



# newsletter

## Salisbury Women's Refuge

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### Latest News

Following on from our recent recruitment drive, in the last few months Salisbury Women's Refuge has welcomed three new trustees: Andrew Bryant, Jill Brazier and Rachel Jackson. They come from widely different careers but all have experience of organisations which care for people and understand how such organisations should be run. We are delighted to welcome them into our community and have them working with us.

In July the refuge had a visit from Mayor of Salisbury, Cllr Jenny Bolwell, who met some of the trustees, staff and residents. Jenny has a strong understanding of some of the problems facing women who have left home in difficult circumstances and it was wonderful to see the interest in our work from such a local public figure.

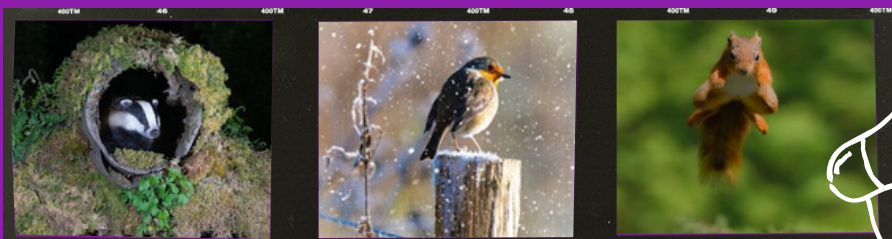
Pictured to the right (left to right): Andrew Bryant SWR trustee, Caroline Probert SWR Chair, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, Councillor Jenny Bolwell, Jill Brazier SWR trustee



We are currently working with local amateur photographer Steve Long to create a **Wildlife Calendar for 2027**, with profits being donated to Salisbury Women's Refuge.

Provisionally priced at £10 with the choice of 2 themes - British Wildlife or Botswana Wildlife. Let us know if you would like further information when it becomes available.

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# Supporter Spotlight

We have been blown away by the superhuman efforts of local man **Martin Solan** who during the summer cycled the (official) 874 miles from **Lands End to John O'Groats**, in total raising £3,276 for the refuge.

During the feat, Martin covered 1018 miles, taking 76h 21 min 13 sec to complete the journey. His average speed was 21.46 km/h, climbing 20,489m and burning 73,253 kcals!



Picture above: Martin Solan at John O'Groats

You can read all about this epic adventure in Martin's own words at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/marts-1000-mile-coffee-cake-crawl>

Thank you so much Martin for all your time and dedication, not only completing this challenge, but preparing for it too!

August also saw **Tinga and Smith England** collaborating to host their **Prosecco and Plaits** event - a fun evening of prosecco, nibbles from Tinga and hair tutorials, raising vital funds for us here at the refuge. Thank you to all involved for making it such a success, raising around £700!

Let us know about your upcoming events by contacting us at [admin@swrefuge.co.uk](mailto:admin@swrefuge.co.uk)

Don't forget to send us your photos so we can shout about all your excellent events!

Thank you to **Karan Casey Trio**, who's collection at St John's Place during their evening of Irish songs and music with a Congolese twist, raised a fabulous £240 for the refuge.

**Val Jackson and Mike Pozner** recently celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. In lieu of gifts they asked friends and family to consider a donation to us instead, raising £520.



Thank you and **Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

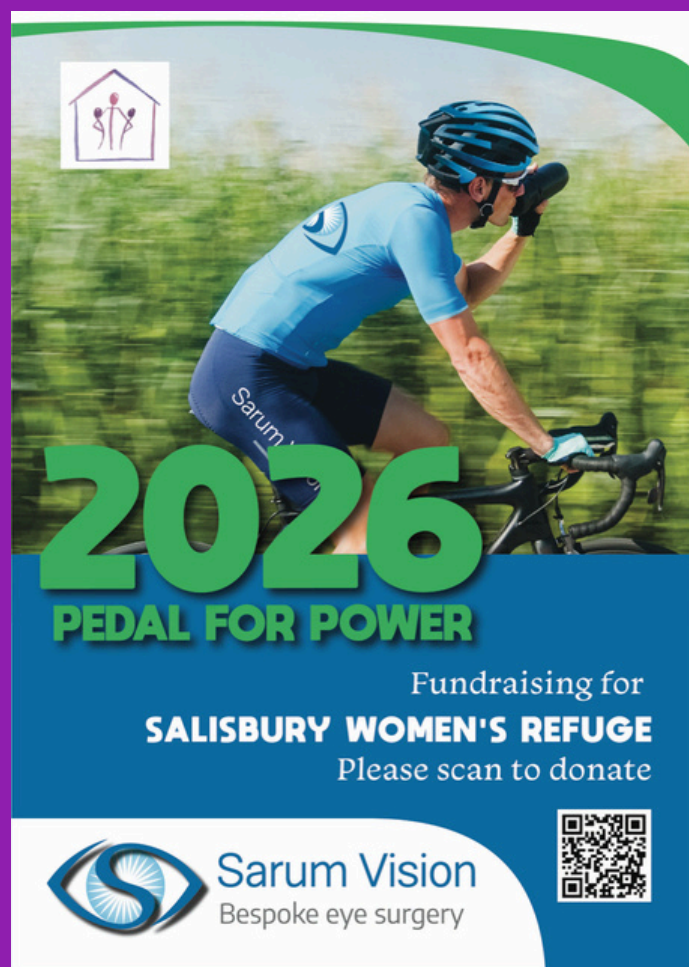


# Upcoming Events

## Pedal for Power... fundraiser by Sarum Vision

The wonderful people at Sarum Vision are taking on the challenge of a **180km bike ride** over two days, travelling through Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to raise funds for the refuge. They will set off from Churchill Gardens, Salisbury on Saturday morning (12 Sep), having already raised £700 of their £800 target... Sarum Vision will also match the funds raised!

Good luck to the whole team, and you can follow their success at <https://gofund.me/2d38ed731>



## Get Involved!

Use the QR code to make a donation to support our work, or perhaps you could consider one of these other ideas...

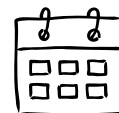


Do you have a passion or skill that you could share with others? Every thought about volunteering but didn't know how to get started? We'd love to hear from you to see how your time and talents could support life at the refuge.



Spread the word to family, friends and colleagues!

Become a friend of the refuge and set up regular donations.



Set up your own event or fundraising challenge

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Our mission is to provide a safe haven for women and children who experience domestic abuse and support them in leading an independent life. Salisbury Women's Refuge, P.O. Box 2004, Salisbury SP1 1ZX.

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