



HART MATTERS...



Hart Voluntary Action

Christmas 2022 Edition

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Welcome back to our Hart Matters readers!

It has been some time (two years actually) since we last put together an issue of Hart Matters, so we felt it was about time we got back to some of the regular ways we stay in touch with our member organisations and contacts. Thanks to everyone who has sent in articles and publicity for this Christmas edition. As you will see from the Calendar of Events on the next page, there is a lot going on all the way through to the end of the year.

Also in this edition we are talking about Warm Places/Warm Hubs - these are popping up all around the country offering an opportunity for people to get out of their homes, and save on heating bills by joining others in a community venue. We also have updates on funding appeals, funding opportunities, renewable energy initiatives, and support for individuals/households who are seeing the effects of the increased cost of living on difficulties in making ends meet.

Our very best wishes for the remainder of 2022, and we hope to see many of you at our AGM (23 January - morning) if not before.

Caroline Winchurch, Chief Executive



Save the Date!

**Hart Voluntary Action
Annual General Meeting
23 January 2022
10.00-12.30**

More information to follow.

Minding the Garden - Christmas Wreath Workshops

If you have not yet had the chance to visit Hart's Green Garden in Edenbrook Country Park, where we have our Minding the Garden community garden, then why not join one of our Christmas Wreath workshops. Our Minding the Garden Team and Members will be there, so along with getting creative, you can find out more about their planting plans for 2023 and other activities and events taking place within the garden next year.

Christmas Wreath Workshops places are still available and taking place in the Minding the Garden poly-tunnels on:

19 December - 10.30 - 12.00

21 December - 14.00 - 15.30

Cost per individual = £18.00 which includes all materials and refreshments.

Call Minding the Garden on 01252 815652 or email mtg@hartvolaction.org.uk to book.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

When	What	Where	More information
23 November 14.00-21.00	Fleet Christmas Festival	Fleet High Street, Gurkha Square, Hart Shopping Centre	See page 3
26 November 10.00-12.00	Fleet Hospital & Community Friends Christmas Fayre	All Saints Church, Community Centre, Fleet	See page 4
26 November 15.00-18.00	Yateley Christmas Market	Church End Green, Yateley	See page 4
27 November 14.00-19.00	The Odiham Extravaganza	High Street, Odiham	inodiham.co.uk
1, 12, 14, 19, 21 December Various times	Make Your Own Christmas Wreath with Minding the Garden	Hart's Green Garden, Edenbrook Country Park (access via Pale Lane, Winchfield)	See page 1
3 December 14.00-16.00	Christmas Fair @ Parkside	Parkside, Aldershot	See page 4
9 December 18.00 start	Friends of Basingbourne Park Carol Singing Event	Pavilion, Basingbourne Park, Fleet	basingbournepark.org.uk
10 – 29 December (check dates and times)	Snow White by Starburst Theatre	The Harlington, Fleet	starbursttheatre.com
13 December	Fleet Lions Christmas Carol Concert	Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath	See pages 3 & 5
14 December 19.00	Parity for Disability Fes- tive Winter Concert	Victoria Hall Hartley Wintney	See page 4
14 December 20.00 start	Fleet Orchestra Christmas Concert (Free)	St Philips & St James, Fleet	fleetorchestra.co.uk
17,18, 21, 22, 23 December 14.00-18.00	Father Christmas on the Canal at Odiham	Galleon Marine Boatyard, Odiham	See page 5
25 December	Christmas Day Lunches in Fleet and Hartley Wintney	The Harlington, Fleet Victoria Hall, Hartley Wintney	See page 5
28 December 14.30 start	Royal Opera House – The Nutcracker Suite (live- stream)	Victoria Hall, Hartley Wintney	victoriahallcharity.co.uk/ events



FESTIVE EVENTS



Fleet CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Switching on Lights

23 NOVEMBER 2022
2PM TO 9PM

- Santa's Grotto at The Harlington
- Fabulous Festive Market
- Delicious Street Food - Don't eat before you visit
- Live Entertainment
- Community Stalls
- Special this year - Live Reindeer and Giant Snow Globe!

