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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter, we have just stepped into autumn, and we will be excited to be able to watch our onsite garden change with the seasons. More pictures to follow from our harvest. We have had a busy summer, even with restrictions we have remained focused and positive and are looking forward to the months ahead. We hope you are all well and if you have not already visited our Coffee House, we hope to see you in the near future. Ashland coffee house is open for both sitting in and take away.















Our attendees will become familiar with the duties and responsibilities required on reception at Ashland House and will learn how to operate the new hot drinks machine and cash register in Ashland Coffee House. Gain excellent customer service skills, whilst looking very smart in their new workwear. We would like to thank **Synergy Electrical Solutions Ltd** for their kind donation which has contributed to the new workwear. Ashland Coffee House officially opened on Monday 2nd August 2021, we look forward to welcoming you.

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We are proud to be able to announce the opening of our new wood workshop at our location at Ashland House Ince. In one location we can offer real life work experience in our onsite wood workshop, coffee house, hairdressing salon and vehicle cleaning service. Highly skilled support staff with professional skills lead each activity ensuring high standards of delivery. Since 2018 STEPScic has seen massive development, our new Super Centre ensures that we are able to provide more choice and opportunities for growth and experience. Ince born, Founder and Director Terry Mann is proud to have STEPScic Super Centre based in Ince, providing opportunities not just for the people that attend the service but also for the wider local community.



























Our recently developed wildlife area and gardens have not only allowed us to grow delicious fruits and veg, but they have also been a source of inspiration for our photography group. Getting up close with frogs, spiders, slugs, snails and insects has enabled our attendees to see the beauty in the beast. Fantastic shots! Well done to all involved.













The delicious home-grown fruit and vegetables, picked straight from our polytunnels and raised beds. This has given our green fingered gardening group a great sense of accomplishment from producing the fantastic array of fruit and vegetables. Needless to say, we have produced some very tasty, healthy lunches at STEPScic.















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Our art sessions have also produced some amazing art work, some of which has been displayed in the Ashland Café and around our wildlife garden. The art work our attendees have produced shows them demonstrating excellent fine motor skills. Their creations look fantastic and we are excited to see these on display. The boards were prepared in our woodshop, and then our artists drew the outlines, they then either nailed and strung the outlines, or painted them. A great joint effort contributing to an amazing























We would like to thank Wigan Timber LTD for their kind donations of timber over the years. Their continued support has helped our attendees to create many wood products that have in turn benefitted the local community. A special thanks to Bob Howard from Wigan Timber LTD who has always made us feel very welcome and has developed a great rapport with our attendees.



We have thoroughly enjoyed our sessions with **Nomad Rangers**, no pots, no pans,no problem! In our survival setting, our attendees have learned how to make fire, health and safety around a fire as well as how to cook cheese and ham toasties and smores. Survival cooking at its best, delicious!

We have also experienced archery and craft activities in the great outdoors. We would like to thank Michelle and Jenny from **Nomad Rangers** at Wild Thyme Community Forest School and Garden, for a fantastic experience.

















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We were delighted to have welcomed Curious Critters to Ashland House. Our attendees thoroughly enjoyed getting up close to a range of exotic animals for a fun, educational and interactive experience. We certainly conquered many fears with one person saying after

holding a tarantula, 'I was scared of spiders but I'm not anymore!'. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Danny for a fantastic, empowering experience. We look forward to seeing you again very soon.



























We would like to congratulate our very own team member, Andrew Sixsmith on completing the great north run on Sunday 12th September 2021, he competed alongside his daughter Lorna for a very worthy cause, Derrion House. We are all very proud and what a fantastic achievement. Well done Andrew and Lorna, and to everyone else who took part.

Andrew would like to express his thanks and gratitude to everyone who sponsored him.







