


Services and Facilities Committee Meeting	 Market Drayton Town Council
Agenda Item: The Zone	
Date: 9 February 2023	
Appendix : SF125	

The day to day management of the Zone building by the Marches Academy Trust is working well.

The Co-ordinator, who is employed by the Marches Academy, has been contacting local groups/organisations to promote the facility and arrange courses/activities.

There is a range of activities taking place at the Zone:

- Messy Play – preschool age
- Youth Club – Primary school age
- Craft Workshop
- Eco Workshop
- Ukraine Support Group
- Ukraine English Evening Class
- Senior Youth drop in evening
- Little Footprints (monthly)
- Sunday Worship (monthly)
- Fella's meet up group (monthly)
- Carers Support Group (monthly)
- School holiday activity clubs
- Christians against Poverty (CAP) – cancelled as of 1/2/2023
- Age UK (monthly starting march)
- Cooking on a budget - starting March
- Squid Girls (Football initiative that the FA have started for girls aged 12-14) starting March

The building is also registered as a Safe Place Venue and a Warm Hub, people can drop in between 9am and 1pm for a hot drink and toast.

Training Courses

- Working with Children Course (run by North Shropshire College)
- Understanding your child workshops (starting in March)

Contact has recently been made with an organisation in Telford who are keen to provide adult training courses.

A community survey has recently been circulated asking residents what activities they would like to see provided. The next survey will ask what training/support residents would like.

Three of the four volunteers have just completed a level 2 food hygiene course. They will be cooking meal for the Age UK attendees.

The co-ordinator has recently completed a safer recruitment training course (to help with the recruitment of volunteers).

Funding

The following funding has been applied for:

£500 Envirogrant from Veolia - for the Community Garden – Secured.

£1000 from OneStop to buy sporting equipment for the Youth Club (verbal confirmation - waiting on email)

Future Projects

The Eco Group are planning to grow vegetables in containers. These will be housed in the gated area; the area will only be accessible by the group at allotted times. The vegetables grown will be used to produce meals for the Age Concern visitors and be given out to community members who have help grow them.

The area will be monitored through the week by the co-ordinator.

A mural will be painted on the blue wall (which faces the pathway). The design has been produced using images suggested by local children. Children will be involved with the painting of the mural. Before work begins, residents will be consulted on the design.