[HTTPS://WWW.FLEETCHRISTMASFESTIVAL.ORG/](https://www.fleetchristmasfestival.org/)

Christmas with Fleet Lions

23 November - Fleet Christmas Festival: You'll find us on the High Street serving the best gluhwein in town and running our fabulous soft toy tombola. Come and join us for a noggin!

13 December - Christmas Carol Concert: Seniors and lonely people from the Fleet and Church Crookham area are invited to our Christmas Carol Concert at the Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath. Entry is free, but by invitation. We may be able to arrange transport for you. If you want to come along, then contact concert@fleetlions.org.uk or ring Jacqui on 07714 002232.

Christmas Sleigh Rounds - December finds us out on the streets and in the High Street with Hart Lions, on our Christmas sleigh rounds with Santa. Listen out and come and say hello. Any money collected is for seasonal parcels for local people in need. For details about routes: www.fleetlions.org.uk/christmas



And if you fancy helping us with any of these activities then use our 'contact us' form on our website: www.fleetlions.org.uk



Autism Friendly Fleet presents
Chill Zone
At Fleet Christmas Festival

A quiet space to rest and chill for adults and children and their families

Wednesday 23 November 4pm to 8pm

NEW VENUE: Hart Volunteer Centre
1st Floor Hart Shopping Centre

Download visual guide at www.autismfriendlyfleet.co.uk
Volunteers needed! Email autismfriendlyfleet@gmail.com

**WE LOVE HEARING ABOUT WHAT
ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY
ORGANISATIONS ARE UP TO.**

THANK YOU! THE HVA TEAM



FESTIVE EVENTS

Fleet Hospital & Community Friends Christmas Fayre

Join us on 26 November 10.00-12.00

All Saints Community Church Hall
Church Road, Fleet, GU51 4NB

Lots of Stalls: Toys, Toiletries, Books, Cakes
Tombola and much more!
Take part in our Christmas Raffle!

All proceeds to Fleet Hospital & Community
Friends to spend on goods
required by the hospital
and community medical
needs.

Charity No: 1169526



Yateley
Christmas Market
Saturday 26th November
Church End Green
(By Dog & Partridge pub)
3:00pm to 6:00pm

Christmas lights switch on
Carol singing
Amusements
Gift and food stalls
Christmas goodies
Morris Dancing
And more in St Peter's Church

CHRISTMAS FAIR

AT PARKSIDE

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

2PM - 4PM

ENJOY A FANTASTIC VARIETY OF
CHRISTMAS STALLS!

- * CHRISTMAS SINGING
- * CAKES & REFRESHMENTS
- * RAFFLE & TOMBOLA
- * BRIC A BRAC TREASURE
- * CHRISTMAS TREATS
- * SANTAS GROTTO
- * HANDCRAFTED GIFTS and more.....



Parkside57 Guildford Rd, Aldershot, GU12 4BP

Charity reg: 0154756

PARITY
For People With Multiple Disabilities

Festive Winter Concert

Wednesday 14 December 7.00PM

Victoria Hall, Hartley Wintney

Join us for an evening of live music with the Farnham Rock Choir and singer Abigail Fancourt. A wonderful chance to get together and celebrate the season, with festive and contemporary song. There's sure to be something for everyone!

Tickets £10 each or two for £15. Mulled wine and mince pie included with the chance to purchase gifts and tombola.

