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December Newsletter 2021

Dear Friends of Oaken Grove Community Centre,

Oaken Grove Community Centre is beginning to feel more like the social hub we are used to, as we reach the end of another unusual year.

### **Volunteers and Activities**

Our Youth Groups are continuing to grow, with the addition of our Crafting Club at Wigginton Old School on a Tuesday evening, and we hope to see this provision continue to grow in the New Year.

The Pop Inn is going from strength to strength and will run until 21st December. The volunteers will take a well earned break over Christmas but will return to restart the pop up cafe on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for returning to Oaken Grove this year and for their commitment and dedication which has been integral to the Pop Inn, and other aspects of work behind the scenes at the community centre, getting back up and running again.

### **Charity News**

We recruited for the role of Community Services Manager, with Lisa Wellington taking on the role in February 2021, having previously been the Administration Assistant at the centre. We have also recruited a new Administration Assistant in December 2021. Our Youth Team has also recruited new members of staff to support the growing provision.

We have had a change of branding, with a set of visually similar logos which individually represent the charity, our youth provision and the community centre. We hope this will help to bring all the elements of the charity and the community centre together.

### **Library Plan**

Another significant development in 2021 is the progress made on the plans to permanently house Haxby and Wigginton Explore Library within Oaken Grove Community Centre. This partnership has evolved after many years of discussion, specifically over the last two years, with a lot of hard work and negotiation on the part of our Trustees to ensure that any proposals would not affect the overall objective of the charity and enable both parties to best serve the local community. We are very excited that these plans are now public and have received such incredible feedback. 2022 will be a very exciting year for the community centre and we look forward to continuing to be able to welcome you to the various activities we hope to run.

### **Christmas and the New Year**

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. Please email [info@hwyca.co.uk](mailto:info@hwyca.co.uk) or ring 01904 769176 if you have any ideas or would like to get involved with an activity at Oaken Grove.

The office will be closed for Christmas from Thursday 23rd December and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January. The Library will be open until 1pm on Christmas Eve, and then reopens on Tuesday 4th January.

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