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Lymm charity sees Funding, Awards and new Jobs this Spring

Lymm Sanctuary Hub certainly has a “spring” in its step after securing funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

After five years of hard work by the team and reliance on volunteers, small grants and donations, the Hub is now secure and able to extend their support of Lymm locals.

The exciting news comes hot on the heels of other achievements, including winning Community Initiative at Warrington Business Awards 2022 and being a finalist for ‘Charity with under 50 volunteers’ at Cheshire Community ReAwards 2023.

The grant will be used to fulfil the Hub’s charitable objectives, namely to promote mental and physical wellbeing, support isolated and vulnerable local people, and tackle loneliness and household financial difficulties - all of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic and the current cost-of-living crisis.

The Hub will:

- raise awareness of its role, its projects and their benefits to the community;
- deliver projects to support more people in the local community;
- recruit and train more volunteers;
- create employment opportunities; and
- support other local projects, group activities, community and businesses organisations.

A restructure has already taken place and recruitment is underway to fill five new posts, including a Volunteer Coordinator, Projects Administrator and Operations Manager.

The Hub has begun two new projects following the ‘Community Matters’ public engagement events in September 2022. LymmPaC (Lymm Parents and Carers), a support group for families of children who have additional needs, meets Wednesday mornings at the Hub; and Lymm Companions is a pilot project offering friendship to anyone who is isolated, elderly, new to the village or living alone.

2023 has seen the growth of existing projects too, including the Memory Café, Singing for the Brain, Digital Café and Counselling Service. Add to this the start of work on Lymm Community Garden, incorporating the Lymm Tree (featured wearing its Spring and Coronation sleeves) and 2023 seems destined to see the Hub deliver great services and facilities in Lymm.

For further contact details, the 'Community Matters' e-newsletter, and project and volunteering news, view the QR code and link on the front cover.