Booking link on the Parity for
Disability [website](#)

or call Parity for Disability on
01252 375581



FESTIVE EVENTS



Fleet Lions

Christmas Concert

Tuesday 13th December
Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath
Starts 7.15pm
Doors open 7.00pm

Register your FREE place as seating is limited
Teas and coffees served at interval
Full programme of local performers

Contact Lion Jacqui or Mike
07714 002232 / 07503 178143 or concert@fleetlions.org.uk
www.fleetlions.org.uk/community

Father Christmas on the Canal at Odiham

Accessible Boating 

£10 per person
children under 12 months free

Trips every hour 2-6pm

Saturday	17 December
Sunday	18 December
Wed-Friday	21-23 December

Sailings start from Galleon Marina Boatyard
Colt Hill, Odiham, RG29 1AL
(Opposite the Waterwitch Public House)

- Short trip on the canal via Santa's grotto
- Meet Father Christmas on board
- Gift for children 11 and under
- Hot drink/squash and a mince pie after the trip with colouring activity for children
- The boat is wheelchair accessible

Pre-Booking Essential
Don't delay - call our Elf Line
07392 551365
or email santa@accessibleboating.org.uk

All proceeds support
www.accessibleboating.org.uk Registered Charity 295034



Christmas Day Lunch

The Harlington, 236 Fleet Road
25th December, 12 - 4pm

ALL AGES WELCOME!
TRANSPORT AVAILABLE

A free Christmas Day lunch for those in the Fleet & Church Crookham area who would otherwise be spending the day alone. This year we can cater for 50 guests so if you're interested please contact us as soon as possible to guarantee your place!

If you'd like to attend, please contact
Fleet Town Council on **Tel: 01252 625246**
Email: info@fleet-tc.gov.uk

Organised by Fleet Town Council, Churches Together,
and various volunteers

Christmas Day Lunch at the Victoria Hall, Hartley Wintney

25 December - 12.30-16.00. Free to Attend.

Transport available.

Open to any individual or couple who otherwise be eating by themselves. Call Chris Cornwell on

01252 843251 or

email info.hwcaregroup@gmail.com to book.





Our 'Christmas Activities'

Actually, a Christmas activity for Hart Matters readers! Why not get someone a membership for £10 a household? You get a great newsletter every three months and you'll be supporting our work to maintain and enhance Fleet's greatest community asset. Go to www.fleetpond.org.uk.

And we're always looking for volunteers to help at our Friday morning conservation sessions. You could make that your New Year's resolution. Contact volunteers@fleetpond.org.uk to find out more.

Finally, guess what our Chairman Jim wants in his stocking – a new Vice Chairman! We're looking for a Vice Chairman to help Jim, with a few of his jobs. Essentially Jim chairs our small, but dynamic executive committee that meets every two months. He represents us at meetings with Hart Countryside Service and any other meetings with other stakeholders. He attempts to be the face of the Fleet Pond Society.

The activities of the Vice Chairman would probably suit someone recently retired, or partially retired or even still in part time work. You don't have to be an expert naturalist – just interested in Fleet Pond! Jim, our chairman, would show you what's needed and you can shadow him for a bit. You'd join our executive committee and be a trustee of our charity. So there will be lots of experience from the committee, the Rangers and others to call upon, if needed.

You can find out all you need to know about the Pond here: www.fleetpond.org.uk If you're interested then contact Jim, our chairman at: chairman@fleetpond.org.uk

So a Merry Christmas to all Hart Matters readers!



**HELP SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE
FACING HOMELESSNESS
THIS CHRISTMAS**



**"IF IT WASN'T FOR STEP BY STEP,
MY CHRISTMAS WOULD HAVE BEEN
ON THE STREETS."**

PLEASE DONATE TODAY
**[WWW.STEPBYSTEP.ORG.UK/
OPENDOORS](http://WWW.STEPBYSTEP.ORG.UK/OPENDOORS)**

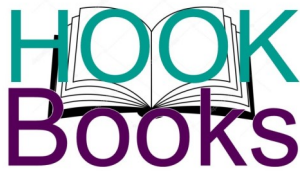


**STEP
BY
STEP**
Young People. Hard Times. Bright Futures.
Charity No. 900306

HVA MEMBERS' (NON-CHRISTMAS) NEWS

Fleet u3a is for anyone not in full-time employment or no longer raising a family who wants to meet like-minded people and share social and learning opportunities. We cover Fleet, Church Crookham and surrounding areas and we currently have around 1600 members.

