

Northstowe Hub: where we came from...

- The Friends of the Wing existed to promote and publicise Northstowe Community Wing within the community.
- To foster understanding about the Wing, how it is run and funded.
- To provide a forum for social and cultural activities for Wing users.
- To provide a channel for feedback from Wing users.
- To provide potential members for the Management Board.
- To provide volunteer assistance with events and activities.
- To raise funds to support the Wing

Activities before wing closure

- Pioneer Café
- Micro library
- Key holders
- Wing management board

Northstowe Hub CIO

Vision:

Our vision for Northstowe is a town with community activities and facilities at its heart, supported by an active and integrated network of groups and organisations; bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together to address isolation and provide equality of opportunity.

Foundation Model CIO Charitable Objectives:

- To further or benefit the residents of Northstowe and the surrounding area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to provide facilities and organise activities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. Activities may include but not be limited to those intended to reduce social isolation, to support families and children, to support local groups and associations including by providing meeting space, to enable community development and to support recreation through the arts.
- In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.
- Trustees: Peter Cope, Priyank Faidu, Kathy Fountain, Dan Greef, Graeme Hodgson, Hektor Marden, Jawad Nawash, Gaurav Saxena, Matt Webb

Activities

- Meeting with and lobbying local authorities to secure funding and provision for community space, both temporary and permanent, in Northstowe.
- Involvement in creating and implementing a management system for the community space which provides a clear and straightforward pathway for local residents and groups to use these facilities, and regularly reviewing this system to ensure that it is meeting these aims.
- Canvassing a wide cross section of local residents to ascertain the social requirements of the community, including any disadvantages they may be experiencing, and formulating action plans to address these needs.
- Increasing the awareness in the local community of the groups and activities which are available to them, using both physical and virtual media - including placing notices in the existing community newsletter Northstowe News, distributing posters and flyers around the community, sharing information on social media, and coordinating with current community websites.
- Supporting local community groups and projects by providing information, contacts and resources.
- Coordinating events to raise the profile of groups and organisations active in the community.
- Re-establish Community Café/Micro Library the temporary community facilities, once they are open and available.