
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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SUBJECT:	REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL WARDS	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee notes the information and details related to South Derbyshire Community Buildings.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update the committee on the usage of the Council owned Community Centres. Highlight opportunities to further increase usage for community of these assets.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The council has three community centres that it owns and directly manages. They are Stenson fields Community Centre, Midway Community Centre and the Town Hall in Swadlincote.
- 3.2 Stenson Fields Community Centre is the newest community facility and is based at Chartley Road, Stenson Fields It opened in November 2019. The centre has two rooms for hire, the Main Hall and the Meeting Room and is an ideal venue for holding exercise classes, meetings, exhibitions, fairs, seminars, training and private gatherings.

The maximum capacity for the Main Hall is 140 people. This is dependent on the type of event e.g. a theatre-style/party layout would reduce the capacity to no more than 112 people (this is due to the number of available chairs).

The maximum capacity for the Meeting Room is 35 people but again is dependent on the type of event e.g. a theatre-style, meeting or small party layout could reduce the capacity to 16 people.

The centre also has kitchen facilities available for use.

Stenson Fields Community Centre Usage

Oct-Dec 2023 - Regular Hires

Mondays	CENTRE CLOSED	
Tuesdays	Music Time – activities for baby and pre-school children based around music	2 hrs per week
	Clubbercise Exercise class	1 hr per week
Wednesdays	Derbyshire Community Health Services – Community Nurses	Wk 1 - 3hrs Wk 2, 3 & 4 - 7hrs Wk 5 - 3hrs
	Slimming World Group	3hrs per week
Thursdays	Tiddlekicks – activities for pre-school based around football	2hrs per week
	Asian Ladies Chair-based exercise group	2hrs per week
	Kombat Kinetics – Martial Arts classes	3hrs per week
Fridays	Jody Bunting Fitness class	1 hr per week
	Yoga class	1hr per week
Sundays	Rugbytots – sessions based at children 2-7yrs	3hrs per week

Oct-Dec 2023 - Other Hires

Fridays	Councillors Surgeries	1
Saturdays	Private hires	11
Sundays	Private hires	5

Jan – Mar 2024 - Regular Hires

Mondays	CENTRE CLOSED	
Tuesdays	Music Time – activities for baby and pre-school children based around music	2 hrs per week
	Fitness class – starting 6 th Feb	1 hr per week
Wednesdays	Derbyshire Community Health Services – Community Nurses	Wk 1 - 3hrs Wk 2, 3 & 4 - 7hrs Wk 5 - 3hrs
	Slimming World Group	4hrs per week
Thursdays	Tiddlekicks – activities for pre-school based around football	2hrs per week
	Asian Ladies Chair-based exercise group	2hrs per week
	Kombat Kinetics – Martial Arts classes	3hrs per week

Fridays	Yoga class	1hr per week
Sundays	Rugbytots – sessions based at children 2-7yrs	3hrs per week

Fridays	Councillors Surgeries	2
Saturdays	Private hires	11
Sundays	Private hires	5 (plus 2 provisional)

3.3 Midway Community Centre is a community facility based at Rowan Drive, it was opened in October 2016. The centre has two rooms available for hire, the Sports Hall and the Foyer Meeting Room, and is an ideal venue for sports activities (badminton, short tennis), meetings, exhibitions, fairs, seminars, training and private gatherings.

The maximum capacity for the Sports Hall is 120 people. This is dependent on the type of event e.g. a theatre-style layout would reduce the capacity to 100 people and the maximum capacity for a meeting or party would be 100 people.

The maximum capacity for the Foyer Meeting Room is 30 people but again is dependent on the type of event e.g. a theatre-style, meeting or small party layout would reduce the capacity to 30 people.

The centre also has changing facilities which serve the two football pitches located on site, one of which is an adult sized pitch and the other one is suitable for under 14s. The pitches are let on a season-long basis.

