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LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

During the summer at the Hive Community Hub we were fortunate to host a variety of fantastic lunchtime concerts which were a huge success. We are grateful to Roger Green for organising such a wonderful community event. All the musicians, including folk singers, choral groups, classical instrumentalists and vocalists who took part in 11 concerts over the summer gave their services for free and raised over £1000 for Hive funds! Thank you!

The Accidentals under the leadership of their conductor David Butcher will be performing on Friday 13th October from 7pm. This event is free of charge which includes a glass of wine on arrival and a retiring collection for Hive funds. There are organ recitals planned for November and December with more information to follow.



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ROTARY CLUB - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This annual and very popular event will be taking place from 5 to 10 December, when local charities, schools and companies have the opportunity to decorate a tree and take part in what is always a magical start to the Christmas season. More information will be available on the Sudbury Rotary web site: [<http://www.sudburyrotary.com>], or please email info@sudburyrotary.com or leave a message on the Club telephone (07341 290415) if you wish to book a tree.



ITV NEWS ANGLIA



A couple of weeks ago the Hive was featured on ITV news Anglia. The news team visited a local toddler group which is run by The Befriending Scheme to discuss with parents about how confident they would be to do CPR. This group takes place every Tuesday at the Hive Centre.

It was wonderful to see our community hub featured on the news.

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During the summer the Hive Trustees have been busy meeting with different contractors, building professionals etc to begin planning and organising important maintenance work to improve the building.

HIVE FORUM MEETING

We are in the process of organising another Hive Forum Meeting which is likely to take place on either Tuesday 31st October or Tuesday 7th November. We will confirm the date asap.

This is a great opportunity to network with others groups in our community to see how we can all work together and facilitate each other to help our community.

A light lunch will be provided.

If you have any information that you would like included in the Sudbury Hive newsletter please send these to
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Community Climate Action Roadshow

Come and speak with local groups and organisations about climate action tips, initiatives, and opportunities in your area.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' Community Climate Action Roadshow will be coming to the Hive next month – why not drop in!

Sudbury Hive Community Hub

Saturday 14 October

9am-12pm

Stallholders will include a mix of organisations who provide a range of support and activities, such as:

- repair cafés
- isolation and community support groups
 - wildlife conservation
 - active travel such as cycling
 - litter picking
 - energy saving advice
- carbon reduction advice and schemes
 - waste reduction
 - and more!

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Annual Reports

As many organisations and charities will be writing their annual reports for the year 2022/3 at the moment to submit to the Charity Commission by the end of January 2024, you may be aware that the Commission has introduced a new system for uploading reports and submitting annual returns. It is worth checking that you can enrol on the system, as reports suggest that some organisations are having trouble enrolling and you don't want to find yourself having difficulties at the last moment. Whilst on this subject, do remember that within the report you must include a paragraph on how you meet public benefit. This requirement has been around for many years but there are still some organisations who have never introduced this in their reports.

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Charity Commission Investigations

The Commission have been concluding a number of investigations into poor practice within charities recently, and a major theme emerging is poor financial practices and trustees failing to keep a close eye on finances. One charity was criticised for the fact that the Treasurer, who was going on an extended holiday, had signed a number of blank cheques that could be used while he was away. This is a definite no-no! In another charity an ex-Services Manager was jailed for four years for defrauding the organisation out of £150k, as she was able to approve invoices authorising payments to four separate bank accounts not known to the charity. It is important for charity boards to review their financial policies every year and to ensure that no one can create and approve invoices without checks and safeguards in place.

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Beware what you write

There has been renewed debate on charities' role as campaigners and discussion about what is and is not acceptable. Recently RSPB was heavily criticised for branding certain government ministers as liars and a vegan charity advert featuring a woman opening a killer yoghurt "flavoured with a mother's grief" was banned by the Advertising Standards Authority after a plethora of complaints.

A Rise in Youth Volunteering

Recent research on the cost of living increase has found that more young people want to volunteer with 42% of respondents saying that volunteering would boost their confidence. A key factor for young volunteers was being given flexibility, particularly in the hours they volunteer.

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The UK in Memory Market

In memory Giving is where three or more people fundraise for charity in memory of someone who has died, and this contributes around 40% of the Memory Market that is worth between £1.8 and £2.4 billion to charities. Last year one third of UK adults made funeral donations, and for the first time online payments have overtaken cash and cheque payments. Voluntary groups should be aware of this and ensure they make it easy for people to donate.

Code of Fundraising Practice Consultation

Consultations on the Code of Fundraising Practice closes on 1st December. If you wish to contribute to this, visit the Fundraising Regulator website.

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