



# Qube

## Oswestry Community Action

Serving the needs of the  
local community



## What is Qube?

Oswestry Community Action, otherwise known as Qube, is a registered charity based in Oswestry. Its aim is to improve people's quality of life and promote independent living for people in Oswestry and the surrounding area.

With an ethos of access to services for all, Qube began as Oswestry Helpmates in 1989 and has developed services over time in response to community need. Qube services are open to everyone, particularly those who are disadvantaged by age, disability, health including mental health, unemployment and rural poverty and isolation.

Qube has a community building in Oswestry's town centre with facilities for the community including a contemporary art gallery, art studio and rooms for hire.

## Our services

### Prevention and Well-being

Qube provides several activities for those who are isolated and lonely. These include twice weekly friendship groups for activities and fun, telephone and face to face befriending, a hot meal delivery service and supported shopping services for those in the community not able to access shopping unaided.

### Arts

Qube aims to bring high quality art to a rural area and give everyone the opportunity to be creative. Our contemporary art gallery has a full exhibition programme with work from local, national and international artists which has included David Hockney, Picasso, Matisse among others. Qube Arts also has an outreach programme of projects aimed at engaging the community and giving creative opportunities to those who otherwise might not engage in Arts.

### Well-being and creative course programme

Qube has a courses programme giving people the chance to learn new skills, be creative or improve their well-being. Courses include Tai Chi, Art History, drawing and painting, life drawing and many more.

### Community Transport

Our accessible door to door transport allows people to be out and about in their community. With 5 minibuses and 2 accessible cars we transport people to wherever they want to go. This includes medical appointments, shopping, visit friends and family or spouses in care or just to sit in the park.

### Volunteer Centre

A supportive volunteer brokerage service. Currently working with 150 organisations across North Shropshire, Qube VC sources appropriate volunteering opportunities for individuals and supports people to volunteer.

Qube has 20 staff and approximately 50 volunteers. It is governed by a Board of Trustees who have full responsibility for the organisation particularly financial and strategic management.

Although Qube's service areas are diverse they work together holistically to provide services to the community and ensure that people get the help they need when they need it.







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