

Meeting	Community Development Committee
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Officer's recommendation: To note the report.

Introduction

This report provides an overview of activities delivered at the Haydon Wick Haven during January – March, highlighting sessions that supported resident wellbeing, community connection, and engagement with local services and heritage.

Wiltshire Farm Foods Taster Session

Wiltshire Farm Foods hosted a taster session. They showcased the wide variety of meals they offer, giving everyone the opportunity to sample different dishes. The tasters were very well received, with residents enjoying both the flavours and the chance to explore new options. To round off the visit, Lottie ran a light-hearted pop quiz, which added a fun and engaging element to the morning.

Bereavement / Funeral Session

A former employee of a Funeral Home visited the Haven to deliver a talk about their experiences working in a funeral parlour, sharing insights from their career with a touch of humour. This was their first time presenting their experiences and they approached the session with enthusiasm and openness. The content was met with mixed reviews which serves as a reminder that not every activity will suit everyone. The attendees' constructive feedback is valued and helps shape future events.

Reduced Haven Timetable

The Haven will resume its fortnightly schedule from June, following a temporary period of reduced sessions due to wider parish commitments. Recent activities, including the Art Exhibition and Lin's Seated Exercise classes, required additional dates, which led to a short-term adjustment of the Haven's timetable.

Haven Memories

