

Penrith and Eden District Freegle

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Penrith and Eden District Freegle open days

More people in the Penrith area can now “give and take” after two open days run by local recycling group Freegle. Almost a hundred people came in to the Five cafe in Penrith on Saturday 24th September to find out about the online re-use group that now has almost 3,000 members across Eden District.

Lots of unwanted but good condition items were brought in and handed over to others at the open day – all for free: everything from CDs, light bulbs, books and teddy bears to a sat nav, printer, foot spa and two hoovers. Some larger items such as a pram, child's bike and baby walker were picked up later. Someone who joined the group offered a green house, which was snapped up quickly.

“I was pleased to see some Newton-Rigg freshers dropping in several times to check out what was available to get them started at university,” said Juliet Gray, one of the volunteers who help run the group. “I hope they get some good sounds from the retro LP turntable music system.”

Freegle was also pleased to take its message of helping each other and conserving the world's resources to the Ullswater Community College open day on 29th September. Freegle was one of the community groups showing the links between “town and gown” in association with Vitality of Penrith.

One of the other group volunteers, Chris Cant, said that “the mix of councillors, businesses, teachers and students was impressive. Many people signed up the group there and then – and some went away to find us on Facebook. A few posters will hopefully end up on office noticeboards.”

There are Freegle groups across Cumbria, and over 300 across the whole of the UK, with over a million members giving away tens of thousands of items each month. It's free to join and everything is given away for free.

If you are less technically inclined, please ask Chris Cant to offer an item by phoning him on 01931 713240. He will post your offer and get back in touch if anyone is interested in it.

Reusing items through Freegle cuts down on the waste and recycling collection and disposal costs for the district and county council, with an estimated 6 tonnes saved every month. In March last year, 328 items were handed over.

For more information go to www.PenrithEdenFreegle.org.uk or www.ilovefreegle.org – phone Chris Cant on 01931 713240 if you need any help.

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Various size Freegle logos are available for download here:

<http://wiki.ilovefreegle.org/Badges>



GIVE AND TAKE DAY

A high-res version of this photo is available here:

<http://www.penrithedenfreegle.org.uk/IMG17502.JPG>



UCC OPEN DAY STALL

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. It is estimated that locally our group saves up to 6 tonnes from landfill each month
2. For further information about the local Freegle group please contact Chris Cant 01931 713240 or Juliet Gray 01931 713636.
3. The Penrith and Eden District group was formed on 20th January 2007.
4. Freegle's sole objective is to enable individuals to 'do their bit' by keeping household goods out of landfill by giving away things they don't want to people who can use them. This is truly grass-roots and co-operatively run by and for local people.
5. Freegle is hosted by the free service Yahoo! Groups and is available at www.ilovefreegle.org
6. Once a member of Freegle, you can send a message to the group offering an item for free, saying what it is and where you are. You can also ask for items that you want.