



The warm welcome scheme has been put into action across the country with the imminent threat of a difficult winter ahead for lots of our residents with rising fuel and food costs.

We as a community lead charity and Parish council therefore should be coordinating a way in which we can support our local community.

With this in mind on the 5th October Angie, Margaret, Gloria, and I met with Sue Browning from Woollard's, Carolyn Tibbott from St Mary's, Dianne Hodgkinson of the Methodist Church, Mick Tinsley from Broomfield Football Club and a representative from the Angel.

Between us we have devised a plan so that there is a 'warm Space' offered each day of the week to the community, this will be advertised using the warm welcome poster (above) which will be the same in each venue.

Starting week commencing 31st October, 2022 until April 2023

Monday – Angel Pub – Will provide Free Tea and Coffee in the back room. Dates times and length to be discussed.

Tuesday – St Mary's Church will provide Soup and a roll, teas and coffees.

Wednesday – Angel Pub - Will provide Free Tea and Coffee in the back room

Thursday – 12-3 Broomfield Village Hall – Will provide a hot lunch, Teas and Coffees

Friday – Angel Pub – Will provide Free Tea and Coffee in the back room

Weekends are still to be discussed with the two churches depending on volunteers and services.

The Football club and Woollard's will support where they can.

Alongside this I wish the Parish Council to consider a Community Larder, this would be in the Village Hall foyer we would accept donations for the Larder of nonperishables, it can be monitored via the CCTV if we feel it is being 'abused', the Village Hall is the perfect place for this as it is open a varied amount of time over the week. We would trial the project for the next 6 months over winter.

Many Parish councils and community centers across the country are providing such services for their communities.

How can the Parish Council help

- Pay for the rental of the large hall between 12 and 3pm each Thursday - £1500
- Provide £500 towards costs of food to cook for the community
- Parish councilors to help support the project by volunteering where possible to provide support for our families at all venues.
- Provide £200 for a Larder style unit for the village hall and a further £100 for filling it the first time after which we will be asking for donations.

Not only does this project provide our community with warm spaces and food it also will help with social isolation which we know is a difficult thing for so many.

I have approached Morrisons and Asda for support for donations of food and will apply for ECC Warm community's grant once it is launched.

If anyone has any questions, please just ask.

Thank you
Donna Hance