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## Reports from representatives

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### Hunter Centre

The Hunter Centre, housed in Marjorie Gray Hall, has been trying to turn Haslemere into a Dementia Friendly town. The nearest village that is dementia friendly is Grayshott. This runs a Kindness Café once a month, supported by the Huntington Langham care home and Cakes from a local Grayshott Café, to provide a friendly atmosphere for both local residents and people with early stage dementia. The Hunter Centre has wanted to emulate this initiative and has started a scheme that trains local shops to be able to recognise people with dementia and how to make allowances for them and help them with their purchases.

Haslemere already has a café at the Hasleway Centre that serves all the people in Haslemere. This is a different format from the Kindness Café in Grayshott but provides a useful environment for early stage dementia sufferers to maintain contact with other people. It is hoped to make the café at St Christophers Church more dementia friendly when it starts up again. This has been agreed in principle but more planning and organisation is required when the new extension at St Christophers is completed. This location has the advantage that it is near the Hunter Centre whose staff are then available to help if required.

The Hunter Centre is also grateful to Surrey County Council for the provision of a grant to set up a carers support group in Haslemere.

### Haslemere Hall

Haslemere Hall, being an older building, does suffer from design limitations from a modern perspective that limits its full use. This is a known limitation which will have to be rectified in the future. It is however pleased that it has been able to buy a new cinema screen for screening its regular films and other events it also shows. It is also grateful to the Haslemere Town Council for providing it a grant towards refurbishing it annexe, the area that houses a bar and a

Kitchen that serves ice cream and warm drinks.

The annexe, one area that shows its age, will be, with its modernisation, offered as an alternative venue for groups that do not require anything as large as the main hall. The modernisation will make it much more of a welcoming room for such occasions.

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**Serena Austin** <serena.austin@haslemeretc.org>

4 July 2025 at 12:55

To: Lisa O'Sullivan <town.clerk@haslemeretc.org>

Hi Lisa

This is what Tause has sent over - it's very impressive how well LHHW are doing.

- Repair Café hosted first Saturday of every month, 10am-1pm
  - Hosted Repair Café day for St Barts school Year 6 - 60 children
  - Repairers are turning wood to make 'wooden food' like eggs, apples and pears for the Haslemere Food Festival
- Library of Things:
  - Ran a campaign to request businesses to buy/ sponsor garden games e.g. Connect Four and giant Jenga.
  - Applied to HTC for a grant for garden games. Awarded £495.
  - Purchased garden games, alongside a party kit (reusable plates, bowls, cutlery cups)
  - Added additional items like a chocolate fountain, cake pop machine, ice machine etc – now around 60 items
  - Haslemere Library hosted a LoT coffee morning to showcase garden games
- Community Fridge
  - Collecting surplus food from M&S, Tesco, Waitrose daily
  - Fridge is open Monday – Saturday for an hour each day
  - Still no lease from Waverley for Pathways, and no indication of what fees we will have to pay
  - Serving around 300 people a week, and roughly 1,200-1,500kg of food redistributed weekly
  - Launching a surplus food cookbook, which is in development
- Shortlisted for BBC Make A Difference Awards. Filming for TV and Radio has now taken place for airing late August and on the night. Awards are at Lingfield Racecourse on 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Shortlisted for Global Good Awards in the Climate for Good category. Awards are on 24<sup>th</sup> September in Central London.