

# Hawkhurst Community Trust 2018 NEWSLETTER Autumn 2022

## HCT 2018

Bringing together the Hawkhurst community with events and projects to help make Hawkhurst a great place to live.

**Welcome** to the Autumn edition of our Newsletter. In here, you will find news of activities that have happened since our last update and what's to come shortly for Christmas.

We are also pleased to include a piece about the Green Shop in the centre of Hawkhurst. We are always happy to receive and include your news about what is happening in the village. Just email us with the details.



### Free Children's Christmas Craft Activities

1<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
5pm to 8pm  
Kino terrace

**Happy Christmas  
Hawkhurst!**

### Coming Next Year

- **Easter Scavenger Hunt**

- 8th April 2023
- **5k/10k Run**
- 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- **Play Day**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023
- **Makers@The Moor**
- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Residents have given positive feedback about the events we organise. Would you like to do something for your community? We are looking for three or four people to join our team to help with our events in the village. It only takes a few hours a month and best of all, we have fun while helping to make our village a better place to live. Why not get in touch to have a chat?

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## PLAYDAY

What a brilliant Playday we had on 3<sup>rd</sup> August! So many families and children came out to the beautiful KGV fields in the hot sunshine to run, cycle, dress up in fun clothes and blow large bubbles. Children learnt how to plant things, they sang and danced about, collapsed on the grass with a glass of squash and a biscuit! It was great to see so many happy faces - thanks for coming along to play.



Children were entranced by the stories woven by our spellbinding storyteller.

Children get competitive in sack races.



Children laugh and mess about in our large sandpit.

## Makers@The Moor

*"A big thank you to everyone who organised today's craft fair. A very successful and enjoyable day and a lovely community event."*

We LOVED this comment about our third "Makers@The Moor" – because it said everything we hoped for.

We had 50 fabulous stalls around the Moor, showcasing a wealth of local talent. Where else could you find such variety? Fresh bread and pastries, artisan woodwork, gorgeous jewellery, beautifully stitched items for the home, fabulous pottery, fragrant candles, inspiring artwork and photographs, jewel like stained glass, fresh fruit ice-cream, handmade longbows and even a poem to take home and treasure!



Add in the stalls serving delicious home-made cakes, savouries and salads and you have all the ingredients for a great day out with family and friends.





## The Green Shop

- The Green Shop in the village is owned and managed by the Hawkhurst Community Hospital League of Friends and is a not for profit organisation.
- As well as supporting the local community hospital the charity gives money to Food for Families and WRAP - a day unit providing expert care for sufferers of dementia.
- In order to continue support for the disadvantaged of Hawkhurst and the surrounding villages, we desperately need more competent volunteers to offer some time to work in the shop. The volunteers in our shop are the key to help raise money by selling on the donations in goods that our generous benefactors give.
- If you fit the bill for this role please drop in to the shop during the day and speak to a member of staff.

## HAWKHURST COMMUNITY FRIDGE NEWS

The University of Westminster invited us to showcase to their students what we do. "We are a model that others want to replicate". The Fridge also featured in the Autumn 2022 issue of TWBC's 'Local' magazine as a community initiative supporting people in challenging times.

### **Volunteering** - What an evocative word.

Volunteering is very strong in the UK. Think of our much beloved organisations such as RSPCA and the National Trust, not to mention Hospital Friends, Rotary and Cancer Charities, where would they be without volunteers?

Just look at the local groups that sprang up everywhere during Covid, with people volunteering to shop for their neighbours. All the while in towns and villages across the UK, volunteers work tirelessly to enhance our lives making them better and richer.

### **So, why do people volunteer? For many reasons.**

You will often hear:

- Giving back to the community ‘
- Meeting new people,
- Making friends
- Feeling part of the community
- Building confidence

### ***So go on – give it a go!***

Our wonderful Chair of HCT 2018, Ruth McChesney has retired. She has nurtured us from small beginnings in 2017 to what we are today, delivering events for the village and raising money for village good causes. Thank you for all your hard work Ruth, we will miss you!



## Key Useful Contacts

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