Cheltenham Challenge Runners

DONATING RAFFLE PRIZES

Officeworx love supporting local businesses and charities

We've been supporting **Randall & Payne** and **Cheltenham Animal Shelter** this summer by donating great raffle prizes at their open days. Randall & Payne's Father's Day family fun day was a great success with all proceeds going to **Scoo-B-Doo** - a local charity in support of the neonatal unit at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

For more information on Scoo-B-Doo please visit www.scoo-b-doo.info and Cheltenham Animal Shelter gawa.org.uk



Katie presents donated toys to Pip director of local charity Play and team leader Ben



Let's Play!

A new local charity we're supporting this summer is **Play Gloucestershire** and we've been busy donating unwanted toys and games! **Play Gloucestershire** is a registered charity that delivers active and creative play in urban and rural communities for children with challenging circumstances. Activities are both school and community based, providing adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of school aged children. We were really impressed by their work in the community.

For more information on Play Gloucestershire please visit playgloucestershire.org.uk

DONATING TOYS

IT Making a Difference

It was great to be invited for a tour around IT Schools Africa earlier this year and receive our certificate of appreciation! It was fascinating to see the whole recycling process and how it benefits our **local community** as well as schools in Africa. The wiping of data and installation of Windows involves a number of local groups such as job seekers, children of school age, the elderly wishing to learn digital skills, refugee groups and isolated and disadvantaged local residents. IT Schools Africa's **Community IT Outreach Programme** aims to bridge the inequality of access to technology and training in digital skills and services in Gloucestershire.

We were so impressed by the scheme, we decided to design and print our own flyers for distribution to our customers, raising awareness of IT Schools Africa and requesting redundant computers and peripherals.

Simon and Lucy IT Schools Africa present Katie, Rob and Howard their certificate of appreciation



IT SCHOOLS AFRICA

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For more information or if you have any computer equipment to donate please do let us know!

Ride for Ryder - The Sportive 2019

Paul and Kate got back on their saddles for this year's Ride for Ryder - The Sportive 2019 raising **over £300** for our local Sue Ryder Leckhampton Hospice. This year over 500 riders entered! Thank you to all that donated. It was another great event with a beautiful route around Cheltenham. The Officeworx team were also the face behind Sue Ryder's marketing this year! You might have seen our faces on flyers and banners around the town?



Paul, Kate & friend Brian at the start



Nearly finished, a last stop at The Leckhampton Hospice



Can you spot the Officeworx Team?



Emotions were high on finishing - Ride for Ryder 2018

Kate also had great pleasure to write a blog post for Sue Ryder encouraging fellow individuals and businesses to sign up for Ride for Ryder and spread the news about how The Leckhampton Hospice has helped her family. Have a read at www.sueryder.org/blog/emotions-were-high-on-finishing-ride-for-ryder

NEW ADDITION TO THE OFFICEWORX TEAM

Little '**Evie** dog' joined the Officeworx team back in January! Then only 8 weeks old her first day at the office went well! Evie is a **Sprocker** Spaniel – a lively mix of a Working Cocker Spaniel and a Springer Spaniel. We started tweeting her journey as the **Officeworx dog** and as she got older we were amazed that our posts about Evie was earning us more tweets than any others! We decided to set up Evie's own fan-based Twitter page so feel free to have a browse **@EvieDog** or our Officeworx page **@officeworx**



Katie & Evie



The orders are rolling in



Happy Easter



First day at the office



Evie loves
Prima Software

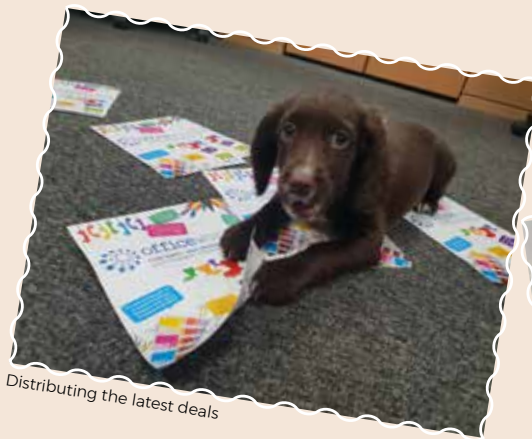


Tiring work at Officeworx



Evie cheers on the Cheltenham
Challenge runners





Distributing the latest deals



Team Officeworx



Puppy cuddles are top of Festoon's to do list



So many products to chew



It's a party at Officeworx



Assisting the cabling division

Competition Time

The Officeworx team love to help local charities and Evie is no exception! This Summer Evie would like to raise money for her less fortunate friends at **Cheltenham Animal Shelter**.

