

December 2020

Dear Friends of Oaken Grove Community Centre,

2020 has not been the year we had hoped for, which has meant many long months where we have not been able to meet and connect in the ways that we enjoyed so much in previous years.

We hope that you are keeping well and staying safe as we continue to live through these unprecedented times.

There have been many changes at Oaken Grove in recent months, most notably the departure of Sarah Davidson, who has left us to take up a position within the NHS. The role of Community Services Manager is currently being covered by Lisa Wellington, formerly the Administrative Assistant at Oaken Grove, until we recruit in the New Year.

We have also welcomed the Haxby Explore Library to Oaken Grove, who are open from 10:00am until 5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. They are currently in our Conservatory and Cafe areas, so do pop in to see them (and us!) if you are passing.

We have also been successful in securing funding from the Postcode Neighborhood Trust which is a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery. We have received £17,680 from the Trust to enable us to work towards securing the future of Haxby & Wigginton Youth & Community Association and Oaken Grove Community Centre, following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This means we can continue to operate in 2021 and rebuild the variety of activities and services we are able to offer.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to the community centre in the New Year, and to revive activities and opportunities for us to reconnect once again. We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions for things you would like us to do. Oaken Grove is *your* community centre, and we want to make sure we are serving you and the local community in the best way possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Christmas, and we hope to see you in the New Year.

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