



Hale Community Centre

SEASONS
greetings

WINTER 2021 Hale Community Centre Newsletter

NEW YOUTH CENTRE FOR HALE!

We are delighted to announce....

that we have received a substantial grant from Reaching Communities (through the National Lottery). Thanks to this, we have been able to appoint a Lead Youth Worker, Tracy Yates, to set up a new youth centre at the heart of the Upper Hale Community and open up many more opportunities for young people living in the area.

Tracy has been out and about in the community since August, meeting young people, families, parents and professionals. She said **"The community have been amazing; the young people have been really open and honest and are keen to get involved in helping set up our new centre, as well as giving ideas for what else they would like in and around Sandy Hill"**. Tracy expressed her thanks to the excellent work of the youth teams that have been in this area for a long time, saying **"It is a real testament to the fantastic youth work that has happened, especially in Sandy Hill, over the last 15 years. Thanks to them, young people hear the words 'youth worker' and know that this is someone they can talk with, we have a lot to thank them for!"**.

Whilst we wait for Surrey County Council to complete the works to the old nursery building, next to Hale Community Centre (we anticipate opening in April 2022), We have been able to set up an 'interim' youth club at the Community Centre on:

Wednesday YOUTH CLUB: 7pm - 9pm. For 11-19 year olds

Young people can get hot food, toast and drinks, chat, listen to music, get involved in activities or just hang out with friends in a warm, safe space. Young people at these sessions will really help us to shape what the new centre will look like and the types of activities we will run there. We would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in volunteering, fundraising, donating or supplying resources (we have an Amazon Wishlist!). Please email: youthlead@halecommunitycentre.org.uk

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

I don't know about you but I feel a chunk of time has been stolen from me. We are now in November but I'm somehow still waiting for the summer and coming to realise that it will soon be 2 years since Covid entered our lives. Those two years have given each of us very different experiences, many of which we have not welcomed and many of which we have struggled with, and some of which have caused us to grieve. It is thanks to the vaccines and our country's roll-out programme that we are now able to get back to some kind of normal life and I wonder if, like me, you feel we have to start catching up fast with what we've lost. For our emotional and mental health we need to reconnect and begin again to experience and enjoy face-to-face meetings, with more hugs and kisses than have been allowed.

I am very pleased to see that we, Hale Community Centre, are helping in many, many ways to make this possible and I look forward to seeing you or hearing that you have participated in one or other of our activities as they take place over the coming months.

All the very best to you all.

Norma Corkish - Chair of Trustees



We've been chosen for the co-op local community fund!

When you shop in co-op please choose us as the charity to support and co-op donates a small amount to us.

COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Congratulations to our gardening volunteers who recently won the Madge Green Community Garden Award at the annual Farnham in Bloom awards.



Cathy Burroughs, Centre Manager said:

"We would like to congratulate our wonderful gardening volunteers, who truly deserve this award...and for all our volunteers for the time and energy they give to the centre."



Free
Fresh
Food

Fridge &
Cupboard
Hale Community Centre

Help
Reduce
Waste

Free food! - Help support the environment by reducing food waste, reduce your food bills and try something new for dinner:

Open

Monday's. 1pm - 3pm

Tuesday's & Friday's 10am - 12pm.

(Please check our facebook page or website for any updates)

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WELLBEING NEWS!



Our amazing volunteers.....

prepared 100 gift bags in October, ready for the BIG handout for World Mental Health Day. 78 bags were given out to families at school pick-up.

22 went to Girlz Club, Community Fridge customers, Seniors group and staff.

They received a bag of FEEL GOOD community goodies and answered our survey about whether a community drop-in service would be useful.

ENTRANCE HALL RE-DECORATION:

The re-vamp is underway!

We have been asking centre users and staff what they would like to see as they enter the building. "Less like a doctors waiting room" was one comment. "Get rid of the clutter and make it more warm and welcoming" another comment. We want the entrance to be a space where people feel they can relax, and even watch the world go by on our new park bench. We would love to hear any ideas you might have and welcome volunteers to get involved in our redecoration! (whether that's with practical help or giving ideas!). Please email us: haleccprojects@gmail.com

COMMUNITREE WE HEAR YOU!

A different kind of tree has been planted at the Centre. We are interested in what you think! Each week we are asking people to share their answer to a question and peg it on our COMMUNITREE.

This week we are thinking about a kind of word we can say to someone.

Keep an eye out for our posts on social media where we host our VIRTUAL tree. Find us on Facebook & Instagram.



The Swap Shop is a community store of free-to-borrow activities and equipment to help keep you busy and active. The store is open to all.

We have recently downsized the Swap Shop and moved it into the cupboard in the reception area of the Community Centre but there is still plenty to come and borrow - dressing up outfits, toys, puzzles and games, books etc. The Swap Shop is open

Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9.30am and 2.30pm.



On 17 November we held our second timetoshare social occasion where a selection of tea and cakes was served. Members and anyone interested heard more about how timetoshare works and that the intention is as the name suggests, that we are willing to share our time and skills on an adhoc basis to help each other within our community. Everyone is welcome as a volunteer or just a social member. If you are interested please just drop us a line on the email below and we will be in touch. We look forward to meeting you. Felicity and Rita your **timetoshare team.**

timetoshare@halecommunitycentre.org.uk

Whether you're feeling isolated, want a listening ear or need some practical support to make a phone call or respond to a letter, our new drop-in space is just the place to help. Run by Katie and Simon each Monday between 1 & 2pm in the lounge, why not drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

SPACE
for you

A problem shared is a problem halved... Whether you are feeling isolated, need to get out of the house or need a listening ear to chat to, our new drop-in space is just the place.

Perhaps you're feeling anxious about something or low in mood and would benefit from a friendly face to see and talk things through with.

Or maybe you need some practical help - support to make a phone call or help with a letter you've received.

Why not drop-in for a cuppa and a chat.

Drop-in Mondays 1-2pm

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Christmas Event!

FIND US:

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Hale Community Centre Community Christmas Fayre
Saturday 18th December 10am - 2pm

Christmas Tree Festival
Christmas Pop Up Cafe
Games & Christmas craft making
Live Nativity with real animals
Angel Scavenger Hunt
In Accord Choir Plus Live Music
Dressing up & photo opportunity!

Come and join us outdoors at the Christmas festivities and support your local community!

Our Christmas fundraiser stalls are being run by local community groups: Girlz Club, Friends of the Girl Guides, UNICEF, Hale Academy PTA and more!

Plus: Vote for the best tree in our Christmas Tree festival.
1st Prize - provided by Catherine Powell (Surrey County Councillor)

Make time to visit St Marks Church Craft Market & see Santa!

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