

## Corner Exotics animal visit to the Gatehouse June 2023

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## Oxford homeless charity visited by exotic animal store

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An Oxford homeless charity welcomed an exotic animal workshop into their drop-in community centre.

Guests, staff and volunteers from The Gatehouse Oxford were able to get up close and personal with a variety of unusual animals.

Simon Airey, from Corner Exotics, also gave a talk about evolution, climate change and animal welfare.

The exotic animals brought to the workshop include spiders, reptiles including chameleons, bearded dragons and spiders, frogs and toads, and a range of different insects.

One Gatehouse guest said of the evening: “It was awesome. I would love to see some more workshops with animals.”



This event was part of a series of workshops and other activities launched as a new initiative this year.

So far the range of subjects covered has included cooking on a budget, bike repairs, arts and crafts, well-being, building confidence and self-esteem courses.

Organiser, and operations manager at the Gatehouse, Zoe, said: “Workshops have been an integral part of the Gatehouse activities schedule this year.


“They bring joy and happiness to our guests.



“We couldn’t put them on without support from the local community, so if you want to get involved in the workshops or the wider Gatehouse community, either as an individual or as a local business or community organisation, please do get in touch.”

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**PICTURES: Exotic animals pay visit to Oxford homeless charity**

Staff member with a chameleon (Image: The Gatehouse Oxford)

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