

Northstowe CDOs Report for February 2023

Northstowe Community Forum 29th March 2023

Northstowe Community Forum will take place on 29th March at Northstowe Secondary College. It will start with a Drop-in session at 6:30pm followed by presentations at 7pm. There will be a diverse range of stakeholders that will provide updates and interesting topics of conversation.

AR Urbanism will provide the opportunity for residents to discuss the plans for the Permanent Phase 1 Community Centre at their drop in sessions on Wednesday 29 March at Northstowe Secondary College as follows: 11am – 12:30pm NSC 2nd floor gym area at the Warm Hub and 5.30 pm -7pm canteen area.

Northstowe Arts

We are supporting Northstowe Arts in their project to create a wrap for the external elevations of the Interim Community Facility. A workshop was delivered by Northstowe Arts with an artist who used photographs submitted by residents with the aim of creating a dynamic and inclusive project.

Warm Hubs

We are continuing to support the Town Council with the Warm Hubs on a Wednesday morning at Northstowe Secondary College. As South Cambridgeshire District Council hire the gym area on a Wednesday, we will continue to make this space available for the Warm Hubs on this day, irrespective of CACRE decision on future funding.

Language Exchange Café

The Language Exchange Café is planning to evolve into a Cultural Exchange project and instead of twice a week, it will run once a month to make it more sustainable. A proposal was made that local faith groups could lead on events during the monthly sessions, in turns. Residents will have the chance to experience different cultures from around the world while sessions will focus on dance, food, books from other nations, but not limited to this. The language exchange will continue and will offer the opportunity to practice conversation in English or other languages during the sessions, as before. The purpose of the project is to reduce social isolation and support inclusivity in the context of the multicultural background of our town.

Appreciative Enquiry

The CDOs are supporting the Northstowe Hub to complete a series of Appreciative Enquiries where residents will be asked about their views and expectations on the new Interim Community Facility.

Events

We will be attending Emmanuel Church's five year celebration on Saturday 29th April and the Half Marathon, part of the Running Festival on 23rd April.