We have about 100 interest groups ranging from Art to Spanish, Family History to Science and Bridge to Jazz. There's a full programme of events and trips and a monthly meeting with a guest speaker. All this for a membership fee of £14 a year. We welcome all new members and we are especially keen to find new volunteers to help run groups and activities. To find out more go to fleetu3a.org.uk or contact us on 0845 8723623 or by emailing enquiries@fleetu3a.org.uk.



at the Elizabeth Hall

Hook Books is every 1st Thursday of the month from 2-4pm in the Elizabeth Hall RG27, Raven Road, Hook 9HH. All paperbacks are just 50p! It has also become a very popular monthly get together for villagers to meet up with friends and enjoy homemade teas. A slice of Louise's delicious homemade cake is just £1.50.

As well as thousands of paperback fiction books at Hook Books in the Elizabeth Hall, you can find a bookcase full of books (not children's books) which a volunteer regularly top-ups, behind the tills in Tesco (Hook) all month long. Again, all books are

just 50p! At Tesco we sell all our hardback fiction and non-fiction books plus paperback fiction at the honesty box bookcase.

If you need children's books during the month these are available in the permanent children's bookcases in the Elizabeth Hall and Hook Community Centre, which are again topped up regularly by volunteers. Children's books are just 20p each or 3 for 50p. Donations of books can be dropped off any weekday morning (9am-Noon) when the Elizabeth Hall is open. We use or recycle all donated books for the benefit of the Elizabeth Hall.

GO TO E-BIKES AND TRISHAWS COME TO HARTLEY WINTNEY

Hartley Wintney has been selected as one of three sites across Hampshire for a pilot scheme designed to tackle loneliness in people of all ages. GO TO, which is backed by the Good Neighbours Network - the county's thriving community support network - enables volunteers to deliver small items of food or medicine throughout the village on electric bikes and offer a Tri-shaw ride scheme.

Funded by the Department of Transport's "Tackling Loneliness with Transport" initiative the programme doesn't just ensure trained volunteers can get around the community quickly and easily, but also allows them to spend time with people who may be feeling lonely or isolated. As well as delivering essential items, the volunteers are actively encouraged to take the time to have a chat, make sure people are warm enough through the winter months and that their needs are met. Thanks to the added pedal power of the electric bikes, those volunteers can be of all ages and aren't just limited to the super-fit!

To find out more about volunteering or to book a ride or delivery, please call the Good Neighbour Pioneer Cyclist team on 07468 889 790.



HVA MEMBERS' (NON-CHRISTMAS) NEWS



Autism Friendly Fleet
presents



An evening talk by **Chris Bonello**

**Top Ten Lessons I Wish I'd Learned
Growing up Autistic**

Chris Bonello is an autistic advocate, award-winning writer and international speaker, also a novelist and a former teacher. In 2015 he launched Autistic Not Weird on Facebook and via website www.autisticnotweird.com.



Wednesday 14th December 2022

7.30pm-8.30pm, doors open 7.00pm

The Church on the Heath, The Key, Fleet
GU51 1HA

Tickets £8 in advance, £10 cash on the door.

Book here: www.autismfriendlyfleet.co.uk

RHL - GET INTO (NEW) EXERCISE IN DECEMBER FOR A HEALTHY 2023!

NHS guidelines tell us we should do at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise each week and the New Year is a great time to start!

Local charity RHL have a wide range of low cost exercise sessions with something suitable for everyone, even if you haven't exercised for a while. There are even classes suitable for those with health conditions or who would prefer to exercise whilst sitting down.

During December RHL are offering a free trial session so you can find something that suits you ready for January! Get in touch with their friendly welcoming team on classes@rhl.org.uk or phone us on 01252 957430.



