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### Welcome to New Members

**CBS** specialise in office interior design, space-planning, refurbishment, relocation and supply of office furniture and seating to companies in many different industries and of varying size.

**Holiday Inn Reading South** The Newly Refurbished Holiday Inn Reading South situated just half a mile from M4 Junction 11 and 2 miles from the centre of Reading.

**Kensington Mortgage Company** Kensington is a leading specialist lender, offering Prime, Self-cert and Buy to Let mortgages.

### News

**The Stronger Together Programme** opened its offices in London Street and launched its new logo last month. The Stronger Together Programme will help to increase the impact of voluntary work by making sure that decision makers listen to charities and community groups whose locally based work gives them an in depth understanding of community needs. The new offices were kindly furnished by new members **CBS Business Furniture** and included desks, chairs, conference tables and filing cabinets.

### Charity Focus

**The Me 2 Club** helps to enable children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities to access mainstream, out of school



activities (such as brownies and cubs), with the support of volunteers.

They would welcome support from a company to help them develop a comprehensive information pack to promote its services for children and to recruit new volunteers. They are also looking for new members on the board of trustees and volunteers to help with activities such as the Summer Outing, Christmas card collection and the Christmas Party.

They also need help to review and update their business plan and are looking for someone with the business skills to work with the Trustees and facilitate a business planning day.

### Team Challenges



(Clockwise) **Thames Water** paint in the offices of **Berkshire County Blind Society**, **Microsoft** re-establish a path in a wildlife area at **Caversham Park Primary School**, **Interserve Investments** clear a stream, set posts, level ground and paint at **Thrive**. **Microsoft and Thames Water** go head to head to clear a walk way at Beale Park.

A Team Challenge is a great way to engage your employees in team building in a non-work related environment whilst providing fantastic benefits to the voluntary and community sector. Why not use team challenges to identify potential management candidates or use it to improve relations between two departments? Extra special benefits to the community could include working with a young person who is at risk of or has been convicted of a minor offence. A young person or two could join your team for a few hours and give them the experience of working alongside professional adults which they may never have done before – help break the negative cycle.

*'Companies working with Communities'*