



The Wimbledon Guild

Giving people in the Wimbledon area something to smile about

Since 1907, the Wimbledon Guild has been providing valued services in the local community, such as activities and hot meals for older people, the growing counselling service, now with a state-of-the-art family therapy suite, as well as advice and practical help for people in need, of all ages and backgrounds.

Often, the Guild can help people access state benefits to which they are entitled – but some still fall into the poverty trap. Many people who turn to the Guild for help are trying to start out on a new life after difficult times caused by long-term health problems or abusive relationships. Help can take the form of small cash grants towards children's school uniforms or trips, or the provision of much-needed items, like a fridge or a washing machine.

Almost all our funding comes from the generosity of local people, past and present. Much of the actual work is done by local people too, through our wide-ranging volunteering schemes. And many of the items which are so much appreciated are donated by thoughtful businesses and local people.

You can help by offering time as a volunteer, money, or goods that are new or good as new.



Give unwanted items

- Large items like good quality furniture and fridges
- Harvest Festival and Christmas items
- Our charity shop in Mitcham welcomes a variety of goods
- We can usually collect donated items, resources permitting

Contact *Christine Brown, cbrown@wimbledonguild.co.uk*

Give money

- Online, at www.wimbledonguild.co.uk
- By cheque or standing order: please ask for the Gift Aid form
- In a legacy: please ask for our legacies brochure

Contact *Hannah Breen, hbreen@wimbledonguild.co.uk*

Give time as a volunteer

- Helping in the Guild House Activity & Social Centre
- Helping at our Care Home with Nursing
- Befriending
- Driving
- Event organising and fundraising
- Office administration
- Helping in the shop
- Serving on committees

Contact *Elisabeth Morris, emorris@wimbledonguild.co.uk*

The Wimbledon Village Fair

Our biggest annual fundraising event takes place on the Saturday before the tennis championships each year. Generous local businesses sponsor the set-up costs, and many thousands of people come and enjoy spending at the stalls.

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2008/9



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Big Stuff

Are you a manufacturer, importer or retailer left with excess stock when you bring in new models?



Are you a householder, interior designer, or builder, wondering what to do with old furniture, fittings or electrical equipments after an upgrade or refurbishment?

The Wimbledon Guild can find a good home for the things you want to get rid of. Our Social Welfare Department helps local people who are struggling to set up or maintain homes. Your unwanted fridge, washing machine, furniture and bedding, may help someone on their way to escaping the poverty trap and establishing a better life.

Anything that can't be directly used by our Social Welfare Department can be sold in our Mitcham charity shop, or used at fundraising events, and the cash can then be used in small grants to help people buy essential items like children's school uniforms and shoes.

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Harvest Festival - October

The Wimbledon Guild has supported the tradition of the Harvest Festival in the local community for many years, to ensure people who are in desperate need of the most basic items receive them, particularly in the lead-up to the colder months.



We generally focus on tinned or packet food rather than fresh produce, so that more items can be provided to support a wider range of organisations and people in the local area.

It is a good opportunity for children to have some understanding of the needs of people living in the community who are less fortunate than themselves. Schools in the Wimbledon and district area are the main supporters of the collection, together with churches – but all local groups are welcome.

The collection and delivery of goods span the last few weeks in October. Christine is always happy to attend the school to talk to the children about the Harvest Festival, and about the people who benefit from it in the local area.

Christmas Toys - December



When a child outgrows toys, they can bring new fun to other children. Donating unwanted toys can create a great opportunity to teach youngsters the importance of sharing, caring for the environment and lending support to good causes.

Before birthdays and Christmas are ideal times to get children to clear out their old toys because they need to make room for the new ones. Instead of throwing away unwanted and outgrown toys, please give us a ring!

The Guild Charity Shop, Mitcham

9-11 Upper Green East, Mitcham, CR4 2PE

Open: Mon-Sat 9.30 - 4.30

020 8648 0419



The Wimbledon Guild charity shop in Mitcham has had a real facelift in 2008, with new management. We are totally reliant upon the generosity of local people for donations of Bric-a-Brac, clothes, small pieces of furniture, books and anything else which is saleable. Donations can be dropped off at either the shop or Guild House – and large items can usually be collected.



The shop would not be able to trade without the constant and regular support of the volunteers, who help with sorting, carrying and serving customers, and for this we are very grateful. If you are fit and would like to volunteer to work in our shop, please contact us.



**Please don't sit on unwanted stuff
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If you would like to donate goods – or if you know an organisation who could benefit from receiving the goods – please contact Christine on 020 8946 0735 or email cbrown@wimbledonguild.co.uk