

Trustees Meeting: 09.30 Jan 20th 2025

Venue: Willingdon Community Hub

Quarterly Report September - Dec

Management Group Report

The hub continues to be very popular with the community and all the clubs and activities are well supported. We have again provided support to Willingdon Primary School with their reading provision by hosting library introductory and reading sessions for the reception years. We will continue this work and host another session on 29th Jan. We have also maintained our links with the Brownie groups who use the Hub and gardens to undertake reading and gardening badges.

An award of £220 from Wealden Warm Spaces Fund has enabled us to purchase a new AV projector, which compliments the new AV screen purchased by the Hub earlier this year. This completes our AV equipment provision.

We are very aware and grateful for the support that local businesses and groups offer the Hub. We are particularly grateful for gifts and vouchers that are donated to support our raffle events. All contributors are thanked via letters or through our social media pages.

Volunteers and general Update

We continue to have a constant and reliable group of volunteers who are committed to running the hub. There are approximately 40 volunteers who attend on a regular basis and 30 others that attend less frequently. We welcome and actively recruit new volunteers for all areas of the Hub. The Hub continues to provide community services, clubs, and is an essential meeting place for all residents of Willingdon and Jevington Parish. The Hub has an excellent symbiotic relationship with the Parish Council and also ESCC. We are supported by ESCC in our book purchases and we also support the ESCC annual Summer Reading Challenge. At the commencement of the year we chose 3 different charities Children with Cancer, East Sussex Wildlife Trust and Macmillan to showcase their work at our monthly coffee mornings. All proceeds from these events are donated to the chosen charity.

We regularly review our book stock and sell old stock and unwanted donations to World Books.

We recognise the importance and value of our volunteers and work hard to support them and meet their needs. We offer regular training, including a first aid course, feedback and update sessions and once a year take them to lunch to thank them for their continued support and hard work.

Clubs Update

The following clubs regularly meet and details are available on the events tab on our webpage. The clubs include: Art, Book club, computer clinic, chess, scrabble, rhyme time, games, gardening club and knit and natter. The Chess club is very popular. All the clubs have good membership. French club has temporarily suspended. Games club now has 8 members.

Private hire of hall: Pilates classes run 2 evenings and 1 morning a week.

Events Update

Events for 2024 included:

Jan 27 th	Hospice Coffee Morning
Jan 29 th	Volunteer lunch - Red Lion
Feb 24 th	Willingdon Park Manor Volunteering stand and coffee morning
April 3 rd	Easter Egg Hunt, coffee morning
April 13 th	Jacque Concert
April 27 th	Decoupage workshop
May 18 th	Mary Rose Talk Mr Eric Huke
June 8 th	Hub 5 th year Anniversary Garden Party
July 27 th	East Sussex Wildlife Trust coffee morning
Aug 31 st	Willingdon Flower Club coffee morning
Sept 28 th	Macmillan coffee morning
Oct	Half Term activity/harvest festival tbc
Oct	The Wildlife Trust coffee morning
Nov 16 th	Christmas craft Fayre
Nov 30 th	Children with Cancer Charity coffee morning
Dec 7 th	Wreath making workshop*
Dec 12 th	Parish council carols
Dec 14 th	Christmas Raffle Draw Coffee morning

*The wreath making course was particularly successful and will be run again.