Sylvia Coles

Sylvia repairs clothing items, toys, bags, curtains. Basically, anything that can be repaired with a needle. She has repaired some unusual items at Ruthin Repair Café including a top hat, cricket pads and a dog's harness. She has also gained a reputation for repairing injured teddy bears who always come out of the Repair Café smiling.

Sylvia learnt to sew when she was at school and has always enjoyed it. In the past she has made her own and her children's clothes.

Her sewing machine is well travelled as she took it with her when she worked as a midwife and nurse in Kenya, Nigeria and Sudan.



Sylvia has been coming along to Ruthin from the very beginning. She says "it's enjoyable working with a group of friendly people and it's good to see that something that would be thrown can still be used".