



## **Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting**

7pm Tuesday 9th January 2024

Hub Room

### **Summary Notes**

1. Present – Lesley Hayward, Lorna Wathen, Jan Cross, David Godding, David Bennett, Mike Blake, Kate Ryan
2. Apologies – non received
3. **Hub Update**
  - a. Feedback from Volunteers – A really well received volunteer thank you event, well attended despite being short notice and close to Christmas. Many thanks to Lesley who organised and catered the event. Next event in the summer (hopefully a BBQ in the community garden)  
Christmas lunch for hub goers proved really popular especially the visit from children from the academy to sing carols. KR to write to thank the school
  - b. Finances – finances remain in largely in balance, despite the increased costs of providing the weekly soup, rolls and bread donations are largely equivalent. New heaters have been purchased and fitted. Proving much more controllable, silent and effective.
  - c. Winter Warmer soup lunches – these are well attended and have brought in a couple of new attendees, they will continue for the remainder of January and February and will review at the Feb WG meeting
  - d. Volunteer rota – January slots all now covered. KR to post up the Feb dates
  - e. Sewing workshop – LH has planned a 2 hour beginners machine sewing workshop, further workshops to follow
  - f. Discussion re offer for further workshops KR has had offer from 2 parishioners with particular skills offering photography (composition, framing, lighting etc) and a specialist in woodworking (musical instruments) for either workshops or demonstrations. Also possible was a willow/basket making workshop.
  - g. Buy and sell notice board LH would like to set up a buy/sell/freecycle notice board at the Hub. We have a spare MPC board that could be sited adjacent to the information box. DB to speak to locality steward to check for highways permission



#### **4. Repair Café Update**

- a. Advertising 2024 – propose to continue with the paid for advert in Marden N&V's, Free advert in Bodenham's parish magazine, free advert in Wellingtons magazine + their notice boards and paid for advert in Moreton on Lugg's newsletter. SSN advert cost was felt too expensive (and as subscription does not go to all households) we would produce weather resistant posters for their notice boards instead
- b. Workshop/shed – PC clerk has sourced a very reasonably priced container 20'x8' to be sited at the rear of the building in the community garden, for storage, the equipment library, and for repair café 'dirty' repairs. Request to PC to purchase
- c. Feedback from volunteers – Sessions have a very high repair rate and are great fun. All volunteers have allocated roles to ensure smooth running and best use of very limited space. January numbers low, combination of post Christmas and flooding. Those unable to get to village have rebooked for Feb

#### **5. Community Garden Update**

- a. Fencing & sleepers for raised flower beds £1,104 all in inc del purchase and deliver ASAP
- b. Fence/flower bed erection working party – dates TBC as soon as delivered
- c. Gardeners club proposal – The Gardening Association indicated they would help with the planting scheme etc but expressed their concern regarding ongoing maintenance once completed. Hub volunteers present all offered ad hoc maintenance time, weeding, litter picking. etc WG very grateful for any assistance
- d. Open Gardens – WG would like to be included in the open garden scheme 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

#### **6. Date & time of next meeting 06/02/24 at 7pm**