

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	27 th March 2023
Report Title	Community Development Officers Report
Agenda Reference	
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Officer's Recommendations:

1. To note the report.
2. To continue with the Haydon Wick Haven drop in style café on a bi-monthly basis until July at a cost of £5.00 per café, £10.00 per month.
3. To consider offering the community bus to bring residents to the Haydon Wick Haven.

Yoga Sessions

The new six-week programme of yoga classes has started, and all places are full. The yoga teacher now delivers an hour's yoga, meditation and mindfulness class, which has already received positive feedback after the first session. The new sessions incorporate 45 minutes of yoga and 15 minutes of mindfulness and breathing techniques. The current block of lessons is due to finish on 25th March 2023.

Yoga in the Park

The Yoga Teacher who conducts the inside yoga is qualified and willing to promote the Yoga in the Park events throughout the Spring/Summer. Locations recommended by the Community Development Committee have been agreed and the Community Development Officer is progressing with the project.

Memory Café Swimming

Following the recommendation from Full Council on 21st February 2023 Members suggested contacting the National Association of Local Councils for free impartial legal advice. The Community Development Officer is progressing with this.

Haydon Wick Haven

The first two sessions of the Haydon Wick Haven café style drop-in sessions have taken place and are proving popular. Residents can drop in and have a hot drink and biscuits. Councillors have been supporting the initiative, at the most recent Haven attendees worked on jigsaw puzzles and knitted hats for the Mission to Seafarers charity.

Attendees of the Haven say they are happier coming along to this style of café as they feel they aren't depriving anyone less fortunate of a seat in a Warm Space.

Feedback so far has indicated that the most enjoyable aspect is having company and meeting new people. Some who attend live alone and appreciate the chance to be with others. The Community Development Team would like to continue with these bi-monthly sessions starting on Monday 10th April, with a view to taking up the offer from Swindon Borough Council of having a Community Navigator call in occasionally to help with Council issues.

The Administrator has started to compile a directory of indoor and outdoor activities for older people, and this is available during the café sessions.



The budget implications of this would be minimal, as the Warm Spaces project wasn't well attended, refreshments used have been from those that were purchased for Warm Spaces. The allocated budget for Warm Spaces was £31.50 for each session, the Community Development Team think that the Haydon Wick Haven sessions would cost no more than £10 per month.

Currently people make their own way to the Haven, but the Administrator knows of three residents who would be interested in coming along if the community bus was available to transport them.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at the Haydon Centre. The two rooms used were provided free of charge by GLL.

The Council was presented with the Quality Gold Award, and over 50 people attended. Guest speakers included Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and BEST – Be A Better You, who also gave a boxing demonstration.

Other community groups who attended included the Seven Fields Conservation Group and Park Run.

Two Parish Councillors received awards for their long service to the Parish, and were presented with a scroll, a bottle of wine and an engraved pen.

The Haydon Wick Heroes received their awards, and some of the community grant recipients gave project updates, including The Tuesday Art Group, The Kelly Foundation, and the 1st Greenmeadow Guides and Haydon Wick Rangers. The formal meeting closed with the Redeemed Christian Church Gospel Choir singing 'Amazing Grace.'

The community networking continued, with people enjoying refreshments with a gold and purple theme.