



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Council representatives reports to Council March 2025.

Hunter Centre (Cllr Miller)

We have been looking into making Haslemere Dementia and Disabled Friendly. To do this I will be attending the Kindness Café in Grayshott on the 5th March to talk to the organisers to see how they are doing. This was recommended by the Dementia Society who have stopped leading on their Dementia Friendly Drive.

From a meeting with various people, including Nurse Elaine Clement, it was noted the Haslewey already has an Kindness Café, with the Methodist Church and St Barts church also offering a similar facility. This allows places for people with dementia to meet.

Grayshott also keeps in touch with shops in their area to remind them that people with dementia do need more care and consideration to allow them to shop more easily. Similar efforts on other topics with shops in Haslemere has not been successful possibly because Haslemere has more shops. I will see from my discussions with Shottermill, if they know other methods that reap better results.

Hamish Macdonald who is a Community Engagement Officer of Home Instead in Godalming, an organisation who offers dementia care, is also keen on promoting dementia friendliness and the interested parties will be having a meeting with him to hear his ideas on approaches to the task.

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Haslemere Hall is a unique facility in offering local residents a place to put on Theatrical Performances as well as Films along with use of the hall itself for various functions.

Recently Simon Dear has taken over as Chairman of the Trustees who decides the policy of the Hall. Howard Bicknell is still its General Manager who decides amongst other things the Films to show at the centre.

Haslemere Hall is an old building and is beginning to show its age. Plans are going ahead to change the Film Screen and to decorate the Annex to be a more pleasant place to meet and have refreshments. There is a long term plan to upgrade the mezzanine floor. The council will have to see if it can support these upgrades in the historic building.