

## **CDO's report for June 2024**

Longstanton and Northstowe Bowls Club had their first Junior Bowls session with students from Northstowe Secondary College on Monday 17 June. The students all enjoyed their time at the club and received a participation certificate. Homes England provided funding for this through the Kickstart Fund.

On Saturday 15 June we supported Sustainable Northstowe with the second successful Community Skip Day, part of the Great Big Green Week. The community found the service from the Waste Team useful for recycling household objects. We organised participation from Smart Journeys with a free bike repair service and participation from Northstowe Arts and BPHA.

We are organising a Photography Quiz where residents can share photos of landmarks they have visited which other people have to guess the location name. The quiz will be available on the Northstowe Hub website as well as making available some printed copies at The Cabin.

On Tuesday 18 June we gave the second talk and site visit to visitors from U3A who were interested in the development of Northstowe as a New Town.

We were part of the Activation/Open Day hosted by Elite Sports at Western Park Pavilion, talking to residents/locals about activities and events in Northstowe.

Planting of the raised beds in the back garden of The Cabin has now been finished for the summer, thank you to Northstowe Hub, the Youth Hive and Lindy Blake from Tapestry Garden Design with funding by Keepmoat.

We organised funding for the Sport and Wellbeing group from Keepmoat, the use of which will be discussed in committee meetings.

We are working with various groups for Touch Rugby in Northstowe including Cottenham Renegades who held two taster sessions in June, we are hoping to hold more taster sessions this summer.

We are involved in discussions regarding the new recreational facility for a BMX Track in Phase 2, adjacent to the planned Eastern Sports Hub and currently working on a promotional event with Henby and Northstowe Youth Hive.

We are part of the group organising the Menopause meetings. The third session on Wednesday 19 June had a guest speaker, Hektor Marden from ShapeXchange who spoke about the importance of fitness and nutrition. The next meeting is on Wednesday 17 July from 6pm – 7:30pm

As The Cabin is now a year old, we have been conducting Appreciative Enquiry interviews with users to see how well the centre is fulfilling its purpose and to find out how future

buildings could benefit. We are also in the process of collecting data on the mode of travel used by people getting to the Cabin.

We hosted the Community Networkers meeting on Wednesday 12 June, the minutes will be circulated to all community groups on the respective mailing list.

We spent a morning helping at the Community Café and meeting new residents.

#### Meetings attended with external agencies

- Attending Northstowe Open Space and Landscape monthly meetings.
- We participated in development of the Northstowe Phase 3A design code, involving meetings and on-site visit.
- Engaging Young People and Adults in the community, working group for a conference in October.
- Part of the Northstowe Communications Group which promotes Northstowe and its events; this includes Henbe Communications
- Participated to an Introduction to Age Friendly Communities course

#### Meetings with Community Groups

- Chairing, taking minutes, preparing agendas for the Community Networkers meeting where future events and initiatives are discussed
- Supporting and promoting the Social Walks through discussions including external agencies
- Participating in the Northstowe Youth Partnership, sub-group meeting
- We met with residents to discuss future Menopause meetings

#### Other work:

- Processing bookings at The Cabin for community groups, individuals and businesses on a daily basis including raising invoices, checking payments and following up requests.
- We are in the process of transitioning to a new booking system, Hallmaster, and have conducted work to make sure this will go smoothly.
- Part of various community WhatsApp groups i.e. Cabin Keyholders, coordinating out of hours access arrangements for The Cabin.
- Working towards establishing a Digital Assistance programme.
- Collecting food for the community larder on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and making this available for collection from The Cabin.
- Designing promotional material and updating social media.
- Writing reports and articles for local publication.
- Evening and weekend meetings and events in furtherance of the above.

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