

Centre Re-opening Update

Although, in theory, we have been able to open the Centre since Saturday 4th July we have decided not to reopen until we have all the required measures in place. In assessing what is required, we are following Government Guidelines and have taken advice from ACRE (Action With Communities In Rural England). As part of that preparation we have undertaken a Covid-19 risk assessment to determine what action the Centre Staff and our Centre Users will have to take.

Centre Staff

As employers we must provide our Employees and Volunteers with a safe working environment. They will have access to face-masks, aprons and gloves if appropriate. In addition the Caretakers will be provided with face visors and a non contact thermometer to enable them or the User Groups to check for Covid-19 symptoms.

The booked Centre rooms will be cleaned at least once a day. Door handles, light switches, surfaces and toilets will be sanitised as part of this cleaning process.

We will operate a marked, one-way traffic system. Visitors will enter by the main door and exit via the relevant fire escape for each room in use. Additional hand sanitiser dispensers will be provided near the entrance to the building and by the the toilets.

Centre Users

We will be asking all groups who currently have Centre bookings to confirm that they still wish to retain the booking, mindful that we may need to alter the booking times slightly to avoid congestion if we have more than one group scheduled to arrive at the same time. Acceptance of the new safety guidelines will be a condition of hire. Notices will be posted throughout the building advising visitors of the need to follow safety guidelines.

Users and hirers of a community facility have responsibility for managing risks arising from their own activities. At present activity considered to pose a high Covid risk is not permitted indoors. (See table). There should be strict adherence to Social Distancing rules of 2 metres or 1 metre plus mitigation e.g. face-masks and/or rearranged seating. Users should ensure that rooms are well ventilated by opening windows and wiping down the surfaces they come in contact with before and after use.

User Groups should also control the numbers from their group who access the toilets, with attention being given to the needs of their more Covid vulnerable members. No more than two people should occupy the toilet rooms at any one time and the toilets and sinks should be wiped down before and after use. Cleaning wipes are provided and should be disposed of in bins after use.

Access to the kitchen should be limited to 1 group at a time with a maximum of 2 Group members in the kitchen. Users should bring their own tea towels and again wipe down all surfaces before and after use. Alternative hot water flasks will be made available if requested.

If despite all our best efforts a person who is found to have been Covid infected attends the Centre we are required to give the Track and Trace operatives a list all who were in the Centre at the relevant time. A list of all attendees whether members or guests is therefore required from each group on each occasion they attend. These lists will be kept confidentially by FCA for 21 days and will not be used for any purpose other than Track & Trace.

Payment for Room Hire

If at all possible, payment for room hire should be made by bank transfer as suggested on your Invoice. Because of the infection risk, payment by cash or even by cheque should be avoided if possible. Contactless methods of payment by card or phone have been introduced or upgraded.

Payment using PayPal is available even when there are no members of staff there to take payment and receipts will be sent by email.

Currently Prohibited Activities

- Live Shows
- Physical Exercise or Training
- Dancing
- Singing
- Loud Music
- Private Functions with more than 30 attendees

We can take advance bookings for indoor activities currently prohibited on the expectation that they will be allowed at the time. These bookings will be cancelled later if that proves not to be the case.

DURING LOCKDOWN.....

We have all had to learn to adjust to the lockdown and there has been no shortage of innovative approaches to "keeping in touch" with group members.

Unfortunately this year's Spring Quiz had to be cancelled but, undeterred, our Events Committee held a very successful virtual quiz.

The Zodiac have created a You Tube video performing "Make You Feel My Love" You can access this on their Facebook page. Also check out Frodsham Sings performing "So Strong".

U3A and many other groups have continued their regular meetings virtually using Zoom.

Krav Maga have recently braved the rain and held small socially distanced classes outdoors.

Beacon Hill Probus is shortly to hold a virtual beer tasting event.

The Frodsham and District Flower Club have shared fantastic photos of plants in their gardens and floral arrangements.

We look forward to welcoming people back in person.

200 Club Winners - June 2020

The annual prize draw of £1000 usually drawn at the AGM in June has been deferred until the rearranged AGM in October

No 002 Overton Probus	£300
No 094 JB Thomas	£50
No 150 G Booth	£25
No 116 A Boardman	£15
No 098 A Shaw	£15