

Cara Coffee Shop High Street, Shelford

Introduction

Romsey Mill is a leading Cambridgeshire based Christian charity creating opportunities with young people & families, partnering in community development work. We work across Cambridge, within surrounding areas of South Cambs and in Peterborough.

Romsey Mill has been providing youth development work and family support in the villages of Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston for several years. This local work is in partnership with churches and other community groups and organisations.

In order to raise awareness of our inspiring work and to raise funds for activities and programmes locally, Romsey Mill and Great Shelford Free Church (GSFC) have developed a partnership, enabling Romsey Mill to operate a coffee shop social enterprise from 29 High Street, Great Shelford (a premises owned by the church). GSFC is being generous in making the premises available for a peppercorn rent.

The word Cara means 'friend' in Gaelic and in Latin it carries several meanings including 'valued' or 'beloved'. Our hope is that Cara Coffee will be a place of friendship, an expression of that which is valued and loved.

It is envisaged that people from the local community will participate as volunteers in the running of Cara Coffee alongside volunteers from GSFC and paid staff members. We intend that the coffee shop will be a place of welcome and gathering, a place of creativity and enterprise, a place where community grows, a place to taste and be.

The activities and service of Cara Coffee will reflect the ethos and values of Romsey Mill. These align positively with GSFC's own vision and commitment to growing local community. Outside the normal opening hours of Cara Coffee, GSFC will use the premises for some of their own activities and community initiatives.

Cara Coffee endeavors to be a socially and environmentally conscientious enterprise, providing great quality and affordable food & drinks, work-placements and training opportunities for young people, volunteering opportunities for people to give time and gain new skills. Revenues generated by Cara Coffee will be reinvested back into the local community through the work of Romsey Mill.

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