

## James Campbell, who receives support from the Housing Support Team, describes working at the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme

After 19 years of service, James was made redundant from Woolworths in January 2009. Although disappointed to be losing his job after so many years, James also saw it as an opportunity to try new things.

When James found it difficult to find another job in Ludlow he decided that he would like to do some extra voluntary work (James already volunteers at Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Ludlow Conference Centre). James heard that the South Shropshire



James Campbell with Allyson Farr at the Spam Xmas Extravaganza

Furniture Scheme were looking for extra volunteers; 'I had an interview with Serena from the furniture scheme who told me about the type of help they needed. I thought I would be useful

to them and so I told Serena that I would like to help out. I started in August last year.'

'I work on Wednesday 8.30am-4pm and Thursdays 12.30pm-4pm. I do most of my work at the warehouse in Weeping Cross Lane. My duties include helping to sort the donations of furniture that come into the warehouse and also going out in the van to help with the deliveries.'

'We deliver furniture and household items to people in lots of areas across South Shropshire, from Ludlow, to Church Stretton, Bishops Castle and Clun.' 'I have met lots of nice people whilst at the furniture scheme and hope to continue working there for quite a while.'

James receives support from the housing support team, and is a member of their group, SPAM. Serena Penn-Harvey who is the volunteer coordinator at the furniture scheme is always looking for volunteers to help out in a number of roles, if you are interested please contact Serena on **01584 877751**.