WARM PLACES IN HAMPSHIRE



**Bring a mug and
the makings**

**and we will provide the
hot water**

**Ask a member
of staff**



Across the country, community venues are opening their doors to provide “Warm Hubs” or “Warm Places”. In Hart, both Fleet and Yateley Libraries are part of the **Warm and Welcome at Hampshire Libraries** initiative.

Each week there will be times where anyone can join others for free activity, such as board games, or to enjoy a hot drink and make use of the free wi-fi. Please ask any of the Library staff for more information, or look out for more information like the publicity on the left.

Fleet Library is also operating a coat exchange. Bring in a clean coat in good condition (children’s or adults) and look for the clothes rail. If there are coat hangers available, you may leave a coat, and you are welcome to take one in exchange.

Look out for the Chat About logo. From November onwards, regular sessions in Hampshire libraries will offer a warm and safe space for people to come together and chat. Chat About tables will offer activities and conversation starters with opportunities to learn and try new things.



As we go to press, organisations involved in the Hartley Wintney Community Hub are planning to offer a warm place each weekday in a different venue in Hartley Wintney and Heckfield. Please look out for more information or contact Hart Voluntary Action for more detail. A “Warm Space” at St John’s Church has already opened. Monday afternoons 15.00-18.00 - all ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you are looking for other venues in Hart or nearby, or if you would like to advertise your own warm space venue, you can go to the Warm Welcome web-site <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>



Hampshire County Council Grants for Warm Places

In mid-October, Hampshire County Council announced that the Leader’s Grant programme would be made available for funding applications to create warm spaces in the county. Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby, said: “While households have been given a level of assurance that fuel bills will be contained to April 2023 for now, we know that many will still struggle significantly, facing exceptionally difficult choices about how budgets are spent this autumn and winter.

“As the colder months approach, we want to do what we can to support our local communities. We are therefore now inviting voluntary and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £5,000 to develop and host warm hubs where people can gather together. This might be in the form of a regular coffee morning, or the provision of a shared activity, however we welcome creative ideas and concepts that will deliver support especially to our most vulnerable residents.”

Applications are open for the financial year 2022/23. Those wishing to apply can find more information and guidance on the Leader’s Community Grants web page. Any organisation wishing to apply for a grant to deliver a warm hub will also need to confirm that they will register on the Warm Welcome website.

The application process is an online form via this weblink <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>

COST OF LIVING



Hart District Council's Here for Hart web-pages have up-to-date information on support that is available to local residents to assist with the challenges caused by increased costs in food, energy, managing your finances etc. Please go to this link <https://www.hart.gov.uk/hereforhart> for further details, including their Cost of Living news bulletin, which was published in early autumn. If you would like to go on the mailing list for future news, then please contact hereforhart@hart.gov.uk

Citizens Advice organisations in Hampshire have come together to provide additional support around energy bill support for older residents by providing Energy Vouchers for over-65s. Citizens Advice Hart are offering a Household Support Energy Voucher scheme for older persons. Many households are eligible for a £147 voucher towards energy bills. All that is needed is the following proof: Photo ID. Proof of address. Energy bill. Photo of meter. Photo of proof of benefit received, including state pension.) There are no other specific criteria. Citizens Advice Hart are targeting older people 65+ struggling to pay energy bills (but anyone is welcome to apply.) People can apply for this if they are a Hampshire resident and should contact their local Citizens Advice - citizensadvicehart.org.uk/contact/



Need extra cash to stay warm and well?

If you are a Hampshire resident, you could qualify for a grant to help with your energy costs

Visit your local Citizens Advice for more information

citizensadvicehart.org.uk





How could £10,000 in energy-efficiency upgrades transform your home?

Check if you're eligible for fully-funded energy-efficiency upgrades.

Apply before:
31st December 2022

#STAYWARM&SAVE



Sustainable Warmth Grants for households

There is still time for Hart residents whose gross household income does not exceed £30,000 per annum or who are in receipt of an eligible benefit to apply for a Sustainable Warmth Grant towards home energy efficiency improvements, such as; Insulation, Low Carbon Heating and Solar PV. Your home must also have an energy efficiency rating of D, E, F or G.

