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1. To note the report.

Introduction

This report provides an overview of activities delivered at the Haydon Wick Haven during June

June

Alongside our usual chats and wordsearches, we popped our quiz caps on for a mixed trivia quiz, covering a bit of everything to get everyone's grey matter working. Lots of laughs, and some serious competitive spirit on show.

This Haven session had a smaller turnout than usual, which turned out to be a lovely opportunity in disguise. With a more relaxed group, there was plenty of time for real conversation, and it was wonderful getting to know our residents a little better, hearing about their interests, their stories, and the things that matter to them.

We also rolled up our sleeves for a bit of gardening, planting Moneymaker tomato seeds together. In a few months' time, residents should start to see their own little tomatoes growing on their window ledges, a small but satisfying reminder of the care and connection put in today.

July

The Haven Café continues to provide a warm and welcoming environment for residents throughout the month of July. The venue remains a light, bright, and friendly space that supports community engagement and offers residents a comfortable setting in which to socialise and access local information.

We are also pleased to confirm that Rob, representing Thames Water, has resumed his regular visits to The Haven this month. His attendance provides residents with an opportunity to stay informed of any developments, service changes, or announcements from Thames Water, as well as to raise queries directly. Particular attention is given to supporting older residents, ensuring they have access to clear guidance and practical assistance should they encounter any difficulties. This initiative

continues to strengthen the support network available to residents and reflects our ongoing commitment to community wellbeing.

August

We ended August on a creative note, with residents trying their hand at some crafting skills. Everyone got involved decorating wooden insects and animals, adding colour and personality to each little creation. Residents were able to choose whether to take their finished pieces home to display, or to donate them to the sensory garden at Goodearl Allotments, where they will bring a splash of colour and charm to the space for everyone to enjoy.

Haven Memories

