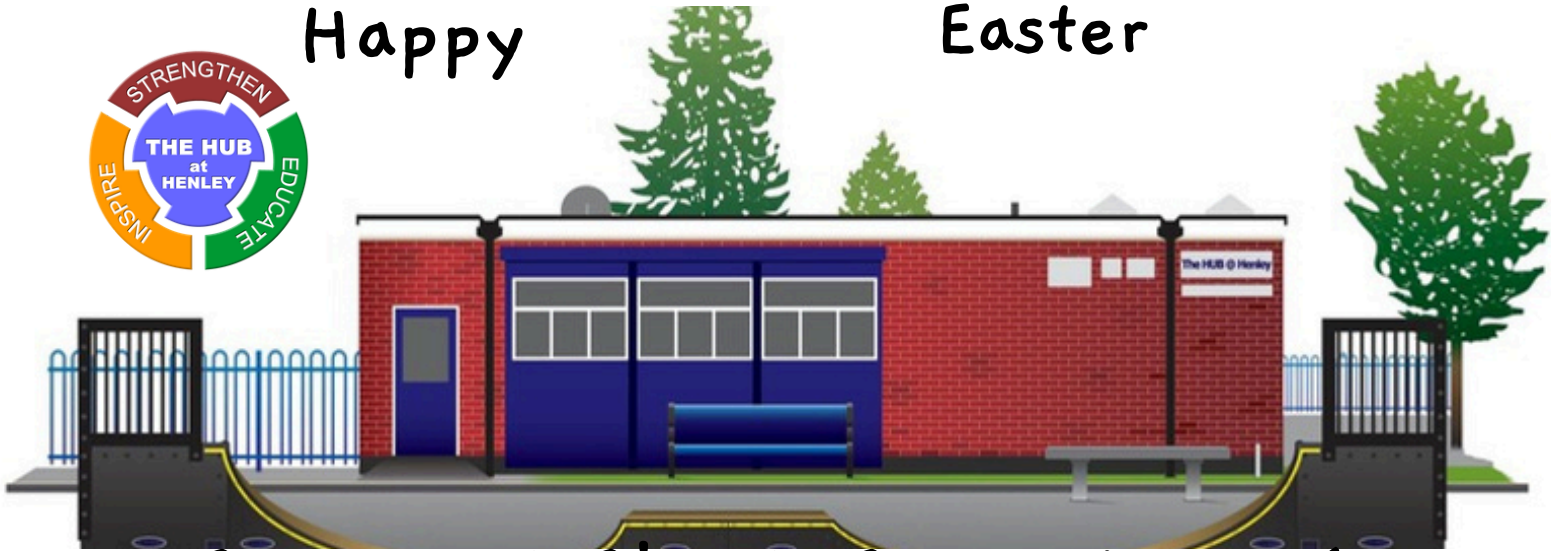


Happy

Easter



SUPPORTERS' NEWS March 2026

IN THIS EDITION YOU WILL FIND A REPORT OF THE HUB'S ACTIVITIES, AN INVITATION TO JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER AND A REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING IN 2025.

*please
volunteer*

Here are our key personnel:

**THE HUB HAS
MANY
OPPORTUNITIES
TO SUIT ALL
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- Current Trustees are:- Penny Stott (Chairman) Tim Sturges (Vice chairman) John Garner (Treasurer) Cecile Wong , Gail Shuttleworth, Margaret Tomlinson, Peter Ford, Chris Duffin, Peter Crathorne and Derek Hill.
- Staff members:- Jonathan Dovey (Administrator), Mark Clarke (Fundraiser), Lauren Morgan (Youth and Community Manager), Kim Worthington (Qualified Youth Leader), Tyrone May (Qualified Youth Leader), Megan Cope (Trainee Youth Leader) and Martin Maclean (Caretaker/ Cleaner).
- Also 20 volunteers supporting and managing groups, working on building maintenance and improvements, volunteering in marketing and fundraising, running the free online support, manning the 24 hour helpline, and providing transport.
- We are currently running with 8 volunteer vacancies.
- We are looking for a range of skills from administrative to working with a group.



