

# Deepings Community Centre



## ANNUAL REVIEW

of

**The work undertaken by  
Deepings Community Trust**

at the

**Deepings Community Centre**

during the period

**September 2007 - August 2008**



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## Annual Review

It is now eight years since this centre opened. Has it achieved its original objective of providing a Centre for the Community? However one looks at the work, the facilities and not least of all the volunteers who manage, attract funds and determine the programme, it is a success.

Clearly in eight years there have been changes. From opening three mornings a week to as it is now, fourteen hours a day from Monday to Friday and on demand at weekends. Initially a team of five volunteers and a very part time cleaner were sufficient, now there are a team of almost thirty volunteers supporting and helping to develop the programmes as well as another twelve or so who look after the gardens. The gardening is in cooperation with The Deepings U3A gardening groups, The Lions, The Brownies and two local people who just love gardening. These figures do not include all the other volunteers who run clubs and societies who meet at the Centre.

We now have our own Computer Training Facility working under the title Computers4U. Having relied on Boston College for so many years, we can now manage a rapidly developing training programme. Here again we blend volunteers with professional tutors to achieve a balance of learning and personal support. Both hobby and qualification courses are offered, also those for beginners to computing. We have tried hard to create a learning atmosphere. We endeavour to present the work in such a way that the learning is non-threatening. If after completing the course they find a recurring issue, students can “drop in” on a Friday afternoon for individual help.



Over recent years we have sought to enable the development of small “health businesses” around people’s skills and qualifications. Six now occupy rooms in the Centre and are podiatry, sports massage and therapy, osteopathy, complimentary therapies, and counselling. In addition yoga and pilates attend once a week. Members of all these groups often attend other activities in the Centre and look at the various community notices available and ask for help about the Deepings in general. We also offer space to Citizens’ Advice, Alzheimer’s’ Support, Rethink, and four art groups to mention just some. This year has seen the development of a small language school. French, German, Italian and Spanish are on offer at present and we have provision for Chinese if there are sufficient takers.



Friday Art Class in action

Deepings Community Centre



**Health  
Activities  
& Clinics**

Details of those held at The Centre.

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Leaflet available from reception

With high unemployment rising we can offer a small number of people the opportunity to enhance their CV's with voluntary work experience and most whom we have helped are now in work.



This year we have received the accolade of The Investors in Volunteers Award after a lot of hard work. We were presented the certificate by our M.P. Mr John Hayes. Thank You Certificates were presented to some of the organisations and people who have helped us over the year. All of our volunteer team are there to help, advise and assist people who seek out our services. This will always be our underlying aim. Without our volunteer team and lots of local support the Centre would not be what it has become. A big debt of gratitude is required to all who have contributed to one of the town's greatest assets.

We have signed up to The Fundraising Standards Board criteria for sound financial management .



Our gardeners are not left out as they earned for the Centre a Judges Commendation for the Community Garden.

So what does all this cost? Just for general running expenses and low level maintenance the volunteers have to raise £1000 per week. This is just to keep the doors open, without special projects such as blinds for the hall. There is always a warm, clean and friendly reception awaiting users and visitors alike. For some joining in activities that will change their lives by achieving new skills or meeting new friends.

## Summarised Profit & Loss Account

	General	Computers4U	Total
<b>Income</b>			
Letting of Rooms	28861	2135	
Course Fees	0	6829	
Gifts & Donations	900	9525	
Reimbursed Expenses	2504	0	
Other Income	670	0	
<u>Total Income</u>	32935	18489	51424
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Payroll	15827	9181 **	
Utilities	6247	0 **	
Premises Maintenance	962	0 **	
Cleaning	2610	625	
Insurance	999	0 **	
Phone & Postages	3046	534 **	
Printing & Stationery	595	620 **	
Legal & Professional	285	0 **	
Business Rates	1669	0 **	
Security	1297	0 **	
Advertising	52	247	
Architects Fees (Note 1)	1175	0	
Miscellaneous Exps (Note 2)	1117	0 **	
Miscellaneous Exps	0	230	
Software	0	966	
Smart Board	0	1900	
CLAIT exps	0	485	
Equipment Lease	0	678	
<u>Sub Total</u>	35881	15466	
Profit (Loss) before Depreciation	-2946	3023	
Depreciation	2693	1650	
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	38574	17116	55690
<b>Profit (Loss) for period</b>	<b>-5639</b>	<b>1373</b>	<b>-4266</b>

### Notes

1) income received for this in 2006/7

2) includes Vending Exps, Garden & Equip. Maint., and Licences

\*\* Does not include any shared Expenses

## Deepings Community Centre

The Centre is for the use of all residents of The Deepings, whatever their ability and interests and is now an established and valued part of many local peoples' lives. It is a base for a wide range of activities including:-

A centre for community services such as Red Cross, Citizens Advice, Youth Offending Service, Pension Advice.

Access to a range of complementary therapies, including reiki, reflexology, podiatry, chiropody, osteopathy, sports therapy, Manual Lymphatic Drainage, Pilates, yoga and psychotherapy.

A fully equipped computer facility, offering computer and IT courses and learning opportunities.

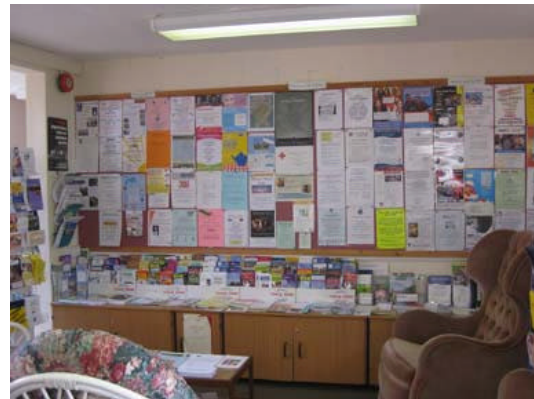
A base for local clubs, including Deepings Camera Club, Deep In Craft, Weight Watchers and many more.

A local information point .



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Part of reception area >>



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