

## Brampton Village HUB Services



*LINKING UP*



### **Introduction**

We offer a wide and growing range of volunteer run community services provided through Hub member organisations, each of which has its own management group. There are no paid staff. Our Parish Council Chairman and our County Councillor are Hub Board members and Brampton Hub is a standing item on the Parish Council agenda. The Parish Council supports the Hub in many ways. We also link with our District Councillors.

When required, Hub members link together to provide a comprehensive support plan for people needing support. The Hub also links up with other organisations and has received referrals from Brampton Surgery; The Alzheimer's Society; Huntingdon District Council; Cambridgeshire County Council Social Services; Age UK; Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and The RAF Benevolent Fund.

Brampton Hub is on the list of Recognised Organisations for both Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council and they support us with expertise, training and funding for community related projects.

The Hub administers DBS checks and provides safeguarding training for our volunteers.

Also on offer to Hub members is an independently audited Treasury function and insurance provision for member organisations requiring these services.

### **Funding**

Our funding over the past year has included :-

- £20,000 from the Parish Council;
- £10,000 from Huntingdon District Council for a Young People's Mental Health;
- £5,900 from the Evelyn Trust for Bramshed equipment;

Last week we received £4,250 to provide lifts to and from dementia support related events held in the Village and for those in need of lifts to Diamond Hampers budget food outlet in Huntingdon.

In recent months we have received a walloping £95,447 S106 money paid by the developer of Brampton Park for predefined categories of community projects. Our proposed plan for use of the money has been approved by the County Council.

### **Funded new projects**

- Brampton Parents and Babies Centre - in conjunction with Brampton Surgery, Cambridgeshire County Council and Montague House Care Home who are providing the venue.
- A library based Community Information Centre offering computer, printing and wifi facilities; Citizen's Advice type support and training for local volunteers. (We will be considering providing computer training and online shopping in the library).

- The development of a Hub Services Website – will also include details of services not provided by Brampton Hub but which residents might find useful.
- The provision of an Out-reach Pop up Library.
- More books for primary age children. The Community Library have linked up with Brampton Village Primary School. Every class in the Primary School has visited the library in recent months. The demand for books for primary aged children has soared.
- A Mental Health project for young people who have been assessed by Brampton Surgery. The past 3 years has seen massive increases nationally in young people's mental health issues and this has been reflected in numbers attending Brampton Surgery. There is currently a wait of up to 18 months to see Counsellor. As a result some young people are missing significant amounts of school time. The Hub will finance specialist Young People's counsellors for the Surgery. In tandem with this, Brampton Youth Club will continue to introduce positive mental health building activities.

Note The Youth Club started in late September and is now at room capacity (40) with large numbers of young people being turned away. We are working on this issue with the Parish Council.

- A Coronation Event on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> including a Coronation big lunch picnic on the Village Green from 12-4pm with entertainment, strawberries and cream and free celebration cake all funded from the S106 money.
- A Toy Library for young children.
- A by invitation only, Chatty Café – in conjunction with Brampton Surgery and Lo's Café – targeted at working age people whose wellbeing would benefit from socialising with others.

## Appendix – Hub Members

- **ALBRAM** Car Scheme and Patients Group - Lifts for the infirm to and from surgery; hospital; optician; and dentist.
- **Brampton Community Library**
- **Brampton Events Group** Summer Fete; Christmas Lights on the Green; Movie Afternoons quizzes etc.
- **Brampton Good Neighbour Scheme**
  - Home visit companion;
  - Helping the elderly and infirm find and supervise tradesmen for small jobs – link to Age UK;
  - Help with shopping & prescription collection;
  - Carer relief – allowing carers to have some ‘me time’;
  - Management of ordering and installation of lifeline alarms;
  - Money management support;
  - Administration support (Post, gas, electricity, bank etc);
  - Benefits and Allowances advice and applications – (Training provided by Cambridgeshire County Council);
  - Bus Pass applications and renewals;
  - Blue Badge applications and renewals;
  - Advocacy - speaking up for people struggling with bureaucracy;
  - Technology enabled care advice.
- **Dementia Friendly Village Group** Offers support and runs the :
  - Dementia Reconnect Social Club;
  - the Dementia Choir;
  - Love to Move – For those with dementia, a seated movement programme to music;
  - the Thursday Club – a day club with the objective of giving a carer a day off.
- **Falls Prevention Balancing Exercises**
- **IT Mentoring & Support** Solving your computer problems or demonstrating how run applications.
- **Bramshed** offers a friendly and social working environment and aims to tackle tasks for example refurbishing furniture, making bird boxes, kite making etc .
- **Brampton Arts & Crafts Group** recently opened its new premises and offers a range of opportunities to for creative minds to work on projects together in a supportive, friendly environment.
- **St Mary Magdalene Church – Befrienders Social Group** and general support within the Village.
- **Social Health Walks Group** – A chat, an hour’s walk with coffee & homemade cake after -Thursday mornings 10.15am start at Memorial Playing Fields Centre.
- **Jobs Club** – Help with skills analysis, CV preparation, interview techniques etc.
- **Diamond Hampers** Provision of food for households unable to feed themselves (There are over 100 registered household in Brampton who are receiving this support. The food is provided by supermarkets and using grants provided.
- **Brampton Youth Club and Pop In Centre** -
- **Brampton Afghan and Ukrainian Refugee Support** Referrals are received from Huntingdonshire District Council. A support task force has been pulled together from the various Hub members and i new volunteers, to work closely with refugee support agencies and local authorities. Family liaison volunteers have been appointed.