

## **Trustees Annual Report to the Charities Commission Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 2026**

### **Report April 2025-March 2026**

#### **Management Group Report**

The hub continues to be very popular with the community and all the clubs and activities are well supported.

#### **Local Support:**

We continue to provide support to Willingdon Primary School with their reading provision which is an ongoing commitment with the school.

We have again supported the Brownies with some of their badge work. We are also supporting another University of Brighton Student with volunteering experience and development of mindfulness and well-being classes as part of his degree award. He will be working with us from January until April 2026. We continue to support 3 chosen charities each year with coffee mornings specifically for their cause.

#### **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 Memories Dementia Charity, Foodbank 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. Every January the Management group pay for lunch, for all the volunteers, at a local pub to thank them for their continued support and hard work. This year it occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 and was well attended. The Trustees also support the Management Team with a free working lunch which occurred in February and was appreciated by the team.

We have been liaising with Polegate Parish Council to advise and support their development of a small library hub.

We provide access to the local MP to run a surgery.

#### **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, board games club, gardening club and knit and natter. The Chess club and board games club are very popular. All the clubs have good membership. A new yoga club commenced in March.

The Walking Group has had to change its insurance provision and we are very happy to report that we have been able to provide insurance cover for this group under the Hubs insurer, Zurich.

### Events Calendar 2025-6

The following tables details the clubs and their evaluation for 2025.

| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Event</b>  | <b>Outcome</b>                    |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Coffee Morning  |                                   |
| Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Volunteer lunch - Red Lion  | v. successful                     |
| Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Coffee morning and afternoon quiz (sold out)                              | v. successful                     |
| Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Sussex Hearing Resource Centre to give general advice                     |                                   |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup> | Easter Egg Hunt, and children's activities                                |                                   |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Dave Everson will run a session on Energy Saving.                         | v. successful will repeat in 2026 |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Summer fayre + children's activity  | very well supported               |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Coffee morning  |                                   |
| Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Honey Bee Talk  | very successful                   |
| Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Foodbank collection ran between 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug-25 <sup>th</sup> Oct |                                   |
| Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Rockin' Mike singer   | Successful sold out, will repeat  |
| Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Macmillan coffee morning  |                                   |
| Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Foodbank coffee morning   |                                   |
| Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Christmas craft Fayre   | v popular and great success       |
| Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Lady Crabtree   | v. successful sold out            |
| Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Coffee morning  |                                   |
| Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish council carols   |                                   |
| Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Christmas Raffle Draw<br>Coffee morning                                   | Raffle ticket sales £637          |
| Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Wreath making workshop  | v. successful                     |

### Proposed Events Calendar for 2026

Jan 12th Volunteer lunch  
Jan 31 Coffee morning for Guide Dogs  
Feb 28 Coffee morning for Memory Lane Dementia Charity  
March 21st Quiz afternoon  
March 28th Coffee morning  
April 01 Easter Egg Hunt  
April 25th Coffee morning  
May 16th Banoffi Pie Talk  
May 30th Coffee morning  
June 20th Summer Fayre for stall holders to rent tables  
June 27th Coffee morning  
July 25th Coffee Morning  
Aug 29th Coffee morning  
Sept 26th Macmillan coffee morning  
Oct 31st Coffee morning  
Nov 7th Craft fayre  
Nov 28th Coffee morning  
Dec 2026 Christmas Raffle and Salvation Army singers

**Dr Anne Mandy Trustee and Secretary**