



Oswestry Community Action/QUBE

So who are OCA/QUBE?

Oswestry Community Action (OCA), otherwise known as Qube, is a registered charity based in Oswestry, North Shropshire. Its aim is to improve the quality of life for people in North Shropshire through the provision of Education and Learning, Community Transport services, a Volunteer Centre, Arts and Culture, Shopmobility and Care.

The ethos of Qube is access to services for all. Our services have been developed over time in response to local need such as rural poverty, lack of opportunities particularly in education and poor transport provision. The majority of our services are aimed at those with a disadvantage such as disability, health including mental health, unemployment and rural isolation.

...What services do they provide?

- **Community Transport** – Qube runs a Dial-a-Ride and Community Cars service providing transport for those not able to access public transport due to age, health, disability and rural isolation. Our transport services enable people to attend medical appointments, shopping, visiting family and friends, access training, attend day centres, day trips and more.
- **Shopmobility** – is a scooter and wheelchair hire service for the community and is available to anyone with a mobility need.
- **Care** – Qube runs a befriending service in partnership with PCAS. This service provides befrienders to those people who are isolated and lonely. Alongside this we provide shopping services, both helping people to shop themselves and shopping for those who are housebound and delivering it to their door. We also run a monthly social group for people to get together, make friends and try new activities.
- Qube maintains **the Health and Social Care side of Shropshire's Community Directory**. An on-line directory of health and social care organisations and services across Shropshire.

- **Volunteering** – OCA runs an accredited Volunteer Centre, recruiting volunteers from the community and helping them access local volunteering opportunities. We also support other local voluntary organisations with information and advice to help develop their capacity, particularly in managing volunteers and funding and governance advice. We run a youth volunteering project aimed specifically at people under 25 years, supporting them to volunteer with a view to helping them towards employment.
- **Arts and Health** – Qube has a purpose-built contemporary gallery space for art exhibitions and hosts both national touring exhibitions and exhibitions by local artists. We also hold art classes for people with disabilities called PaintAble and have a programme of community arts and arts outreach work.
- **IT and Learning** – Qube provides various learning opportunities through the different service areas such as MIDAS and PATS training for transport volunteers and for external customers. We have an IT Suite and provide courses from basic computers to the ECDL qualification
- **Information and advice and room hire** – a range of information is held at Qube from public transport information to local events, training, and how to access local services. We also have a small counselling room, an art studio and a large meeting/training room for hire.

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