

## Community & Youth Centre Maintenance and Updates May 2023

- DIY around the Community Centre and Youth Centre has been completed
- Obtaining quotes for the damaged hob in the youth Centre.
- Submitted a funding application to LoCase to obtain 40% funding towards upgrading the lighting to LED and to put push taps in the toilets to save water within the Community Centre.
- Community Matters are coming to volunteer for us on the 16<sup>th</sup> May we are hoping that the team will dig out a path between the Youth centre and Community Centre.
- Denise Jacques has confirmed our mosaic logo and plaque have been completed. Stewart has been informed and this should be put up on the front of the centre before the middle of June. This will be in the designated place agreed by Norma and Cathy. Do we host an event to mark the occasion?
- Electrical Fixed Mains inspection has been completed, certificate obtained.
- Quotes have been passed to the Centre Manager in relation to removing the thresholds on the fire doors. This is to assist with H& S and ensuring wheelchair users have easy access.
- Staff members have completed and passed GDPR training.
- County Secure have been and repaired all windows that could not be opened. The Fire Doors in the main hall have been adjusted and tightened.
- Quotes obtained and passed to Centre Manager for the outside signage
- New barrier keypad is now fully operational.
- Youth Centre Shed has been put up by two volunteers

### Bookings & Hirers

All of our regular hirers continue apart from The Mumma's Village who have not used the main hall on a Tuesday for two terms now. Have made them aware that we cannot reserve the space.

### New Hirers

- Talkplus have extended their booking so are going to be using the Consulting room on a Tuesday afternoon as well as their all day booking on a Thursday starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Barnardo's are wanting to rebook the Youth Centre for the Slow Cooker Course just awaiting start date
- Coral Turan has booked a further 4 Family cooking sessions for Hale Academy Families starting on 11<sup>th</sup> May she has received funding from The Lions. She is hoping Lions will fund the course on a termly basis.
- Lauren Cheetham is hiring the Training Room for an hour a week for Toddle Tales

Since February we have received 16 enquires in relation to hiring, primarily the interest has been the Main Hall for parties.

5 bookings confirmed

3 advised hire charge to expensive

2 we could not accommodate as we already had a booking on the date required

6 No responses chaser emails and calls made

### Events at Hale Community and Youth Centre

Half Term events in February went really well and the session to complete our Mosaic logo was well attended.

Easter Holidays activities went really well and all events well attended.

The Easter Community Pop in on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April was very busy we served 36 hot meals.

We Hosted the Tea Tent at the Farmers market on the on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and we raised £114.46.

We are hosting the tea tent at Music in the Meadow on the 30<sup>th</sup> July.

In partnership with The Malting we are providing space for a Summer Festival on the suggest date of the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Harvest festival/ Halloween event to be agreed.

The 2023 Christmas Fayre will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Simon has very kindly agreed to host the Volunteers Thank You BBQ on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Social Media**

We have continued to keep in contact with the community through various social media channels and the website and ensured we were passing on information and advice from other agencies.

Hale Community Centre Facebook – 881 Followers

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan we have reached 8,631 people.

We have 150 followers on Instagram

Community Fridge & Cupboard - 839 followers.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> January we have reached 6,883

### **Swap Shop**

Continues to be used by the Community and is generally visited every day the centre is open.

### **Volunteers**

We have 45 active volunteers across all the projects at HCC and the Youth Centre

A review of our Volunteer policy and processes are well underway, once the documents and process have been approved. The plan is to relaunch and once embedded we will carry out a further survey. Welcome to volunteering have sadly lost all funding so will not be coming to the centre on a monthly basis.

Surrey Choices continue to come and support the Community Fridge & Cupboard on a monthly basis. The group would like to come more frequently and help out in the garden. We are understanding if this is possible and what the options might be.

### **Warm Hub & Wednesday Community Pop in**

To celebrate the Kings Coronation, the lunch at the community pop in will be a banquet fit for a king.

We are running 3 warm hub sessions at the Community Centre.

Wednesday 11.30 till 1.30 as part of our Community Pop In.

Monday 1 till 3pm. Then once a month on a Tuesday 7 till 9pm

Since the beginning of December we have had over 200 visitors to the Warm Hubs.

We are serving approximately 20 hot meals weekly to the community.

We have introduced a monthly craft table

Different agencies are planned to host a table on a rotation basis

### **Recycling**

We received £74.00 from Astra recycling so far for 2023. We will continue to send out social media posts to promote.

Business waste are now collecting the Community & Youth Centres recycling on a fortnightly basis.