

HATCH WARREN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Association set out their mission statement which states: “The Hatch Warren Community Association aims to encourage all members of the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood area to become involved and be part of the community.”

The primary purpose of the organisation is to bring together the local residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to provide education and facilities for recreation with the object of improving the conditions of life for local people without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, and race or of political, religious or other opinions. The Association will maintain and manage the community centre and promote its use within the local community. The Association will encourage use of the centre by raising its profile through a variety of methods including local media, posters, and a column in the local newsletter called The Rabbiter.

The Centre has many regular users including a Playgroup, Play Council, Dance, Scouts, Guides, Move Fitness, and Line dancing. We have upgraded the building over the last 5 years.

The Management Committee for the centre currently comprises 8 local residents who have good knowledge of the local area and who have wide-ranging skills, including administration and organisational skills, financial management, IT, health care, and health and safety. They have put together a budget based on predicted income and expenditure. Policies, including health and safety, child protection, smoking and hiring agreements, are in place to ensure that best practice is followed. The Committee meets on a 6 weekly basis to discuss relevant issues and to forward plan. The Association is a registered charity and an equal opportunities employer

The Association employ the following staff, a Centre Manager and Community Development Worker, an Administration Officer, and a Key holder.

THE YOUTH WING

The Youth Wing is being built by Lakehouse Southern from funds allocated to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. The development started in January 2009 and should be finished in May / June 2009. The Council are funding the project and have included funds to employ a full time youth worker and part time youth workers to run the site.

The Youth Wing will be managed by the Association with the youth worker being line managed by Kim Robins, the Community Centre Manager & Community Development Worker. It is planned that the wing will be open for 2 nights a week initially with further nights opening as the project develops.

The Youth Wing will be available for hire during the day and all profits from rental income will be set aside to fund the project on an ongoing basis.

The Youth Wing will enable us to reach out to all members of the Community

HATCH WARREN YOUTH CAFÉ – A SECTION OF HWCA

The youth café was an initiative started by the Committee to meet the needs of the local youth. It is now a separate section in its own right and sends a representative to Committee Meetings. The youth café meets on a Wednesday evening and is open to young people 11-16. A wide ranging programme is offered and they raise funds to purchase more equipment. Their activities include air hockey, table tennis, play station, crafts, cooking and outside activities.

The youth café has its own committee completely staffed by volunteers, undertakes fund raising and has obtained donations from local companies. It has a separate bank and saving account.

HISTORY

A steering group was initially set up and the Hatch Warren Community Association formed in 1993. Local people were encouraged to come forward to manage the centre. The Hatch Warren Community Centre was built in 1992 by Hatch Warren Ltd a subsidiary of the Grainger Trust plc. The Centre is owned by BDBC and leased to the Community Association.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

The community centre is situated in Hatch Warren and is adjacent to the ward boundaries of Kempshott and Brighton Hill. There are 2,810 households of which 43% have dependent children. The area is served by three schools; Hatch Warren Infants and Hatch Warren Juniors and St Mark's Church of England Primary School. The catchment senior school is Brighton Hill Community College.

The housing is mainly owner occupied 97% of which is houses. There is some social housing in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. The region as a whole has a high level of employment and most residents travel to work by car or van.