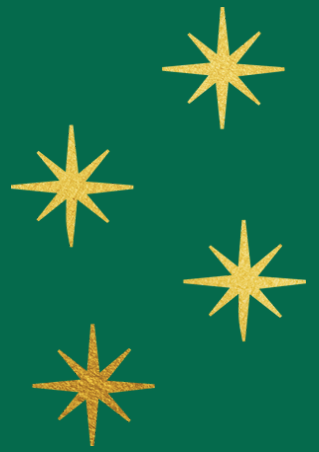




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# gifting that gives something back...



Buying from social enterprises allows you not only to source beautifully crafted, thoughtful gifts, but also to fuel the social missions of the organisations you spend with. Their profits are reinvested back into communities and solving some of our toughest problems.

We're giving you the opportunity to #ShopSocial this year at our **Social Enterprise Christmas Marketplace on Thursday 15th December at Merseyway Workshop**. More info in the brochure.



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# Why buy from a social enterprise?

Buying Social allows you to use your personal spending power to support the causes that matter to you and your communities. At a time when it can feel there is a lot out of our control related to our finances, deciding where to spend your hard earned cash can ensure you have some personal choice around where your money ends up. Social Enterprises reinvest their profits back in the social and environmental missions that matter on your doorstep.

This is our First Stockport specific buying social brochure and we would love you to switch up your purchases this year by supporting even just one of the organisations within in. It showcases some awesome social enterprises, charities and community ventures. Check them out and help us to make it a success that we can continue to build on.





# We're Arc!

Arc is one of the UK's leading arts and mental health charities, based at Hat Works in Stockport town centre. We work across Greater Manchester, providing arts programmes and services to improve people's mental wellbeing, as well as public programmes with a wide range of opportunities to learn new skills or just to enjoy being creative.



Arc's shop is bursting with affordable, beautiful and unique jewellery, homewares, stationary, ceramics, digital courses and more! All handmade or designed by our participants and volunteer artists. Each purchase is a contribution to Arc and helps us to continue our work, unlocing creativity and transforming the lives of adults and young people in Greater Manchester.

**10am-4pm Thurs & Fri**  
**11am - 3pm Last Saturday each month**

**Arc Centre, Hat Works**  
**Wellington Mill**  
**Wellington Road South (A6)**  
**Stockport**  
**SK3 0EU**

# We're Heatons Post!

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Heatons Post Hub is a community Hub for the Heatons & Reddish as well as being the base of Drawing Board Productions Community Interest Company which produces free, hyper-local community newspapers - Heatons Post and Cheadle Post.



The Hub provides a range of services for the local community, including a free, weekly I.T. clinic, advice sessions from local businesses, drop-in sessions with Stockport-based support groups, and literature from local community organisations providing a central information point for residents and visitors to the area.



The Hub is also a drop-off location for Stockport Foodbank, Smart Works and Plastic Shed.

**Heatons Post Hub  
11 Tatton Road South  
Heaton Moor**



# We're ItsHerstory!

ItsHerstory CIC is a non-profit organisation at the heart of a growing ItsHer female focused community. Based in Stockport serving Greater Manchester diverse communities, the organisation is led by a board of directors representing BAME, LGBTQ groups. The project addressing barriers facing the communities are delivered in the form of events, campaigns, courses and workshops supported by a fabulous range of video, podcasts and blogs highlighting the remarkable personal stories of ordinary women. For full information click on the website and follow our socials.

In recent months itsherstory became the first organisation to be approved for the Proper Good investment loan, which has enabled the development of the ItsHer Trade page, supporting a wide range sustainably sourced merchandise and bespoke designed gifts, the page includes products by new traders growing their business. Profits and commissions are used to fund more projects for women. For information on products, prices and descriptions click on the webpage.



# We're Make Build Grow!

At Make Build Grow, we believe that art and creativity is a powerful tool for positive change. We empower people to transform their lives, by giving opportunities to achieve and succeed, learn new skills, grow, and be seen and heard through artistic, DIY and creative processes and projects. The sale of our products will support the delivery of our creative art & DIY workshops. Our workshops help improve the wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable in our community.



Purchase from [MakeBuildGrow.org](http://MakeBuildGrow.org) and on Instagram @makebuildgrow\_cic from 1st November 2022. Prices start from £2.50.

