

Northstowe Community Networkers 9th August 2023

Attendees:

Mihaela Stan, SCDC

Kruti, Hindu Samaj Northstowe

Aparna, Hindu Samaj Northstowe

Neil, Hindu Samaj Northstowe

Peter Cope, Northstowe Hub

Hektor, Northstowe Hub

Graeme, Northstowe Hub

Jawad, Northstowe Hub and Northstowe Muslims

Andrew Collier, Northstowe News and Northstowe Gamers

Mari O'Neill, Northstowe Arts

Hannah, Emmanuel Church

Kathy Fountain, Emmanuel Church

Hannah, Stardust

Shola Delip, Sports and Wellbeing and Northstowe Town Council

Beth Cope, Pathfinder Church and Youth Hive

Steve, Pathfinder Church

Cllr. Natalie Warren – Green, SCDC

Apologies:

Carla Bros Sabria, Sustainable Northstowe

Maria Harrison, Sustainable Northstowe

Cllr Firouz Thompson, County Councillor

Kathy Males, Sports and Wellbeing

- 1. Signage for Bug Hunter Lake** – Anglian Water call for suggestions on information signage for the lake in Phase 1:
 - Information on wildlife leaving in the area
 - Clarity on what's allowed on the water
 - Map and introduction to Northstowe by the path at P&R leading on to the lake

- Trail, visual art/sculpture base by Northstowe Arts – more information to follow
- Snake of painted stones – project by residents
- Additional information on the flora and fauna from local resident Hugh who has great knowledge on birds, insects that have been spotted in the area – the resident often posts such information on local social media
- Bread feeding to birds
- Who to contact in case an injured animal is spotted
- Welcome sign with various languages of Northstowe – the CDOs can help with translations and information on the languages spoken
- Interactive sign for children with a flap at the bottom - guess the bird?
- Horses

2. Santa's Post Box

- Santa's Post Box kit is with the CDOs for safe keeping
- Concern about GDPR
- Suggestion for children to post anonymous letters with wishes for the world and display of letters at the TCC
- No group offered to take this project on for now, however please get in touch with the CDOs if you decide to do so at a later time

3. Ganesh Utsav festival will take place from 22nd-24th September at the TCC – all invited to celebrate together.

- The celebration will take place at the Temporary Centre with a procession around town on Sunday 24th
- Lord Ganesh has an elephant head and is known for helping people get over hurdles

4. Northstowe Hub event on 30th September

- Paul Littlemore, the town mayor is available on 30th Sept, if an inauguration ceremony is planned before the event starts.
- 3pm-6pm display tables
- Food vans, bar truck from 5pm
- Community quiz 7-8pm
- Jazz band by Northstowe Arts 7:45pm – 9:00pm

- Stardust dance taster outdoor, weather permitting
- Hindu Samaj will have a stall and also provide a photo booth with props
- Youth Bus and Mobile Library bus parking on The Green 3-4:30pm
- Parking available at P&R and Pathfinder Primary School while the residents of Northstowe will be asked to walk and cycle
- Set up from 2pm
- Advertising – SCDC will fund flyers to advertise the event: one side event information and the other side forum information
- Treasure trail for children by Emmanuel Church
- 4x gazebos by Pathfinder Church to be installed on The Green and SCDC to provide a further 2 more gazebos
- **Mihaela to contact Greenbelt to ask for permission to use their side of The Green as well as internal permission to use the side of The Green owned by SCDC**
- Friends of Pathfinder School: will have a table and will make a board showing what they are all about and could run a simple and free to take part game-guess the number of sweets in the jar.
- South Cambridgeshire District Council and CCC colleagues presence: Katie Ixer to share a stall with Linda and Beth (Community Safety team) - CSP and County community engagement
- fire colleagues would like to have a presence
- photographer booked by Northstowe Arts from their budget: local resident Mark Mann for the afternoon and potentially the evening too
- Homes England via Northstowe Arts to provide PR activity, inviting local media
- Tea and coffee from Northstowe Hub from café on sale on the day
- Northstowe Gamers will provide a table with board games
- Sports and Wellbeing: stall with badminton and activities
- Junk modelling crafting by Sustainable Northstowe
- Sculpture – Chloe in the TCC garden
- **All groups to provide risk assessment to Northstowe Hub and Mihaela will advise of liability insurance already available for groups. If groups haven't made a booking at the TCC since its opening, we will not have your liability insurance in which case, please provide this to Northstowe Hub**

- Celebration cake – if funding is available
- Possibly a BBQ by Northstowe Hub – TBC

5. Winter festival, November 2023 – February 2024

- The CDOs will be contacting groups for a list of events that are happening during this time. We will need a title, description, place, time and contact details.

6. AOBs

- **Community screening** by Northstowe Arts in half term October – more details to follow
- **Northstowe News:** submit all events for October and November by 1st September
- **Arts on Prescription project by Northstowe Arts:** an [Arts on Prescription](#) programme coming to Northstowe in September and I would love your help in reaching the people who could benefit the most!

This is a 12-week series of art workshops for adults experiencing mental health challenges, run by the very experienced [Arts and Minds](#) and facilitated by two creative specialists experienced in the area of mental health. These sessions are focused on trying new things, embracing your creative side and meeting new people, with no expectation that you have to be 'good' at art (whatever that means!). This is a referral programme, so potential participants ideally need to have spoken to their GP or Social Prescriber. All questions can be answered and a referral form sent out by emailing admin@artsandminds.org.uk or calling Arts and Minds on 01223 403485. The series starts on 12th September and only 12 people can participate – so I would love it if you could share the attached flyer as soon as possible. It would be great if you could share the details far and wide, but also have a think and a chat with specific people you think might benefit. I'll drop off some printed flyers/a poster at the community centre in the next couple of weeks.

- **Biscuits and tea** to be provided by SCDC for the next in person meeting

Next meeting: 13th September, in person at the Temporary Community Centre