

# Press Release

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## For Immediate Release

### Funding for First Aid Training

*The work of a vital local charity has been supported with a generous donation that will train staff with crucial life-saving skills. The Where Next Association runs activities for those with severe learning disabilities, where health risks are high.*

**The Where Next Association** was delighted to receive a donation of £1845 from the George Bairstow Charitable Trust, to provide the latest First Aid training to 27 staff and volunteers. Helping those with severe learning disabilities find self-esteem and confidence, the Association provides training, workshops and work experience for clients.

Jo Wood, Business Support Manager at Where Next said "Our clients all have learning disabilities and most have health complications. As such, we encounter a wide range of illnesses and injuries every year.

"We are delighted that the George Bairstow Charitable Trust have funded next year's first aid training. This will ensure that we can put greater focus on helping and supporting our clients.

The George Bairstow Charitable Trust, set up in memory of George Bairstow, aims to continue his significant charitable work prior to his untimely death in a road accident in November 2013. Maria Bairstow, Chair of the Trust, commented "The provision of basic first aid is important, no more so than here at the Where Next Association. The GBCT is delighted to support their brilliant work.

Maria is pictured here during her visit to the Redditch Nurseries site where she met with staff and clients and had a tour of some of the other Where Next locations.

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## **About the Where Next Association**

If you would like to make a donation to Where Next, or hold a fund raising event on our behalf, please contact Jo Wood on 01527 69955. Visit our website at [www.wherenextassociation.co.uk](http://www.wherenextassociation.co.uk)

## **About the George Baristow Charitable Trust**

The GBCT is a registered charity created in memory of George Bairstow, who lived his life to help and support others but was tragically killed in a car accident in the early hours of 6 November 2013, on his return from a volunteer shift with St John Ambulance.

Selfless, generous and hands-on, George gave a great deal of his time to charitable organisations and had a positive impact on a wide range of communities – the GBCT intends to continue George's good work and to ensure communities benefit from his legacy.

For more information, visit [www.gbct.org.uk](http://www.gbct.org.uk)