

## We are hiring! Services & Community Coordinator

Hands Together Ludlow are seeking an exceptional individual to join our committed team as Services and Community Coordinator, taking the charity into its next stage of development.

This is a unique opportunity to join a well-established organisation with strong, local partnerships, clear procedures and a dedicated team of staff and volunteers. The Services and Community Coordinator will build and maintain relationships with partner organisations, lead and develop the Ludlow Community Support Network.

We are looking for an organised, enthusiastic and people-focused individual with experience in partnership working, project coordination and supporting vulnerable people. If you share Hands Together's values and want to make a meaningful difference to the lives of people in Ludlow and beyond, we would love to hear from you.

Click the link [here](#) for more information about the role, and the application pack which includes the full role description and person specification. Closing date midnight on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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### What's in it for you?

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- Learn practical life skills
- Occupy your free time
- Claim your expenses
- Give back to your community
- Gain qualifications
- Meet new people



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Hands Together Ludlow are recruiting for new volunteers to help with Walks for All and Community Lunch.

Do you enjoy walking and meeting new people? We are looking for friendly, enthusiastic people who have up to two hours free on a Wednesday morning and are happy to work as part of a team. You do not need formal qualifications – just enthusiasm, reliability and a friendly manner.

If you enjoy cooking and are confident in cooking for up to 20 people, we would love to hear from you. You will be working with a small team of volunteers and the Food Coordinator to make a delicious 2 course meal. The meal is predominantly made using surplus that has been donated to our Community Fridge. Community Lunch runs on a Tuesday and Friday and shifts are typically 9:30am-1:30pm (we are grateful for help even once a month!).

[Please click here](#) for more information and the application form. Alternatively, contact Teresa, Volunteer Coordinator, on [vol.coord@handstogetherludlow.org.uk](mailto:vol.coord@handstogetherludlow.org.uk).

## Company at Christmas 2025

Once again, Hands Together Ludlow hosted a fantastic Company at Christmas for those who would otherwise be alone. Food Coordinator, Julia Doig gave a round-up of the day:

"The Hands Together Christmas Day lunch went very well this year; the first one we have done in our kitchen at Lower Galdeford.

We were extremely lucky that Ludlow Farmshop donated Turkey Crowns and Christmas Puddings for the lunch. This year, we were even able to do a starter of Smoked Salmon canapes, thanks to Ludlow Farmshop's donation. We were also given lots of lovely vegetables by both Myriad Organics and Ludlow Market.

The lunch itself was fabulously prepared and cooked by a team of volunteers, a family ensemble on Christmas Eve and a great team of Christmas Day. It is thoroughly heartwarming that people are happy to give up their own family time to provide this essential lunch for anyone who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

Even a lifelong Turkey naysayer thought the Turkey looked delicious as it was being carved, the gravy was hot, delicious and copious (always a plus!), delicious roast potatoes (thank you Rachel!), sprouts, neeps, bread sauce and cranberry sauce filled the plates.

Carols were sung beforehand, a huge thank you to our group of carol singers (formed from our volunteers), crackers were pulled followed by a scrumptious Christmas Pudding or Trifle, both served with lashings of whipped cream.

It really was a lovely day, one volunteer said he was so glad he could come and even thought a very shy soul was seen laughing heartily with others during the day. Just couldn't be better, thank you everyone!"



## Ludlow Men's Shed

Laura, one of the attendees of the Women's DIY Day run by the Ludlow Men's Shed project, has made this fabulous wooden quayside scene as a Christmas present. Her creativity knows no bounds! Well done Laura.

Ludlow Men's Shed now has vacancies for the Thursday DIY Day which is open to all genders - for further information contact [sheds.handstogetherludlow@gmail.com](mailto:sheds.handstogetherludlow@gmail.com)



## High Sheriff Award

We are thrilled to announce that Hands Together Ludlow has been awarded the High Sheriff Award 2025. Current High Sheriff, Jane Trowbridge, shared the good news:

"It is a privilege to present the High Sheriff's Award to Hands Together Ludlow, an extraordinary charity that has made an indelible impact on the Ludlow community. This award recognises their outstanding contribution to the life of Ludlow through their unwavering commitment to supporting those in need. They offer a range of services including food distribution, financial assistance, and social support to help meet the immediate needs of the most vulnerable. The charity organises community meals, provides practical help through volunteer coordinator, and offers wellbeing initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for those they serve. Through collaborative efforts with local partners, Hands Together Ludlow works tirelessly to build a supportive and inclusive community, ensuring that all residents have access to the resources they need to thrive."

Trustee Graham Cheshire and Volunteer Coordinator Teresa Bailey will attend the presentation evening in a few weeks time for the formal presentation of the award.

## Thank you to Ludlow Farmshop

Throughout 2025 Ludlow Farmshop has been raising money for Hands Together through their on-site premises, Ludlow Pantry. For any hot drink that was sold, 2p was donated, a fantastic £878.50 was raised in total. This donation will be used to support upcoming projects for 2026.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this amazing fundraising project, and to the team at Ludlow Farmshop for their continued support. We look forward to continuing working with the Farmshop team in 2026.



## Some events this month (more

information available on the [Events page](#) of our website)

**Tech Talk:** Monday afternoons by appointment only. Support with devices such as tablets, phones and laptops.

**Help Hub:** Monday afternoons by appointment only. Support available for online forms (strictly not Personal Independence Payment (PIP)).

Community Lunch: Tuesday and Friday by bookings only. Please call the office to book a place.

For more details of any of our events please call **01584 873062** or visit our website [by clicking here](#)

## A brand new Ludlow service - Women's Health Hub

Ludlow and Area Community Partnership (LACP) have launched 'The Women's Health Hub' a brand-new space created for women, by women in Ludlow.

Join the supportive, uplifting space where honest conversations, expert guidance and shared stories come together to empower your wellbeing. The first meeting will take place at Hagley Place, Foldgate Lane, Ludlow, SY8 1LS on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 7pm-8:15pm. The sessions will run on the last Tuesday of every month thereafter.

What to expect: real and open conversations, expert advice on menopause, nutrition, exercise and mental health. Practical "health conversations" and a welcoming community of women. All sessions are free.

For further information, please contact Erica Garner on 07974 001310 or [lacp.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:lacp.enquiries@gmail.com)

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