Last Friday evening (6 March 2026), The Hub at Henley Community Centre CIO hosted their Annual Wine & Cheese Night, a delightful yet meaningful way to express our gratitude to the amazing volunteers who dedicate countless hours, energy, and care to support our community centre throughout the year.

The evening was enjoyable and laid-back, giving volunteers the opportunity to connect, share stories and simply spend quality time together. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to acknowledge the numerous contributions that keep The Hub thriving.

Our Chairman, Penny Stott, presented plaques for Volunteer of the Year. Tim Fell was recognized for logging the highest number of volunteering hours. Additionally, Gail Shuttleworth and John Shuttleworth were honoured for their unwavering dedication and hard work in assisting with The Hub's renovation

In her brief address, the chairman mentioned that during 2025 the hub welcomed around 6500 visits, plus many unrecorded to take part in our activities. We have 20 regular volunteers and 6 employees. The volunteers attended for 1668 hours helping to create this vibrant and responsive centre. This was achieved by being at the centre for 628 sessions. If we were to pay staff to carry out this work it would have cost £17652. Penny concluded by saying, "What a magnificent contribution has been made to our whole community. No-one underestimates the challenge of providing such service and thanks were given to everyone of our employees and volunteers."

Events like this are made possible by the collective efforts of many individuals. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Charlie, our young volunteer, who served at the bar, Peter Crathorne BEM who spearheaded the evening, and Gail and Margaret Tomlinson for preparing the delicious food and drinks.

Most importantly, we extend a huge thank you to all of our volunteers. Your generosity, kindness, and commitment help make The Hub at Henley a warm and welcoming space for everyone in our community.

Please follow our Facebook page for more updates on our clubs, programmes, events, and activities.



Youth Activities

After School Coffee Bar

These groups meet every Monday, and Tuesday, during term time. Each session is overseen by one youth leader and two volunteers, ensuring a safe environment for young people before they head home. Some youths wait for their transportation, while others wait for their parents to pick them up. Those living in Henley often stay longer to avoid being alone at home until their parents finish work. All participants are treated to complimentary toast and hot chocolate, with the option to purchase additional snacks from the coffee bar. Attendees can take part in a variety of activities, such as playing pool, table tennis, board games, or enjoying music. The youth leader is always available for a chat, offering support to anyone who may need it after a challenging day or guidance on different matters. While around 40 to 50 youths typically attend in the first half hour, this number usually declines to fewer than a dozen as the time goes on. The hub is on the look out for at least two more volunteers so that we can extend our provision to Thursdays.

Evening Youth clubs

The 13+ youth club convenes on Mondays, while the 7-12 age group meets on Tuesdays, offering a more structured environment compared with after-school sessions. The club is guided by three youth leaders and a volunteer. Some more senior youth club members also volunteer as young leaders with the Junior Club. Participants aged 13 and older can engage in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, pool, table tennis, musical events, and football in the school gym. As the weather improves and evenings grow longer, outdoor sports will also be introduced.

Each half-term, the group concentrates on a pertinent theme aimed at educating and engaging young people on significant issues. Over the past six months, we have explored topics such as the dangers of knife crime, vaping and healthy eating, with a particular focus on sugar dependence. Frequently, the discussions are led by the young people themselves, addressing issues that are currently important to them.



YOUTH CLUB TRIP TO REDDITCH BOWLING



19 young people with their leaders enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Tenpin Bowling Redditch this half term. Arthur was the champ but everyone did remarkably well. The event was a free reward for all the young people who have faithfully supported our youth activities since Christmas. It provided a great opportunity for the leaders and the young people to get to know each other, to talk together and plan for future activities.

THE YOUTH CLUB IS ENTIRELY
SUPPORTED BY FUNDRAISING.

We aim to have open access to all young people who wish to attend regardless of ability to pay. This is a direct way in which our supporters can add to the quality of life for our teenagers.