# We're Plastic Shed!

We are Plastic Shed, a Community Benefit Society based in Stockport. We unite people around the issue of plastic pollution. We do this by providing lots of different ways for people to get involved with reusing plastic waste locally. As we work with people in the community to turn our plastic waste into new useful things, our approach simultaneously helps to strengthen community cohesion, empower people to take action and support individuals' health and wellbeing as they get creative with the materials and contribute to a meaningful project.



These earrings are all handmade from 100% recycled plastic waste that has been collected and donated by our amazing local community. Bottle lids that are not recycled in this area, heading to be burned, transformed into a new life. Prices range from £20. We offer a range of workshops that cover all ages and abilities, working,



entirely with plastic waste in fun, creative and educational ways to create new items. We also create art installations for festivals, schools and more. Email [caitlin@plasticshed.org](mailto:caitlin@plasticshed.org).

**10am - 4pm Thursday to Saturday**

**Merseyway Workshop  
Unit 6 Deanery Way  
Stockport  
SK1 1PP**





# We're Renewal North West!

Renewal North West is an independent Christian charity. Based in Greater Manchester, our mission is to work with people who are long-term unemployed, helping them break down the barriers that keep them from working such as lack of education, skills and opportunity, or addiction, criminal convictions and homelessness.

To fund our projects, we raise funds from the sale of donated goods in our super store charity shop. Our shop stocks everything to furnish a house and clothe a family. From teacups to tumble dryers. Our white goods range from £59, sofas from £50.

**Call in:  
61-63 Shaw Heath  
Stockport  
SK3 8BH**

**Or visit our eBay shop:  
[www.ebay.co.uk/str/  
renewalnorthwest](http://www.ebay.co.uk/str/renewalnorthwest)**





# I'm The Manc Forager!

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I want to help people to see that there's fresh healthy produce all around them that they can access for free. Our offer is you can purchase seed packs or come on one of our walks. Our walk is called - An introduction to foraging wild plants, it lasts 2 hours and costs £10 per person. A group of up to 20 people is £150. Locally collected wild flower and seed paper & mix £2 per pack. Contact on Instagram @themancforager.



# We're Walthew House!

Walthew House has been supporting people across Stockport living with sight or hearing loss for more than 140 years. We offer a range of services including social and sports groups, a sensory loss Youth Club, specialist sight loss counselling, and advocacy support.

As a small local charity, we receive no contracted income and rely on donations, grant funding and local fundraising. We welcome support in a variety of ways from individuals, organisations and businesses, who together make a huge difference to the lives of local people with a sensory loss. Our Christmas card this year has been designed by one of our regular volunteers Lee Parker, who has created a silhouetted skyline design with bright lights underneath a swirly starlit sky. The cards are available to purchase for £1.50 for a pack of 5.



**9am - 4pm Monday to Friday**

**Walthew House  
112 Shaw Heath  
Stockport  
SK2 6QS**



# We're Proper Good!

Proper Good is a tailored package offering guidance, mentoring and financial support, to individuals who want to do good business - from those who have an idea but don't know where to start, to those who have a fully fledged social business.

The programme aims to support the development of stronger, more resilient and sustainable social economies.

We invest our seed fund in start up social enterprises and social enterprises looking to expand activity. Buying our Proper Good recyclable coffee cups will help reinvest in our seed fund so we can support more ace projects in the community. £10 small cup £12 for large cup or £20 for one of each. Collection from Merseyway Workshop only. Can reserve for collection via email. Limited number available.





## **Buy good, feel good at the Social Enterprise Christmas Marketplace**

Come along and #ShopSocial. There will be a range of presents with purpose available to buy from Stockport Social Enterprises including Saz Media, EasyPeel, Plastic Shed, Make Build Grow, The Manc Forager, Proper Good plus others!

We would love to welcome you for a browse, a mince pie and we will be showcasing some free to join in Christmas craft sessions with our Empowering Women group. Take the opportunity to step away from the busy lead up to Christmas and make something to gift!

**The Social Enterprise Marketplace will take place on Thursday 15th December at Merseyway Workshop, 6 Deanery Way, Stockport, SK1 1PP from 10am to late.**

If you can't join us for a #ProperGood Christmas Shop please can we encourage you to not just buy local this year but also to consider buying from your local social enterprises, charities and community groups who are going to have a lot of needs to support in the next 12 months. Even just one purchase from a social, charitable or community business will make a difference. Imagine if we all committed to that!



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