

Oaklands Community Centre

Oaklands is a small but busy community space here in Saltash. We exist simply to bring people together, reduce isolation and make sure there's somewhere local, friendly and affordable for people to go.

We run regular coffee mornings which are as much about friendship as they are about coffee. They're relaxed, welcoming and open to anyone who wants to come along. Our bingo sessions are always popular too, they're good fun, very social and help us raise a bit towards keeping the centre going by selling refreshments and raffles.

Over the last year we have extended our Information Café, which we're particularly proud of. It gives residents the chance to sit down informally with local councillors, council officers and other officials to ask questions, raise issues or just understand what support is available. It helps break down barriers and makes things feel much more accessible.

Our community food larder is another important part of what we do. We provide surplus and donated food in a friendly, dignified setting. It's there for anyone who needs a bit of extra help, and it also helps reduce food waste. There's no judgement, just community supporting community.

Over the next year we plan to hold our summer fete, host events alongside Friends of Tinchcombe and develop our offerings from the kitchen.

Alongside that, we run gardening and wellbeing groups, dementia-friendly activities and seasonal events throughout the year. Most of what we do is low-cost or donation-based because we want it to stay accessible to everyone.

We also hire the hall out to local groups, small events and meetings. We try to keep our rates affordable so local organisations and residents have a practical space they can actually use.

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