

Community Enterprises PL12

Report to Saltash Town Council

January 2022

It's been a busy couple of months!

We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting 2022, especially now that life will return to some normality after the Covid pandemic. This is a summary of the main activities taking place within CEPL12.

Return of the Mobile Larder

We're really pleased that our Mobile Larder is resuming from 17th January, following alternate routes around Saltash every Monday. (See our advert for times & details). Our volunteers will be announcing the arrival at each stop with a little bell and will be at each stop for 15 – 20 minutes. We hope this service will help people who find it difficult to access our regular Community Fridge based at 4 Fore Street.

Seed Swap & Share

We're holding a Seed Swap & Share at our Community Hub, 4 Fore St, on Saturday 12th February, 1 – 3pm. Gardeners can bring along any surplus veg or flower seeds they have – whole or part packets – and swap with other gardeners. We also have over 400 packets of veg seeds which have been donated by seed producers; these are FREE to anyone who will grow them, all we ask is that some of the produce grown is donated back to the Community Fridge.

Last year, we distributed over 700 packets of vegetable seeds free to the PL12 community, (paid for through the sale of produce grown at the community school) to enable people to grow healthy, nutritious veg at home. This year we hope to be holding another Plant Swap & Sale during May Fair this year, and will be accepting plant donations from residents. All the proceeds support our Gardening Group, which grows produce at the Community School, & donates it to the Community Fridge.

Jubilee Wildflower Seedshare

Grow your own patriotic wildflowers! As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, our Gardening Group has packets of red, white & blue wildflower seeds to give away; these will be available at the Seed Swap on 12th February, or from our Community Hub at 4 Fore St during February.

We also have packets of "wild bird" wildflower seeds, which will produce seeds in the autumn to feed the wild birds. These will also be available at the Seed Swap on 12th February, or from our Community Hub at 4 Fore St during February. This is just one of the activities organised by the Jubilee committee.

Community Kitchen

Building works are now underway on the refurbishment of The Kitchen; Do pop your head in to see how the workmen are progressing (as long as H & S allows) We are most grateful to Weatherhead Shopfitting for their support & sponsorship.

This will be a long-term relationship with Weatherhead, as their aim is for their staff to volunteer with us in the future.

Most work should be completed by the end of January, & activities/ groups are starting at the beginning of March. We have a number of groups signed up, including Man Down (men's peer support group), My Voice Cornwall (ladies' peer support group), Link into Learning, Wellbeing café with social prescribers, Battling On wellbeing arts group. We are in discussions with other community groups.

Platinum Jubilee

A working party has been pit together for the Jubilee celebrations in June, & I am working with Cllr Hilary Frank on organising a Steet Party in Fore St on the Sunday.

Website

Our new website is now fully operational, save online bookings system, which is ongoing & should be in place in February.

CIO Application

The Charities Commission have confirmed that our application has been received, and is being considered.

Transport

Our popular day trips are now being resumed.

Community Fridge

This is getting busier as more families struggle. We are currently operating 4 times a week, with our Mobile Larder resuming service on Mondays, following 2 alternating routes around Saltash. We are looking forward to the Community Fridge having a permanent base at * fore St, which will be the Community Kitchen.

Jo Baskott

Chair

End of Report