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If you are looking for somewhere to have a party, host an event, run a training course or hold a meeting please do get in touch.

We are taking bookings for 2025.

Please contact us on **07462663011** or email **sudburyhive@outlook.com**

A graphic with the word "JOIN" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, and the word "NOW" in smaller, black, bold, sans-serif capital letters, both centered on a solid purple rectangular background.

NEW TRUSTEES WANTED

We are looking for someone to join the team of Trustees if you are interested please get in touch by sending an email to **sudburyhive@outlook.com**

If you have any information that you would like included in the Sudbury Hive newsletter please send these to **sudburyhive@outlook.com**

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SUDBURY HIVE

Joy Abbot Hall



The Djangoliers

Saturday 12th October

7pm

(Doors open 6.30pm - Tickets
available from 1st Oct)



The Accidentals and Flat Broke

Saturday 16th November

7pm

(Doors open 6.30pm - Tickets
available from 1st Nov)

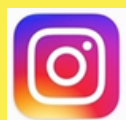


Both events include a Licensed Bar

**Tickets only £10 each from
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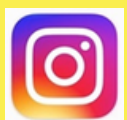
FUNDRAISING

More financial challenges for Hive!

Part of the Listed Building Consent for the Hive Community Hub is the requirement that a survey be done of the current heating system with recommendations for replacing this with something more suitable, especially for the Joy Abbot Hall. Until the radiators are removed and the pipework re-designed in there the pews cannot be taken out, which means that the other changes needed (levelling the floor etc) cannot happen. So changes to the heating were always on the 'to do' list.

However, last winter we had issues with the 30+ year old gas boiler down in the cellar and, on inspection, it was clear that the boiler is now beyond further repair and may fail without warning. So Hive faced more funding challenges again this year.

We set to and invited quotations from heating companies to undertake the survey work and prepare recommendations on the changes needed to keep the building heated. AJ Energy from Colchester were chosen as the company to do this work.



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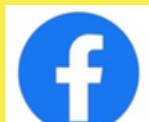
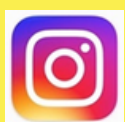
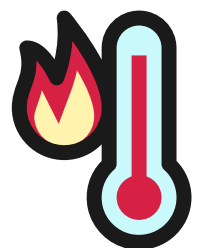
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In view of the costs and the fact that Friars Hall and the adjacent rooms are used most often by community groups, the Trustees have decided to go ahead with installing a new heating system just for Friars Hall (the work on the Joy Abbott Hall will be taken forward later). Quotations were invited a few months' ago for the new system and these have now been considered by Trustees and a contractor chosen.

The next challenge – as always – is finding the funding to meet the costs of the work – likely to be in the region of **£35,000**. Alongside Hive's own fund-raising for the new heating system, mainly from lunch-time and evening concerts and generous donations from members of the public, grant applications are being made for the money needed.

We hope to keep the current boiler working for as long as possible until the new system can be installed but have emergency plans for heating, just in case the boiler stops working before the new system is in place.

~ **Lesley Ford-Platt (Hive Trustee)** ~



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TRAINING COURSES

Free Training Courses at the Hive

Hive has a number of courses it can offer free to voluntary and community groups across Suffolk.

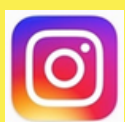
Most of these could be offered free, either as public courses or courses exclusively for your organisation.

If you feel, for example, that your trustee board or board of directors could do with a refresher on their roles and responsibilities or you have a number of staff or volunteers who supervise or manage a group of volunteers, you could book a course exclusively for your organisation.

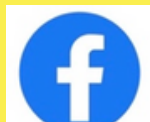
On the other hand, if you would like to send staff or volunteers on a public course with people from other organisations, that is fine.

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Courses on offer:

Trustees Roles and Responsibilities (can be half day or a whole day)

Brush up on your roles and responsibilities and your legal duties as well as understand the difference between governance and management. The session also looks at risks to your organisation and how you can move forward with strategic and business planning.

Recruiting and managing a diverse Board (Half day course)

How do you ensure that your board is fit for purpose and is diverse enough to represent the needs of the community you serve? This session will help you reflect on this.

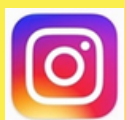
Risk management for Boards and Staff (Half day course)

Are you ensuring that you meet all the risks that your organisation faces? This session helps you look at all the risks your organisation might face and helps you to come up with effective control measures to mitigate those risks.

Introducing the Charity Governance Code (Half day)

The Charity Governance code has been in existence for many years and offers best practice in how to govern your organisation. Find out more about how to ensure that your organisation is fit for purpose.