Evie will be giving out Officeworx branded pet food bowls over August and September and she would like you to take a photo of your pet using their new bowl! Post your picture at **#officeworxpet** on Twitter or email to **sales@officeworx.co.uk**. For every entry, we will donate **50p** to the Cheltenham Animal Shelter! We will also pick a winning picture on September 28th and the lucky pet will win a **free goody bag!**



Evie kicks off the competition with her entry!



FOCUS ON



Gloucestershire Animal Welfare Association &
Cheltenham Animal Shelter



Here at Cheltenham Animal Shelter, we have been helping to rescue and rehome unwanted and abandoned animals since 1926. Each year we can help as many as **800 animals** who need support, care and treatment at a cost of around **£750,000**. We receive no government or lottery funding so rely on very kind donations from our loyal supporters, and year-round fundraising, including our summer open day and Christmas festive evenings. We are currently caring for 85 animals, including cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, guinea pigs, rabbits and a hamster called Tony! We never know who might arrive at the Shelter needing our help.

Last summer, our **Young Animal Centre** was completed, which added a much needed puppy block and cat maternity unit to our Shelter. This addition has been invaluable, as we can keep very tiny puppies and kittens separate as they are so vulnerable at this stage. We were fortunate to receive two grants towards this from the Sir Charles Irving Charitable Trust and Support Adoption for Pets (Pets At Home charitable arm) plus a legacy dedicated to this project which funded most of the build costs.

We have a variety of other businesses and supporters here at the Shelter all dedicated to earning income to cover the costs of welfare, rehoming and education work we do. These include:

- Our patron Pam Ayres – Pam visits regularly and raised nearly **£9,000** following a recent concert and book signing at Rendcomb College
- We were one of Mayor of Cheltenham, Councillor Bernard Fisher's two chosen charities this year and Bernard presented us with a cheque for **£13,723.75** at our annual open day!
- Dog and cat boarding at the Shelter
- Our **'Short Bark & Sides'** grooming parlour
- Dog training classes
- Our own on-site vets **'CASVET'**
- A pet supplies shop
- Our thriving charity shop has contributed over **£300,000** since it's opening in 2013
- Animal experience days for young people aged 5-15 years in the school holidays
- **HALT Project** (Humans and Animals Learning Together) delivered for 'at risk' youths in Gloucestershire
- Awareness raised by visits to schools, colleges and adult organisations around the county

We are very pleased with our close working relationship with Officeworx for all our office and stationery supplies and have worked with them for over two years now. Nothing is too much trouble and no order too big or small. As a local business here in Cheltenham, the orders are swiftly delivered which gives us peace of mind and continuity. The team are very friendly and always want to know about the animals, how they are getting on and how they can help. Thank you Officeworx for your continued support.

REMUS
15 MONTHS OLD



Romanian Shepherd Dog – he's looking for an adult only home in a rural location. He loves other dogs and they really help him with building his confidence. He is nervous of new people to start with but once he knows you he loves cuddles. Also loves playing with his snuffle matt filled with treats and playing in our sensory garden here at the Shelter.

Save the date
December 6th!
For our up coming **Festive Evening**. It is a wonderful mix of Christmas gift stalls, mulled wine, Santa's grotto and festive music to help get you into the Christmas spirit!

Viewing times to see the rescue animals are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday between 12pm-4pm.

To find out more about Cheltenham Animal Shelter and see the animals they have for rehoming, please visit <http://gawa.org.uk/rehoming/> and sign up to their newsletter. Find them on **Facebook, Instagram and Twitter** - **@Cheltenhampets**.

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Blue, dark green, green, orange, pink, purple, red and sky blue.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity so far this year. We love the interaction with our customers and charities and appreciate every single donation. Feel free to follow our movements and special offers on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Team Officeworx x

