

Meeting	Full Council
Date	22 nd September 2026
Report Title	Haven Rota gaps
Agenda Reference	13D
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Officer's Recommendations:

1. To highlight gaps in the Haven Rota where no Councillors are signed up to volunteer.
2. To encourage Councillors to sign up to volunteer at the Haven.

Background

Haydon Wick Haven takes place every other Monday from 11am to 1pm at the Parish Council Office. Haven offers a safe and welcoming place aimed at residents over 60 to meet, connect, and build friendships, tackling isolation and loneliness for elderly residents.

Gaps in the Haven Rota

Currently, there are no Councillors signed up to some of the Haven sessions in the autumn. Up until Christmas, the only Councillors to have signed up are Councillor Nukana on 5th October and 14th December and Councillor Leigh Jackson on 14th December. This leaves four Haven sessions on 19th of October and 2nd, 16th, and 30th of November where no Councillors are signed up to attend.

Haven Rota	Activity	Cllr Lead	Volunteers	
7 th September, 11am – 1pm	Silver Lining Solicitor		Sue , Fey	
21 st September, 11am – 1pm			Sue , Fey, Becky	No Bus
5 th October, 11am – 1pm	Bingo	Sudha Nukana	Sue, Fey, Becky	
19 th October, 11am – 1pm	Burdett Solicitors		Sue , Fey , Becky	
2 nd November, 11am – 1pm	Quiz		Sue , Fey , Becky	
16 th November, 11am – 1pm			Sue , Fey , Becky	
30 th November, 11am – 1pm	Play your Cards Right		Sue, Fey , Becky	
14 th December, 11am – 1pm	Christmas Buffet	Leigh Jackson/sudh	Sue, Fey , Becky	

Opportunities to volunteer

Councillors are encouraged to sign up to the Haven Rota where gaps remain. Councillors volunteering will alleviate pressure on Haven's regular volunteers, contributing to the smooth operation of Haven. Additionally, Councillor attendance will boost Councillor visibility for residents, allow for interaction with residents, and will provide residents with an informal opportunity to speak with Councillors to communicate concerns and ideas, overall enhancing Haven as a safe and welcoming place with Councillors regularly volunteering.