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Courses on offer:

Introducing the Trusted Charity Mark (Half day)

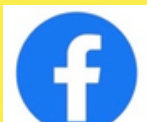
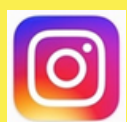
The Trusted Charity Mark (formerly known as PQASSO – Practical Quality Assurance Standard for Small Organisation) is the main quality mark for the Voluntary and Community Sector to demonstrate that it is fit for purpose. It covers eleven areas of your work including governance, planning, user involvement, finance, resources, partnership working and so forth. Come and find out more about this standard which has been met by hundreds of charities.

Managing Productive Meetings (Half day course)

Find out how you can make your meetings – trustee, staff or other meetings - more productive, constructive and meaningful. From setting agendas to developing good chairing skills this session could transform the way you hold your meetings.

Writing good minutes (Half day course)

Minute taking is rarely taught and yet we waste time writing minutes that are often not read and are far too long. This course helps you to concentrate your minute taking on what is important and keeping them short and concise, thus saving you and others time.



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Courses on offer:

Managing and Supervising Volunteers (One day course)

This one-day course will take you through the different stages of managing and supervising volunteers from recruitment, through induction, training and development with lots of practical tips on how to provide volunteers with a rewarding experience.

Speaking and Presentation Skills (One day course)

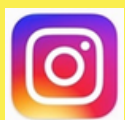
This session will help you to confront and overcome your nerves to ensure that you deliver interesting and motivating talks, whether it is to promote yourself or your organisation.

How to write a good strategic or business plan (One day course)

Lots of practical tips and advice on how to develop a clear and focussed strategic and business plan that will assist in taking your organisation forward.



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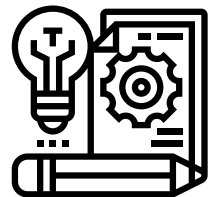
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Are you a subscriber to X?



Charities are being urged to cancel their subscriptions to X (formerly Twitter) because of the deluge of racist comments and misinformation on the site. It is claimed that X is not doing enough to take action.

Are you allowing your volunteers greater flexibility?



Charities need to be thinking about providing their volunteers with greater flexibility, particularly in the hours that they work and in providing volunteers with opportunities to work ad-hoc hours. The average age of volunteers is beginning to fall – for example the British Heart Foundation has found that its volunteers now have an average age of 30, rather than the average age of 50 before Covid. Younger people tend to want to volunteer at times that suit them.

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New codes coming in for 2025.

Two of the best-known codes of practice are set for changes in 2025. The Fundraising Regulator has published a revised draft of the Code of Fundraising Practice which is now out for a final consultation, running for 8 weeks until November 1st. It is now expected to be more user friendly. By visiting the Fundraising Regulator website you can read more and express your views. Meanwhile, the Charity Governance Code working party has recently finished its consultation on publishing a new version of the code due out in early 2025.

First Local Authority issued with a Charity Commission Warning



Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council is the first local government authority to be issued with an official warning from the Charity Commission. It runs thirteen different charities and has failed to file accounts for any of them for several years. It seems that the local councillors do not understand their responsibilities in relation to running charities.

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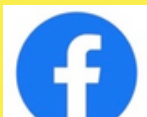
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Around 1200 charities (such as parks, gardens and buildings) in England and Wales are governed by local councils. The Charity Commission has written to all councils reminding them of their duties.

Recent research reports both gloomy and positive



Recent research suggests that a third of charities expect their finances to deteriorate this Autumn as demand for their services grow. 18% of charities expect to cut their services due to rising costs, and many organisations report facing recruitment difficulties. At the same time other research findings published recently suggest that one in six wealthy people in this country could afford to double their donations to charities. If they were to do so, this could result in another £2.8bn coming into the sector! If you have any wealthy donors, treat them well!! On a more positive note, public trust in charities is at a ten year high!



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Writing privacy notices



The Office of the Information Commissioner has recently launched a new free toolkit to generate privacy notices for small charities to help you develop your own privacy notices. A privacy notice lets people know what information you have and what you'll do with it. It's never been easier to make your own privacy notice, and having one is a great way to show people you can be trusted with their information.

The Commissioner has replaced its privacy notice template with a quick and easy generator tool to help you create a bespoke privacy notice in just a few simple steps. This brand new tool has been designed for sole traders and start-ups, as well as small and medium-sized businesses and charities to help make sure your organisation is compliant with the law.



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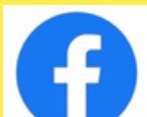


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LOCAL COURSES / TRAINING / SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES



GROW YOUR WELLBEING

Sudbury and Great Cornard

Come and join our FREE programme
It's a 12-week course, Mondays from
2nd September 2024 - 18th November 2024
at the Belle Vue Park Entrance: Newton Road
or Ingram's Wells Road CO10 2PP



Open Day
Monday 22nd July,
1pm - 3pm

We have fun, social and welcoming sessions for anyone aged 16+
Sessions will be tailored towards personal goals:

- developing practical skills
- supporting wellbeing
- building confidence
- getting closer to nature
- finding a sense of community
- meeting new people



To join the course or register to volunteer,
please contact Project Manager Susannah
Robirosa on 07530 407302 or email
susannah@activlives.org.uk
or call ActiveLives on
01473 345350

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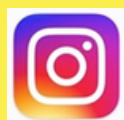


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Grow Your Wellbeing is a FREE 12-week programme in the great outdoors, helping you gain skills and confidence while improving your health and wellbeing.