Government-funded Sustainable Warmth grants are designed to support those households most impacted by rising energy bills. Check if you are eligible by going to this link.

<https://www.hampshire-applications.co.uk/>

It is our understanding that residents living in rented properties can also apply, but please do use the eligibility check. Grants of up to £10,000 are available.

The **Environment Centre** is funded by Hampshire County Council to provide their **Hitting the Cold Spots** information and advice service, which includes: Helping clients access funding, where available, for boiler repairs/replacements and other heating methods, insulation and renewable technologies. Providing temporary electric heaters if clients are without heating. Checking client eligibility for the Warm Home Discount and local energy efficiency schemes. Further information, tips and advice on their website <https://environmentcentre.com/> or call 0800 804 8601.



HART VOLUNTARY ACTION NEWS

Shop4U - Hart Voluntary Action shopping / prescription collection pilot scheme

- * Digitally Excluded Adults Shopping Service – paid for by clients
- * Areas Covered – Fleet and Yateley
- * Team of Volunteers – DBS checked, Trigger Tool and Safeguarding trained
- * Quarterly Administration Fee - £20.00 payable by the client
- * Electronic payment system set up to maintain client payment detail confidentiality
- * Prescription Collection and Delivery – free service during pilot period
- * Client Risk Assessment – carried out by Hart Voluntary Action Staff
- * Professional OR Self-Referral – completed referral form required
- * Shopping list submitted by client verbally over the phone
- * Shopping Order Delivered by volunteer

For more information, please contact Hart Voluntary Action on Tel: 01252 815652 or Email: hrh@hartvolaction.org.uk

(NB Unable to support those with advanced dementia or who have a drug/alcohol dependency to protect our volunteers)



HERE FOR HART ONLINE DIRECTORY

The Communities Team at Hart District Council are delighted to say that, in partnership with Hart Voluntary Action, we have launched our Here for Hart Directory. It is a wide-ranging online directory of services available to Hart residents, groups, clubs and community services. The aim is for it to be the online destination for local help, support and information. There are 21 different categories, including Care & Support, Community Venues, Disabilities & Health Conditions, Employment, Housing Support, Social & Leisure Activities, Money Matters and Transport & Mobility.

www.hereforhartdirectory.org.uk

Please take a look, try out some searches and spread the word. Please share with your colleagues and any local contacts who might use it too. If you would like to place a link on your website please email hereforhart@hart.gov.uk and we will send you the accompanying text and Here for Hart logo. Please note that you cannot use the link on your website without Hart District Council's agreement and the relevant text and logo.



Here for Hart Directory

For local help, support and information

hereforhartdirectory.org.uk

health support - sports clubs - dementia advice - counselling - money matters
housing help - befriending - green spaces - family support - much more





hereforhartdirectory.org.uk

Hart District Council and Hart Voluntary Action are delighted to introduce the Here for Hart Directory. It is a wide-ranging online directory of local services available for help, support and information.

Have a look if you need support with money worries, family issues, mental health, housing, health conditions, transport, staying healthy, safe and so much more. Maybe you are looking for a Guides or Scouts group, a sports team to join, a local place for a walk, a community hall to hire, a hobby group or a pre-school?

Have a look round and find something new today!



FUNDING NEWS

Energise Me - Investing in Communities Fund

Energise Me and Sport England are offering support for Hampshire and Isle of Wight communities most affected by COVID-19 and/or the cost of living crisis. Community groups/organisations can access expertise and funding of up to £10,000.

Physical activity boosts wellbeing and reduces our risk of developing major illnesses by up to 50%. Energise Me and Sport England want everyone to enjoy these benefits. But some communities are less likely to take part in regular physical activity than others. COVID-19 research shows the pandemic has widened these inequalities, and the cost of living crisis is likely to make matters worse.