HUB-A-BUBBAS

One of our most vibrant groups, HUB-A-BUBBAS caters for parents and their children under the age of three. During school holidays, we also welcome older children.

This group fosters a nurturing environment for both youngsters and parents, filled with a variety of engaging activities. Participants can look forward to storytime, musical fun, and creative projects. Children benefit from social interactions, while parents can share their parenting experiences, helping to cultivate a supportive community.

On average, we accommodate up to 12 families each week. Many parents express their appreciation for the connections made, the social opportunities and the stimulating environment provided for their little ones.

The Hub operates from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Monday to Friday, and is currently booked 75% of the time. We are open to new activity suggestions. For further details, please reach out to Jonathan, the Trust Administrator.

FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Thursday Club:

This group meets every Thursday morning except when Christmas falls on that day. In 2022-23, there were 1,250 attendees, with an average of about 25 participants each week. The satisfaction rating averaged an impressive 9.8 out of 10. Derek Hill, John and Pat Bates and Pam and Caillin Byrne lead the group, with support from Kath Beck and Peter Crathorne. This club is designed for seniors who enjoy relaxing and engaging in friendly conversations over coffee or tea. Weekly activities include games like pool. The Christmas celebrations were a highlight, and birthdays are typically celebrated with cake and occasionally some “bubbly” for the milestone occasions. Approximately 30 members attend each Thursday and we are grateful to our volunteer drivers as, for some, this is their only outing during the week. For more information, please get in touch with us.



From time to time, members are overcome with the desire to create some craft.



Regular birthday cake



The club's most important role “putting the world to rights”



TUESDAY CLUB This is a weekly meeting for men who come together to enjoy pool and other games. It also serves as a platform for participants to participate in training sessions through the "Learn My Way" programme, utilising laptops and iPads. Free support is available to help resolve issues and improve skills. For further details, reach out to John Garner at 01564 795041. Peter oversees the IT group.



24 HOUR TELEPHONE HELPLINE

The 24-hour helpline is overseen by a committed and trained volunteer who typically manages around three phone calls each week. The subjects of these calls differ greatly, spanning from light chats to more detailed conversations that require guidance. If needed, individuals can schedule meetings at the Hub for additional assistance or support. Furthermore, home visits are arranged when appropriate and if the questions become complex, referrals to specialised professionals are provided.



Financial Crisis Support

To ensure fairness among all participants, we choose not to implement specific fees for our events. Instead, we invite those who are able to contribute towards the costs associated with each activity.

For instance, the Thursday club typically suggests a voluntary donation of £4 per session. This year, there are no fees for the youth club, though some parents have kindly made donations.



Refurbishment complete.

You need to visit to appreciate the wonderful impact our upgrade has made to the pleasant surroundings our users now enjoy. Many thanks to John and Gail who headed up this project.



FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING

THIS IS YOU! . THANKYOU THANKYOU. THANKYOU.

£12,555

Personal donations for the financial year
April 1st 2025 - March 31st 2026

TARGET OF £13,000 JUST MISSED!

Other fundraising is just short of our target.

Business sponsorship. £9,000

Grants. £21,000

Income from users £8,500

Funding for Buildings. £21,000

EXPENDITURE

£54,000,

including £21,000 on the Building Refurb.

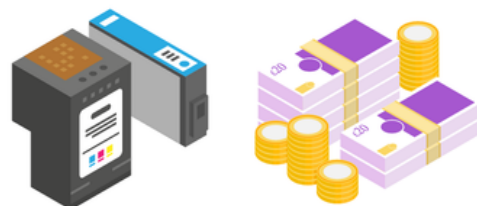
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The Co-op has been a great supporter of the Hub. Our funds could rely on regular donations of round £3,000 per year. Unfortunately the local shop has chosen other recipients of their charitable money, all of which are in areas other than Henley. The Trustees cannot understand why the Co-op would think that our local residents would support these organisations. As a result, our supporters are being encouraged to transfer their attentions to “easyfundraising” where we could, with everyone’s help, start to recoup our losses.



Families from Henley can book a Children's
Party at the Hub

INFO AND CHAT

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