

Community & Youth Centre Maintenance and Updates September 2023

- Damaged hob in the Youth Centre has been replaced.
- Sadly, we did not secure funding from 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 came and volunteered for us on the 16th May it was a productive day. The path between the Youth Centre and Community Centre was completed.
- The unveiling of the Mosaic Logo was a great success.
- 3 staff members to attend a First Aid refresher course.
- Replacement of outside signage is still on going
- Quotes to remove Thresholds on the fire escapes in the main hall and lounge passed to the Centre Manager.
- 2 new garden tables and seating have been purchased for the Community Garden.
- Obtaining quotes for a permanent gazebo/ structure for the community garden.
- Hale Academy replaced the keypad on the white side gate as the old one was broken.
- Doorstep Duets performed in the Community Garden on the 12th July this was organised via The Maltings and was a great success.
- The Youth Centre has been registered as a food business and received a 5-star rating following an inspection from Environmental Health.
- Surrey County Council are coming to complete a Fire Risk Assessment on the Youth Centre building.
- Have a company coming to look at the Intruder Alarm to see what options we have for when the BT PSTN lines end in 2024.
- Danielle the centre cleaner has resigned her last working day will be 1st September although she has advised she could clean the centre 3 evenings a week but would not be able to clean the youth centre during the day which is what she has been doing. Investigating replacement and costs.
- Following feedback updating the HCC Building Risk Assessment

Bookings & Hirers

No major changes to our regular hirers

The Mumma's Village have returned.

Carl Irving is now using the Training Room on a Wednesday afternoon and evening instead of a Thursday evening.

Vaccination clinic want to book clinics to happen monthly for the remainder of the year.

Abigail Pennington from SW Surrey Perinatal Mental Health Service is looking for room hire to host a Peer Support or Occupational Therapy group.

New Hirers

- Barnardo's have rebooked the Youth Centre for the Slow Cooker Course which is run by Coral Turan
- Coral Turan has booked Family cooking sessions for Hale Academy Families as she has received funding from The Lions.

Since May we have received 27 enquires in relation to hiring, primarily the interest has been the Main Hall for parties.

9 bookings confirmed

5 Cancelled

2 advised hire charge to expensive

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

10 ongoing

Events at Hale Community and Youth Centre

We hosted the Tea Tent at Music in the Meadow on the 30th July and raised £233.41

In partnership with The Malting we are providing space for a Summer Festival on the 30th August and the 2nd and 3rd September advertising is out about the events

Harvest festival/ Halloween event to be agreed.

The 2023 Christmas Fayre will be on the 2nd December. Mill Farm has been booked.

The Volunteers Thank You BBQ on the 8th July was a huge success a huge thank you to Simon for allowing us to attend his wonderful farm. What is the plan for next year?

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 – 933 Followers

Since the 1st Jan we have reached 18,337 people

We have 159 followers on Instagram
Community Fridge & Cupboard - 894 followers.
Since the 1st January we have reached 15,479 people

Swap Shop

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

Volunteers

We have 46 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.

Surrey Choices continue to come and support the Community Fridge & Cupboard on a monthly basis.

Warm Hub & Wednesday Community Pop in

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

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

Monday 1 till 3pm. This has now joined with the Monday Craft Café.

Then once a month on a Tuesday 7 till 9pm

Since the beginning of December we have had over 400 visitors to the Warm Hubs.

We are serving approximately 20 to 30 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 £236.40 from Astra recycling so far for 2023. We will continue to send out social media posts to promote.