The Investing in Communities programme helps tackle these inequalities by supporting:

- * people from lower-income families
- * people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities
- * people living with long-term health conditions
- * people with disabilities



To register your interest, please go to this link

<https://www.energiseme.org/funding-support/support-for-the-sector-during-covid-19/investing-in-communities/>

The NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight logo, featuring the NHS logo and the text 'Hampshire and Isle of Wight' in a blue box.

NO WRONG DOOR
Community Mental Health Transformation Programme
**Advancing Mental Health
Equalities Grants Scheme
2023 /24**

**ABOUT THE
GRANTS SCHEME**
Grants of up to £8K are available to VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) organisations across Hampshire, Southampton, Isle of Wight, and Portsmouth who can provide programmes and / or support for people who may require low level interventions or help maintain their recovery from various mental health conditions. You do not need any prior experience in applying for grants, just an interest in tackling inequalities.

FIND OUT MORE
If you would like to find out more about our grants scheme and be invited to our launch or information events, please contact us:
hiowicb-hsi.nowrongdoor@nhs.net

PRIORITY GROUPS:
Applications from all community groups will be considered, however focus groups for this year include:

- Alcohol and substance misuse
- BAME communities
- Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, boat and showman communities
- Homeless & rough sleepers
- Learning disabilities
- LGBTQ+ people
- Neurodevelopmental conditions
- Older people
- Prisoners and ex-offenders
- Refugees, asylum seekers and migrants
- Rural communities
- Serving personnel, veterans and their families

APPLICATION PROCESS
The grants launch takes place on Tuesday 29th November 2022 (11.30am – 1pm), application forms will be sent out to previous applicants and registered VCSE organisations on 1st December. Closing date is 23rd January 2023

No Wrong Door

New funding round for the 2023/24 financial year focusing on adult mental health support in Hampshire. More detail about the programme at this link - <https://www.hantsiowhealthandcare.org.uk/your-health/schemes-and-projects/no-wrong-door>

There will be an online briefing event on 29 November - please contact hiowcb-his.nowrongdoor@nhs.net for more information.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees Hosted in Hart

Hart Voluntary Action is holding funds and expects to receive more funding which can be used for community-led activity in support of Ukrainian refugees currently staying in Hart District either in hosted or independent accommodation. If your group is working with or would like to work with Ukrainian refugees and a small grant would assist you with this work, then please do contact Hart Voluntary Action Chief Executive Caroline Winchurch on 01252 815652 or email ceo@hartvolaction.org.uk to discuss your ideas.



Hampshire County Council - Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund

Waste prevention is taken to encompass any actions which prevent or reduce the amount of **household** waste entering the local authority waste management system, and therefore includes: reuse, repair and home composting. In addition to the environmental benefits of reducing household waste, waste prevention projects can also result in financial savings for residents, community benefits (e.g. volunteering opportunities) and health benefits (e.g. household management, healthy eating). Applications for funding are open now and will close at 5pm on 10 January 2023. Funding for successful applications will be awarded from March 2023. The maximum amount awarded to each project will be £5,000. Please see further details on the types of projects that would be suitable and how to apply at this link - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/waste-prevention-community>

HART CITIZENS ADVICE



Would you like to help people find a way forward and make a real difference in their lives?

At Citizens Advice Hart, we are looking for volunteers to provide vital support in the community.

We are a small independent charity offering free, impartial, independent, confidential advice and support to anyone who needs it. We help anyone living in the Hart district.

Our charity supported nearly **3000** clients in Hart last year to help resolve **over 7500** issues with advice from trained advisors. The rising cost of living and energy crisis is pushing many more of our community into debt and more families are struggling to make ends meet.

At Citizens Advice Hart we are looking for volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. Issues might include debt, housing, benefits, employment problems, consumer issues, and relationship breakdown.

