

Meet Hamish, our new Food Projects Coordinator!



We are pleased to announce that Hamish has joined the Hands Together team as our Food Projects Coordinator! Hamish joined us in July; we caught up with him to see how he is getting on.

Why did you apply for the role?

The opportunity to build on the success of Hands Together was too good to miss. I'm passionate about all things food related and look forward to sharing my passion with others.

What were you doing before this job?

Working for a speciality coffee roaster here in Ludlow. They roast some incredible coffee, which you may have tried if you've visited any of cafes around town. I also have lots of experience as a chef and as a baker.

What do you think will be your biggest challenge?

Trying not to eat all the amazing puddings that the volunteers make for our community lunches!

What are you looking forward to most about working with HTL?

Meeting all the people that visit Hands Together each week and working with them to make it a fun and exciting place to visit. Getting more people involved in what we do, by offering a range of food related projects - watch this space!

We're hiring!

Hands Together Ludlow are seeking an exceptional individual to join our committed team as Services and Community Coordinator.

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 the values Hands Together 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.

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Services & Community Coordinator

35 hours per week over 5 days
£29,777 per annum
Office based with some travel

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Summer Lunch Club begins for 2026

Our Summer Lunch Club kicked off the last week of July and a wonderful team of volunteers have been hard at work ever since, helping to ensure local children have access to nutritious lunches throughout the school holidays.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, volunteers gather to freshly prepare packed lunches for children in receipt of Free School Meals. Each lunch includes a freshly made sandwich, fruit and a sweet treat; providing a balanced and enjoyable meal for families in the weeks ahead.

The Summer Lunch Club will run up until the 27th August 2026. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making this a success so far.



Board Games afternoon at Hands Together Ludlow

Looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon and connect with others in the community?

Join us for our friendly board game afternoons! Whether you're an experienced player, enjoy a classic game of scrabble or dominoes, or simply want to try something new, everyone is welcome!

Board games are a wonderful way to bring people together, spark conversations and enjoy a few laughs in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Feel free to come along on your own or bring a friend!

This is a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy some friendly competition, and spend time with others in the local community.



Volunteer & Staff training

Over the past month, staff and volunteers have continued to develop their skills to help carry out their roles effectively. Recent training sessions for staff include First Aid and continuation of Level 2 Safeguarding training.

We have inducted four new volunteers this month and are proud to be welcoming them to the Hands Together Ludlow team. These volunteers have undertaken, Food Safety Level 2 training, Community Fridge training, as well as Kitchen training to become cooks at our Community Lunches. Existing volunteers have also completed First Aid training and Food Safety Level 2.

What's on this month:

Event	When	Where	Cost
Story Builders	Wednesdays	Ludlow Library	Free
Summer Craft Sessions	Wednesday 5 th August	Helena Lane Community Centre	Free
Hearing Loss Support Group	Monday 10 th August	Ludlow Library	Free, pre-booked appointments

Story Builders returns to Ludlow Library

Young children and their families are invited to discover the joy of stories, songs and creative play at Story Builders, a free summer programme taking place at Ludlow Library.

Part of the Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge, Story Builders combines storytelling, rhymes and hands-on fun with the library's fantastic Duplo collection, helping children to develop a love of reading through play and imagination.

The sessions run every Wednesday from 10:30am-11:30am and are designed for children aged 0-5 years, with older sibling's welcome to join in with the fun. There is no need to book, simply turn up and take part!

Each session will include a different story each week; 5th August – Jellyfish Jiggle, 12th August – All Join In, 19th August – Mr Big and 26th August – Kitchen Disco.

For further information, contact Ludlow Library on **01743 250510** or email ludlowlibrary@shropshire.gov.uk.

Summer Craft Session at Helena Lane

Families across Ludlow are invited to enjoy an afternoon of free creative fun at the Summer Craft Event, organised by Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help and Shropshire Together Community and Family Hubs.

Taking place on Wednesday 5th August from 2pm-4pm at Helena Lane Community Centre, the event promises a variety of craft activities suitable to children and families of all ages.

This free session offers a great opportunity for local families to get creative, meet others in the community and enjoy the summer holidays in a welcoming and supporting environment. The session is part of Shropshire Council's The Big Listen, where attending families will be asked about their experiences of council services for children, young people and families to help inform what they do next. If you have ideas for improving children's and young people's services in Shropshire, let them know!

Helena Lane Community Centre can be found at 20 Hamlet Road, Ludlow, SY8 2NP. For more information about Early Help services and family support available across Shropshire, visit: shropshire.gov.uk/early-help.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Residents living with hearing loss can access practical help and advice closer to home thanks to the Hearing Loss Support Group held regularly at Ludlow Library.

The service offers support with a range of common hearing aid needs, including hearing aid tube changing, battery collections and guidance on hearing aid care. Sessions are delivered by Audiology-trained volunteers, providing a friendly and accessible way for people to maintain their hearing aids and receive advice without needing to travel to a hospital appointment.

The Hearing Loss Support group meet at Ludlow Library on the second Monday of each month, 10am-12pm. Appointments must be made in advance and can be done by contacting Community Resource on 01743 342168 or SHLS@community-resource.org.uk

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.

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

Walks for All: Wednesday mornings, meet outside Ludlow Library to leave at 10am. Group walk of up to 1.5 miles taken at a gentle pace.

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



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