<https://activlives.org.uk/activgardens/grow-your-wellbeing/>

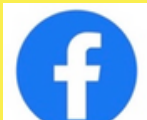
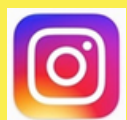
The course starts on Monday 2nd September and runs until Monday 18th November 2024 at Belle Vue Park, Ingram's Wells Road, Sudbury CO10 2RG

You will attend from 10am to 12.30pm, with the option to stay for lunch and volunteer in the afternoon 1pm to 3pm.

We meet at the wooden volunteer hut near the flower beds in front of Belle Vue House, close to the Newton Road Entrance.

If you or someone you know or support is interested in taking up a place, or finding out more, please get in touch:

Susannah Robirosa on 07530 407302 or email susannah@activlives.org.uk or call ActivLives on 01473 345350.



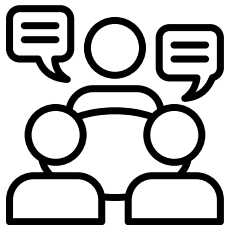
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The Chatty Café Scheme is the UK's leading non-profit organisation tackling loneliness.

Offer services, all designed to reduce loneliness and/or social isolation. They include;



- Face to face meet ups where venues offer 'Chatter & Natter' tables, where customers can get together and chat. We have hundreds of venues around the UK, many Chatter & Natter tables are hosted by Chatty Table Volunteers.



- Online Chatty Cafe Sessions held every Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm – 1:30pm. Anyone over 18 can join, simply to chat to others.



Where?

Salvation Army - 1 Station Road, Sudbury, CO10 2SP
<https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/venue/the-salvation-army-3/>

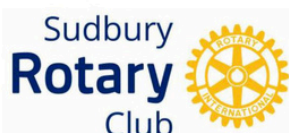
Thursday mornings - 9am - 12.30pm

Pop along between these times to attend a chatty table session.



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Christmas Tree Festival
at Sudbury Arts Centre
(St Peter's)
3rd – 8th December 2024



This is your invitation to take part in our Christmas Tree Festival this December.

The festival provides a wonderful showcase for your organisation, charity, business, school, church and I know that many of you really enjoy being involved. As you know, places at the festival are greatly sought after. **I shall be ready to process your replies from Wednesday 9th October onwards** – roughly a month away. **The deadline for replies is Saturday 9th November**, but apologies if we are already 'sold out' by then. If you know of others who might be interested, please feel free to share this invitation with them.

This year the festival will, once more, be in **Sudbury Arts Centre (St Peter's)**. We shall set up the trees for the festival on **Monday 2nd December** (YES, A MONDAY) and open to the public on **Tuesday 3rd December**. The Festival will remain open until **4.0pm on Sunday 8th December**, a little later this year, when dismantling and tree collection can commence. The morning of **December 9th** will be our day to clean and tidy and for you to collect your tree if you could not do so the previous day.

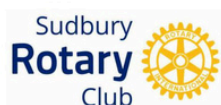
The cost per tree remains the same this year at £20 for non-commercial exhibitors and £30 for commercial enterprises. As usual the tree remains your property after the event. Nearer the time I'll ask you if you want your tree after the festival. No money will be banked before the opening unless you pay direct by electronic transfer.

Please support us again in trying to offer the town a memorable and joyous start to Christmas 2024. We can cheer up Sudbury as we bring Christmas to the town centre for all to enjoy.

Roger – for Sudbury Rotary.

To apply for a tree:

Please complete the entry form below and return as indicated **between Wednesday 9th October and Saturday 9th November**.



Christmas Tree Festival 2024
Sudbury Arts Centre (St Peter's)



I/We would like to purchase and decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival

Name Organisation

Address Postcode

E-mail address Tel

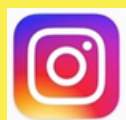
Theme/title

Please return to Rotary, 62 Friars Street, Sudbury, CO10 2AG or to ctf@sudburyrotary.com or to Sudbury Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall, Sudbury **between Wednesday 9th October and Saturday 9th November**.

Please attach your cheque for £30 (commercial enterprises) or £20 (non-commercial) made payable to *The Rotary Club of Sudbury*. Electronic transfer is also available at "Rotary Club of Sudbury", 30-98-31, 00186197. Please add your name to the transfer.

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