

Town Council Report for 27th April 2022

Northstowe Day

The Community Development Team have been busy co ordinating and supporting the community arrange “Northstowe Day” on Saturday 7th May. This has included preparing an event management plan and presenting risk assessments etc at the Safety Advisory group. Its been great hearing ideas from the community groups on how they will be showcasing their great work, engaging the community and encouraging more community volunteers. In addition, partner agencies will also be in attendance including the Children’s Centre and WEA. The event will be a great memorable day with Mihaeala, Ellen, Kathryn and many more SCDC colleagues in attendance to ensure the day runs smoothly and engage with the community.

Community work

We have arranged for the Community wing to host free upskilling courses via the WEA. The first free taster session is “Be Less stressed cooking on a budget”, with the aim of reducing food waste and sustainability. This will be on 27th April.

The Northstowe Half marathon takes place on Sunday 24th April, Kathryn will be attending, supporting Homes England’s stand to engage with the community.

The Heritage Annexe has been granted planning consent and as part of the steering group we are working to ensure the community feel part of the project- we are aiming for engagement with schools etc during the modular build process and we will be working with partners regarding this.

Notable achievements by community groups include the Youth Hive being constituted and trial afternoon café sessions from 27th April at the wing, Rhymetime recommencing and wellbeing walk training having been delivered.

Homes England are leading on the Lake naming competition and have already received many great suggestions from all ages- details can be found on the Northstowe town website- deadline is midnight 14th May and has been widely promoted online, in Northstowe News and at the Wing.

Emerging Community Issues:

We have had informal discussions (not directly from the community) of alleged anti social behaviour. SCDC'S Safer Communities team will be present at Northstowe day to promote appropriate reporting and engaging with the community about resolutions. We request that should the Town Council receive any reports, to please in turn inform Northstowe Community Development Team (no names address etc needed). We can raise emerging issues into meetings with partners and consider community resolutions etc.