

Moredon Sporting Hub - Community Update

SPLAT Messy Play

Moredon Sporting Hub is continuing to work with SPLAT Messy Play following the successful trial sessions held on 19th July and 23rd August. A further session has now been booked for 25th October, with additional dates being explored to continue providing this opportunity for local families.

The sessions provide young children with a fun, creative and inclusive environment where they can explore, play and learn through a variety of messy and sensory activities. The sessions encourage creativity, confidence, social interaction and early development in a relaxed setting.

As part of our commitment to supporting community activity at the Hub, I have previously made use of four of the Hub's community spaces available for use during these events. These spaces have been utilised by local families and have helped provide accessible opportunities for those who may otherwise not have been able to attend.

If any Councillors are aware of families who may benefit from attending an upcoming SPLAT session, or if any Councillor would like to book a community place for a family, please speak to me and I can assist with arranging this.

As part of the booking process, all participants are required to complete a disclaimer, including relevant health information and allergy details. This helps ensure that the sessions can be delivered safely and that any relevant requirements are identified in advance.

Knit and Natter

Moredon Sporting Hub welcome a local Knit & Natter group, providing residents with an opportunity to come together in a friendly and informal environment to socialise, share skills and develop their knitting abilities.

The sessions are free to attend and provide a welcoming space for people to meet others, work on their knitting projects and learn from one another. The group is helping to support social interaction and reduce isolation, while also encouraging people to develop and share their skills within the local community.

Following the initial sessions, a number of further dates have now been booked:

- 15th October
- 29th October
- 12th November

- 26th November
- 10th December

If any Councillors are aware of residents who may benefit from attending the group, particularly those who may welcome the opportunity to socialise, meet new people or develop their knitting skills, please speak to me and I can provide further information and assist with arranging attendance.

Christmas Meals – Community Event Update

Moredon Sporting Hub is looking to host a series of Christmas meal events during the week commencing 14th December, providing an opportunity for local residents and regular attendees of the hub to come together and enjoy a Christmas meal.

The main hall will be decorated with a Christmas theme, creating a festive setting for the events. Each service will accommodate approximately 40 people, with the current proposal being to offer two services each day:

- 11:30am – 2:00pm
- 3:00pm – 5:30pm

The proposed charge will be £8 per person, helping to keep the event accessible while contributing towards the cost of providing the meals and refreshments.

As part of the programme, Aaron Webb will be supporting the Tuesday service, with a specific focus on providing an opportunity for those aged 60+ to attend and enjoy a Christmas meal and social occasion.

We are also looking at holding a family-focused event later in the afternoon/early evening, which could include additional Christmas activities and entertainment. We are currently exploring the possibility of arranging a Santa/Christmas grotto as part of this event and are looking for someone who may be able to support us in this role.

If any Councillors would like to book a place at one of the sessions or a session itself, or would like to support the delivery of the events, please speak to me directly.

Walking Football – Community Activity Update

Moredon Sporting Hub supports Swindon Walking Football, who use the Hub every Wednesday at 11:00am.

The sessions provide a relaxed and social opportunity for local residents, with walking football offering a way to stay active, enjoy playing football and meet new people. The sessions are particularly aimed at those aged 50+, providing an accessible alternative to traditional football.

The social side of the sessions is an important part of the activity, helping participants stay connected with others while remaining active and enjoying the sport.

If any Councillors are aware of someone who may benefit from attending, particularly someone looking for a new social activity or a way to become more active, please speak to me and I can provide further information.