# **Email Newsletter**



### Welcome to our first quarterly community Centre newsletter!

A warm welcome to all our new CIO members and volunteers!



Have your Say

Do you have an idea or suggestion? Why not email us your thoughts to admin@eltoncommunitycentre.co.uk We are proud to confirm that the Elton Community Centre has recently changed its status to Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO). The Centre has long been at the heart of the local community and having CIO status allows us to further build on this by engaging more with local people like you. People who care about the work that we do and or use our facilities and services. As a registered member or volunteer we value your input.

#### IT IS TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Voting takes place to appoint the board of Trustees on **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021** at our Annual General Meeting. The appointed board of trustees will be responsible for running the CIO, and its services and for carrying out its agreed objectives to benefit the community.

**To Vote** - All registered EOI members are eligible to vote. To register your vote, to become am EOI member, or to receive more information on ways of voting please email <u>admin@eltoncommuntycentre.co.uk</u>.

**To Attend** - We have a variety of virtual options available for you to join our Annual Meeting on the 23<sup>rd of</sup> February. Please visit our website for more information on how to do this <u>www.eltoncommunitycentre.co.uk</u>

A full list of nominated Trustees is also available on our website.

## A Community That Cares

Over 100 individuals & families were in receipt of well-being gift bags, food parcels, and children's toys within the local community Christmas 2020. This could not have been achieved without the incredible support of our volunteers & donators who gave their time and money, to make sure that no one went without at Christmas. Every parcel packed or donation made, the generosity of both individuals & local businesses was incredible. **Thank you all for your incredible efforts.** A full list of donators is available at the Centre.

## Food Bank Services

**Centre Drop in Times** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm

Call us in confidence on 07871 614665 or Email admin@eltoncommunitycentre.co.ul

Please note that in line with government guidelines, masks must be worn when attending the Centre except in the case of medical exemption

#### **COVID 19 UPDATE**

The Centre is currently closed except for essential services. As soon as we can re-open, we will undate you. In the meantime, listed below are some of the fantastic services we hope to resume once restrictions are lifted!

- ✓ Community café
- Parent & Toddler set
- Pensioner coffee md
- Youth Hub
- ✓ Orchard Park weekly social

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- ✓ Exercise classes
- ✓ Saturday Craft Sale
- ✓ Well-Being Sessions
- ✓ Social Events
- ✓ Private Hire

#### Here to Help

The pandemic has affected a lot of people in our community over the last 10 months. We understand that it can be difficult to reach out and ask for assistance, so it is important that we spread the word and let people know that we are here to help.

If you, or anyone you know is experiencing food difficulties during the pandemic please do get in touch or pass on our details. The more people that know we are here to assist, the more families we can support.

All personal details and requests for assistance are held in the strictest of confidence.



# IMPROVING YOUR CENTRE

In line with government guidance, we are unable to run all our normal services at present, but volunteers and Trustees have been working hard behind the scenes to develop the environment and facilities at the Centre for everyone in the community. This includes an improved bar area, an upgraded kitchen and new flooring! We look forward to welcoming you all back once restrictions are lifted and will provide an update as soon as we are able to do so.

A special mention goes to our volunteer and Trustee nominee Richard Marks for his hard work supporting efforts to improve essential work at the community Centre. Richard has given a considerable amount of his own time in recent weeks to assist with essential building improvements and is doing a fantastic job of helping to improve space for visitors and those accessing our services and facilities once restrictions are lifted.

### **Considering Volunteering?**

We are still accepting applications to volunteer. If you or someone you know would like to give back, then we would love to hear from you! Once normal services resume at the Centre, we will have several opportunities available for those looking to give their time to support the local community. Full details including our services, job specifications and application forms are available to complete on our website or you can request details by emailing <u>admin@eltoncommunitycentre.co.uk</u>