We ask for a minimum of 6-8 hours each week which can be done flexibly either in our local Fleet office or from home. Volunteers can be trained to offer advice to people in person, online, or over the phone. **No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.**

We are also in need of volunteers with expertise such as **IT, social media, marketing, research, reporting or fundraising skills** for a variety of support roles for a few hours a week.

Are you interested in becoming a **trustee**? We are looking for new trustees to join our board. We are particularly interested in trustees who can bring experience and skills in equality, diversity & inclusion (EDI), PR/media, fundraising, marketing and communications or any relevant

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. They include students; people getting back into work after career breaks; people with part-time jobs; carers; and people who have retired.

You may be looking for new ways to gain valuable experience and enhance your skills or enjoy the opportunity to work with and meet different people. We guarantee you will find it rewarding. Our wonderful volunteers are the heart of our service - the work we do to support people in the community simply would not be possible without them.

In a recent people survey, 100% of the volunteers said they would recommend volunteering at Citizens Advice Hart. Here are some of the reasons why:

"Seeing people come in with the weight of the world on their shoulders and leaving with a smile on their face."

"Before I ever worked for Citizens Advice, I was a client and I have never forgotten the help and support I received in a difficult time and I was listened to, supported."

It's a challenging but highly rewarding role. If you're keen to do something that really makes a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, visit our website citizensadvicehart.org.uk or contact Sam Mabbott, Chief Officer, ceo@citizensadvicehart.org.uk



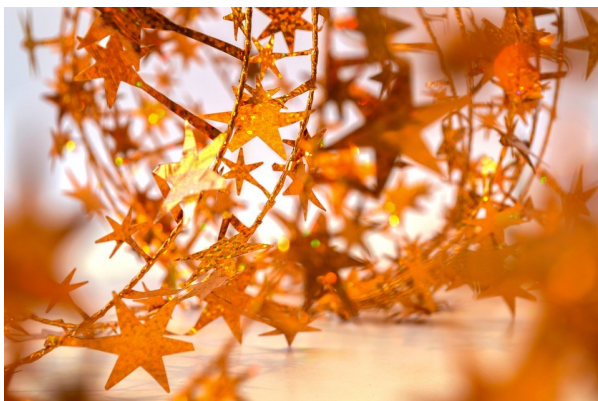
Follow the star with us this Christmas

ST JOHN'S HOOK & HECKFIELD, MATTINGLEY AND ROTHERWICK CHURCHES

Christmas Services and Activities

Advent Carols	6pm	Sun 27th Nov, St John's Church Hook
Whitewater School Carols	6pm	Thurs 1st Dec, outdoors at Rotherwick Church
Christmas Coffee & Cake Sale	10am	Sat 3rd Dec, St John's Hook
Christingle service	10am	Sun 4th Dec, St John's Hook
Christmas Lunch	12.30pm	Tues 13th Dec, St John's Hook *** check time please (please book for lunch)
Outdoor Carols round the Tree	4pm	Sun 11th Dec, St John's Hook – with BBQ and fun for children
Nine Lessons and Carols	6.30pm	Sun 11th Dec, at Rotherwick Church
Carols by Candlelight	7pm	Sun 18th Dec, at St John's Hook
Crib Service	4pm	Sat 24th Dec, St Michael's Church Heckfield
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Midnight Communion	11.30pm	Sat 24th Dec, St Michael's Church Heckfield
Midnight Communion	11.30pm	Sat 24th Dec, St John's Church Hook
Christmas Day Communion	8.30am	Mattingley Church
Christmas Day Family	10am	St John's Hook
Christmas Day Communion	10.30am	Rotherwick Church
New Year's Day	8.30am	New Year Communion at St John's Hook
New Year's Day	10am	ALL AGE service at St John's Hook
New Year's Day	11am	Parish Communion and the Rev'd Shona Hoad's Farewell Lunch at St Michael's Heckfield (please book for lunch)

Please also see the Whitewater Benefice web-site <https://whitewaterchurches.co.uk/>



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