

Northstowe Community Forum – CDO report

11 January 2023

Kickstart fund

The Northstowe Development Team are pleased to be supporting the Kickstart Fund launched at the Forum this evening. Please contact us on the Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk email address if you have any questions.

Community projects

We would like to hear about your ideas regarding future community projects and events in Northstowe. Please speak to one of us this evening or email our Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk address and we can arrange a time to meet with you or talk on the telephone.

Winter Festival

Since the last Forum in November, the Winter Festival has had many successful events. The Festival lasts until the end of February, so there is still a small window of opportunity. If you have any ideas that you would like to discuss, please talk to us this evening or email Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

Occupation Count

Phase 1 New build - 1171

Phase 2 New Build – 26

Newbuild Total - 1197

Northstowe overall total – 1296

The next occupation count is scheduled towards the end of February 2023

Drop-in

We trialled an evening drop-in session in December, residents were invited to talk a guest organisation, on this occasion we invited Greenbelt – it gave residents the opportunity to ask individual questions.

Our next evening Drop-in will be in February, we have some ideas for this one, but we would gladly discuss any recommendation you have for future organisations or themes for 2023.

Defibrillator Update

The defibrillator which was previously located at the David Wilson show home has now been relocated to Pathfinder Primary School in Northstowe. This was installed by a qualified electrician courtesy of JLB Electrical, it will be serviced by a professional contractor at the beginning of February. The defibrillator is located on the school's external wall to the right of the building, as the site is accessed from the main gates, please see the map attached. We will inform the community when it is ready for use.

Community Day at the Allotments Phase 1

We are supporting the Northstowe Horticultural Association to identify volunteers who would like to take over some of the raised beds they are building. Volunteers will also be needed for the Community Day on 4th February to work on the Community Garden. Please get in touch if you'd be interested in participating in any of these initiatives. Val from the NHA is here tonight to answer any questions you might have.

Warm Hubs and Family Warm Space

We are continuing to support the Town Council with the Warm Hubs and have recruited a number of volunteers from the community to manage the project. These have started on 4th January in the Secondary College on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Come along for free hot drinks, a chat, arts and crafts activities, boardgames or just bring your laptop along to work from a warm space. The Community Development Team are also working with the Children's Centre to support their Family Warm Space sessions which will take place on a Thursday morning at Pathfinder School.