

# NEWS

## Drake Circus launches giant giving box to raise funds for local charities

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Drake Circus shopping centre in Plymouth has installed a giant giving box to help give back to those most impacted by the pandemic in the local community.

Located at its Cornwall Street entrance, visitors can use contactless payment to easily donate £3, £5 or £10 to Macmillan Cancer Support, Andy's Man Club, Sanctuary Supported Living's Plymouth Domestic Abuse Services (PDAS) and Woodside Animal Welfare Trust. The giving box will light up in response to any donation it receives.

Plymouth Domestic Abuse Services provide practical, non-judgmental support, advice, and protection for all victims of domestic



abuse. It offers a wide range of support to individuals and families in the Plymouth area including confidential advice, support sessions, and a refuge.

For over 100 years Macmillan Cancer Support has been there for people living with cancer at their greatest times of need. Throughout the pandemic, the charity has continued to provide physical and mental support to cancer patients, with many facing uncertainty around self-isolation and shielding.

Andy's Man Club was established in 2016 after the tragic loss of Andrew Roberts to suicide aged just 23. Providing mental health support to males across Plymouth,

donations will help to fund its sessions that are held every Monday at 7pm (except bank holidays.) There is no referral process, signing in or charge – any man over 18 is welcome to attend.

Woodside has been serving the local community in Plymouth and surrounding areas for more than 40 years, taking in 19 different species of pets – from cats and dogs to rodents and livestock. Its welfare team works within the community, offering assistance, education on animal welfare, and supporting those who are most vulnerable.

Greg Lumley, centre director at Drake Circus, said: “This festive season, it seems only right to focus on supporting the people, charities and organisations who have gone above and beyond to help the people most in need in our community. We hope our customers will enjoy reversing the role of Santa and giving back to these amazing organisations that help people across the region.”

