The Cube: Report 2023- -2024

During the past year the Cube has seen changes within its governance and staffing. Last July saw Rev. Stephen Haward retire and move away with his wife Jane to Yorkshire, thus stepping down from his trustee's role. At the AGM in January, Gary Brown was welcomed as a trustee. There have been changes in staffing too as we said goodbye to youth worker Alice and recently welcomed Jenna to the team.

The Cube continues to successfully run various sessions and groups for young people both after school at the Cube and at the Welland Park and Robert Smyth Academies, where the drop - in sessions are both well attended and much appreciated.

The youth counselling service has now embedded itself into the life of the Cube. The caravan, purchased to provide an additional counselling space is now in - situ in the garden. Having been gutted and painted outside, alongside an interior re – fit, the caravan, named 'Eden' is a welcome additional space. The area around the caravan has also been developed with special focus on the creation of a wellbeing garden, which was enabled through the generosity of local people and businesses donating plants and other effects and the young people themselves designing things to go into the garden.

The Cube's vision is to see 'young people in Market Harborough thriving in their communities,' and the Trustees are currently delivering training to staff and volunteers on how we can further embed this vision into the day to day running of the charity through our various roles. The seasonal newsletter now includes a regular feature on a young person in each issue. The latest young person to be interviewed for the Spring newsletter 'Kaya,' in answer to the question, 'what is the best thing about you?' answered, 'I am unique and my own person.' For a young person to feel confident to say this about themselves, I think is testament to how the Cube works alongside young people encouraging self - confidence and thus enabling them to thrive.

What do you want adults to know? *That young people are interested in global warming, health and safety and that it would be good for adults to kn*The Cube continues to seek to engage in ever closer ways with the town's churches. It is great to see an increasing number of churches hiring the Cube for various activities - both regularly and for one off events. The Cube is a fantastic versatile space. Do contact Jo our administrator if your church or one of its groups is interested in hiring it.

The Cube very much appreciates the ongoing support it receives from Churches Together and it is encouraging to see various churches hiring out the Cube for activities, both regularly and for one – off events. In a recent meeting we discovered that next year, June 2025 will mark 20 years since The Harborough Youth and Community Trust (HYACT) was founded. I am sure there will be celebrations to acknowledge the Lord's gracious provision

and blessings over this time and to give thanks as we look ahead in anticipation of what is yet to come. Janet Smith, Trustee

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