



HomeAid
Caithness & Sutherland
Helping people in the local community
Charity No. SCO 26882



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FREE UPLIFTS



HomeAid is pleased to announce that the £5 uplift charge has been abolished until further notice. HomeAid would like to thank everyone for their support over a very difficult period. HomeAid's bio-diesel machine has now arrived which will reduce fuel costs dramatically for one of the vehicles.

HomeAid would also like to thank the Park Hotel, Le Bistro and the Strathy Inn who are currently supplying HomeAid with used cooking oil, which will be turned into bio-diesel at HomeAid's warehouse. HomeAid's warehouse Manager, Fraser Newhouse commented "At the moment we use around £6000 every year in diesel, in the first year alone we'll have paid for the machine and made huge savings - the payback is good".

New Wick charity shop

HomeAid will shortly be opening a new charity shop in Dempster Street, Wick. Karen Hoyle will be managing the new shop and is absolutely delighted with the size and layout of the shop.

Karen told HomeAid "I'm delighted to be with HomeAid as I'm passionate about the ethos of recycling and reuse, supporting the community and working with the diversity of staff, volunteers and trainees". Karen is currently working in the Thurso charity shop until the keys are available.



Saturday 5th June
Scotland's National celebration
day to reuse and recycle.
Please donate to HomeAid

Pass it on Day 

Future Jobs Fund Placements

Shane Ross, Kelly Rutherford and Eilidh Gunn have secured a six month placement at the HomeAid charity shop in Princes Street. The Future Jobs Fund is being run by the Department for Work & Pensions and aims to create 170,000 additional jobs, primarily aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for nearly a year, to deliver real benefits to communities.



Picture: Shane & Kelly

Monday afternoon quilting

Jane Renshaw has been very busy on HomeAid's top floor on a Monday afternoon showing HomeAid's supervisor, Janette Ferguson how to make a quilt. The quilt once finished will be raffled in the shop.

If you want to try your hand and give it a go, pop into the shop and speak to Jane.

Picture left to right: Heather, Jane and Janette



Martin just loves being at HomeAid

Martin Goudie of Wick previously worked at the Ormlie warehouse but wanted to see how the other side of HomeAid worked. Returning to the HomeAid charity shop in Thurso Martin is enjoying learning different skills and will miss the Thurso staff when he relocates to the new Dempster Street shop in Wick. Martin says he is looking forward to working with the new team in Wick and says "You get out of it what you're prepared to put in" and will be returning as a volunteer when his placement concludes.



A volunteer's point of view...

HomeAid is a place where you will always find a smile. HomeAid is a place you can call to uplift anything at all, like sofa's, chairs - you name it we take it as long as it has a fire safety label on it.

We help the not so well off people that find it hard, so we give them a helping hand to get back on their feet again. Thank you to everyone that gives HomeAid furniture, electrical items, bric-a-brac. It all goes to good homes.

You the community are helping others as much as HomeAid because HomeAid would not be here without the help of kind people who give us all the lovely things.



Volunteers receive their awards

HomeAid volunteers collected their certificates in December for their time spent volunteering at the warehouse and charity shop.

Pictured here with Director Mike Potts is Stuart Henderson, Michael Powers, Phil Plummer, David Gunn, Carol Chapman, Valerie Sutherland, Diana Lyne, Effie Henderson and Jennifer Lloyd.

Congratulations and thank you

B.A.D. (Business Appeal Day)

HomeAid recently held another Business Appeal Day on 24th March which gave local businesses the opportunity to donate to HomeAid. **The total amount diverted from landfill was the equivalent to four wheelie bins or 117.2kgs.**

HomeAid will continue with the Business Appeal Days throughout the year. If you belong to a local business and want to get involved, please contact HomeAid on **01847 890696** for the next Business Appeal date.



Reduce Reuse Recycle

Food parcels



HomeAid have helped **267** people in the last year by supplying them with a food parcel. Blythswood Care who supply the food parcels to HomeAid are appealing for more food donations.

If you can donate any of the following items and drop them into the HomeAid charity shop in Thurso or the Blythswood charity shop in Wick these will be greatly appreciated.

Shopping list

1. Fruit juice (long life or dilute)
2. Breakfast cereal
3. Milk (UHT whole milk)
4. Tea/bags/coffee
5. Sugar
6. Rice/pasta 1kg
7. Cup-a-soup
8. Potatoes (Tinned or Smash)

Tins of:

Vegetables	mince/stew
Tomatoes	custard/rice
Fruit	ham
Soup	tuna/salmon

HomeAid recently received a very kind note of thanks from a local Caithness resident who stated "I am trying to survive on a crisis loan of £45 per week which I will have to repay but it isn't the end of the world and things can only get better.

HomeAid and Blythswood in partnership helping those in need

CABARET



Local artists at Dunbeath Village Hall

Storytelling Theatre Songs Music

Saturday 24 April 8pm-11pm Tickets £5 at the door B.Y.O.B

All proceeds go to HomeAid

End of Year Statistics Apr 09 - Mar 10

Since HomeAid started in 1996

5080 families and individuals have been provided with essential items

36,299 good quality items have been redistributed

HomeAid - a local charity for local people

Do you need help?

Do you need a FREE collection?

Do you need a date for your delivery?

Phone 01847 890696

Welsh Dresser gets a new lease of life

Not all the donations coming into HomeAid are in prime condition and some just need that little bit of TLC to transform them into reusable items to sell or pass on to those in need.

Pictured here on the right is one of HomeAid's trainees, Kevin Shearer. Kevin and the trainees and volunteers at the Ormlie Warehouse have been regularly repairing, polishing, painting and restoring items arriving at the HomeAid depot. This welsh dresser was beautifully restored and has been transformed.



“Easter cake was beautiful”

Ann Gill, one of HomeAid's volunteers baked an Easter cake which was raffled in the Thurso shop. The lucky winner said how beautiful the cake was. It was a fruit cake which she shared with her family over the Easter break. Thank you to Ann and all our customers.