Midway Community Centre Usage

Oct-Dec 2023 - Regular Hires

Mondays	KO Academy – pre-school sessions based around football	2hrs per week
Tuesdays	Parklife Tennis Group (from end of Nov)	2hrs per week
	Midway Community Arts Group	1.5hrs per week
Wednesdays	Swadlincote Mencap & Gateway	3hrs per week
Thursdays	Social Livez – all inclusive social group (group folded 5 th Oct due to exhausting funding)	5hrs per week
	Parklife Bowls Group	1 x 2hrs per month
	Yoga class	1hr per week
Fridays	Shoutout Group – sessions for adults with additional needs	3hrs per week
Saturdays	Martial Arts classes	2hrs per week
	Additional martial arts classes	1 x 2hrs per month
	Party People Discos – all inclusive sessions	1 x 3hrs per month
Sundays	Football matches – adult & junior	

Oct-Dec 2023 - Other Hires

Saturdays	Private Hire	1
Sundays	Private hire	1

Jan – Mar 2024 - Regular Hires

Mondays	KO Academy – pre-school sessions based around football	2hrs per week
	Dads, bats & chats – mental health support group based around cricket	1 x 2hrs per fortnight
Tuesdays	Parklife Tennis Group (up until end of Feb provisionally)	2hrs per week
	Midway Community Arts Group	1.5hrs per week
Wednesdays	Swadlincote Mencap & Gateway	3hrs per week
Thursdays	Parklife Bowls Group	1 x 2hrs per month
	Yoga class	1hr per week
	Rockfit exercise class	1hr per week
Fridays	Shoutout Group – sessions for adults with additional needs	3hrs per week
Saturdays	Martial Arts classes	2hrs per week
	Additional martial arts classes	1 x 2hrs per month
	Rockfit exercise class	1.5hrs per week
Sundays	Football matches – junior	

Jan – Mar 2024 - Other Hires

Saturdays	Private hires	1
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3.4 Swadlincote Town Hall is a Grade II listed building, situated in the heart of Swadlincote town centre, that is available to hire by organisations, groups and members of the public. The hall is an ideal venue suitable for meetings, exhibitions, fairs, seminars, training and private gatherings. The maximum capacity for the venue is 100 people. This is dependent on the type of event e.g. a theatre-style layout would reduce the capacity to 80 people and the maximum capacity for a wedding would be 65 people.

Since March 2012, the Town Hall has been a licensed venue for weddings, civil partnerships and other ceremonies such as naming ceremonies, renewal of vows and commitment ceremonies.

Swadlincote Town Hall Usage

Oct-Dec 2023 - Regular Hires

Mondays	Living Essence Tai Chi (ceased end of Oct due to instructor long term illness)	1.5hrs per week
Tuesdays	Derbyshire Adult Education Classes (finished end of Nov)	2hrs per week

	1211 ATC Squadron – Air Cadet Sessions	2.25hrs per week
Wednesdays	Swadlincote Ladies Coffee Club	1 x 2 hrs per month
	Mental Health Services Monthly meeting	1 x 2hrs per month
	Headway Support Group (start Dec 23)	1 x 2hrs per month
	Slimming World	3hrs per week
Thursdays	Derbyshire Adult Education Classes (finished end of Nov)	2 x 2hrs per week

Oct-Dec 2023 - Other Hires

Various	Training Sessions	3
Various	Ad hoc meetings	3
Various	Recruitment day	1
Various	Other hires	2
Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas Lights Switch-on	2 days (inc 1 prep)

Jan – Mar 2024 - Regular Hires

Wednesdays	Swadlincote Ladies Coffee Club	1 x 2 hrs per month
	Mental Health Services Monthly meeting	1 x 2hrs per month
	Headway Support Group (start Dec 23)	1 x 2hrs per month
	Slimming World	3hrs per week

Jan – Mar 2024 - Other Hires

Various	Training Sessions	2
Various	Ad hoc meetings	2
Various	Literary Festival	4 days
Various	Other hires	1

3.5 Bookings for the Town Hall have dropped off in 2024 – as adult education is moving back to their original premises and Tai Chi class is folding. However, we will be advertising the venue in Swad Style Magazine/website and we are in discussions with Gresley Colliery Band to host their band practices

3.6 There are some capital investments into these sites in 24/25. Stenson Fields will be receiving funding to install air conditioning into the main hall. Which will help with summer bookings. The Town Hall is getting heating and lighting improvements. As well as a screen installed – this will help with training bookings and potential film screenings in the future.

There is work in the background to improve the booking process. The development will allow customers to view venue availability and book/pay on line for room hire.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 It is important to retain and grow usage of these facilities. As income received offsets the operating costs of the venues to ensure sustainability.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 These venues and the events and activities they provide support many outputs from the corporate plan.

6.0 Community Impact

6.1 These facilities are important venues to help improve and sustain community wellbeing through a varied selection of clubs and events for the community to attend.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 PDFs of adverts