

The Duchess of Cornwall wears tartan to fulfill locals in Frome¹

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The Duchess of Cornwall visited a work space for older people in Frome, Somerset today, wearing a blue and green tartan dress.

Camilla, 71, met locals at a workspace called Shed, a place where older people can come together to work on practical projects with others, such as woodwork.

The Duchess recycled a favourite tartan dress for the outing, pleated from the waist down with a buttons on top.

She teamed the look with black heeled and slouchy knee high boots and wore a gold chain bracelet on her left wrist.

The Duchess teamed her long sleeved dress with a black cape styled coat and black leather gloves.

Camilla was there to show her support for the local community project and seemed at ease as she laughed with the locals and they showed her various projects they were working on.

The Shed in Frome has tools and materials, which are donated by the public or local businesses. It is also run by its own members, who then decide on projects which will benefit them or the community in Frome.

The Duchess, who attended the workspace solo, spoke to its members about the different projects they were working on.

She also assessed the tools and materials they were using as she joked with them and questioned them on their projects.

The Frome Shed opened in August 2014, is open to men and women over 18. The workspace currently has 76 members, and normally around 20 to 25 people attend meetings every week.

Camilla continued her tour of Frome by visiting the The Frome medical centre and the District Day Centre Lunch Club. She spoke to members at the medical centre, some of which were training for a Couch to 5k run and were ready to embark on their training such as Camilla got there.

Taking off her cape she sat down to speak to other members over a cup of tea in the centre's Talking Cafe.

Later on in the day Camilla met and present an award to Gerald Franks who set up The Frome and District Day Centre Lunch Club in 2000.

Arriving later at the Frome and District Day Centre Lunch Club she surprised 87-year-old Gerald Franks with an award for setting up the Lunch Club in 2000.

Its main purpose is to give hot meals and friendship to the elderly that can no longer cook or look after themselves.

Camilla was pictured handing Gerald a glass trophy and congratulating him for the work he does in the community.

Gerald set up the lunch club to help people suffering from loneliness, but had not expected an award for his efforts.

He told Somerset Live newspaper: 'For some people it's the only hot meal they get a week.

'It's marvellous (to collect the award). She said well done on the good work. It was such a surprise.'

The Duchess has had a busy start to the year, last week she visited North Swindon Library, where she read to a group of school children as part of her work as a patron of the National Literacy Trust.

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¹ http://infosurhoy.com/cocoon/saii/xhtml/en_GB/news-summary/the-duchess-of-cornwall-wears-tartan-to-fulfill-locals-in-frome/