



**Community Matters in Elmbridge
Tuesday 1st November 2pm
Cromwell centre**

Present

Wendy Griffin	SCC Libraries
Elizabeth Whiddett	Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership (chair)
Lorraine Crossland	Brooklands College
Yvonne Hudson-Vaughan	Action for Carers
Nicola Buchan	Esher C of E High School
Dorah May Hancock	Love of Learning
Jenny French	Lower Green Community
Rachael Smart	Elmbridge Housing Trust
Georgette Watson	Snr Ch Centre Dev Officer SCC
Laura Tufnail	Community Development VAE
Pauline Guppy	Family Learning

1. Welcome

EW gave apologies for Mary Herbert and introduced Lorraine Crossland, the new Head of Adult Learning for Brooklands College who will be talking about local initiatives and opportunities.

Minutes were approved apart from changes submitted by NB, minutes to be re-circulated. Action; EW

2. Speakers

Lorraine Crossland – Brooklands College

Skills for Life courses were taking place at the Henrietta Parker Centre in Molesey, Cobham Methodist Church, Stanwell, Sun Ash Children’s Centres and Walton Library. Some courses were running in Camberley for disengaged young people. New funding from Skills Conditionality meant that JCP were referring job seekers to Brooklands College for numeracy, literacy and ESOL accredited classes with some flexibility to offer extra units. A partnership with the Heathrow Academy had been created and can cross service learners. Supported learning called ‘learning for employment and progression’ was offered with start dates in November and January

Rachael Smart - Elmbridge Housing Trust

The Halloween party was well attended by over 60 people. One of the Mother’s wants to organise further events and also to set up a parent/toddler group to run on Fridays. Both the graffiti and lantern projects were well attended. The community seem happier to engage with local events for local people. The youth club cafe was going well but ‘challenging’ - it took eight months to plan and a lot of ongoing commitment from adults. The Christmas cinema event was planned for the first week in December. A comprehensive resident training programme is offered and some have now been trained to run events or become a resident inspector. Many were very nervous but have blossomed since enrolling on the courses.

3. Market Place update

Jenny French- Lower Green Community

Jenny explained that Lesley Carver had left the project early and now the two administrators, with Claire Green ex Elmbridge BC, were taking the project forward. Fifteen ideas were put forward as events and the residents now had to set up the events themselves. Ideas included football, an art group, gardening, cooking, exercise classes, food bank and a toy bank.

Nicola Buchan – Esher C of E High School

A NEET predictor has been established to show which children, without intervention, might end up not in Education Employment or training. NB also reminded people that those who receive free school meals are also eligible for free activities funding. An email is sent to all parents every two weeks if partners had something relevant to add.

Pauline Guppy – Family learning

PG is working with Marvet at Three Rivers to run a First Aid Course.

Yvonne Hudson Vaughan – Action for Carers

Carers were being offered 'Back to Work' courses such as confidence building and presentation skills.

Laura Tufnail – Voluntary Action Elmbridge

LT will be participating in a course called Made of Money which is a train the trainer course early December and some places are available. The first course will run in January for seven weeks and include budgeting and financial literacy.

Dorah May Hancock - Love of Learning

'Looking Good, Feeling Good' and back to work course has started for unemployed women in the Cromwell Centre and a second course for NEETs is planned at St John's and Lower Green. Jewellery classes were also now in progress at the Cromwell Centre. Please contact DMH if you know of anyone who might benefit.

Georgette Watson – Area Manager, Children's Centres

No replacement at Grovelands yet but Sally-Ann had started at Burhill.

Action: GW to send new list to EW for distribution

Wendy Griffin – SCC Libraries

Molesey is no longer on the list of libraries under discussion and will continue operating. Mobile libraries have now been withdrawn although a possible book distribution system is still being discussed. The libraries are keen to host Job Clubs. Get on Line events and other activities were being held including First Click, an

online training course which took Ancestry as a theme. At present these activities are not in Elmbridge.

Elizabeth Whiddett – Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership

SLLP has a laptop loan scheme in place and also runs a Community Learning Champions Scheme and a Digital Inclusion project. EW has been working with two people in Elmbridge on one to one literacy learning and also writing a bid for literacy support at present and would welcome any data, anecdotes on near illiteracy – those whose first language is English yet cannot read letters from banks/school etc.

4. AOB and date of next meeting

Thank you to RS for the use of the centre and the tea and coffee. Date of next meeting 28 February 2012 2pm Lower Green, Farm Road, KT10 8AU