

# Third Lindfield Repair Café another resounding success!

The third Lindfield Repair Café took place at Lindfield United Reformed Church on Saturday 5th February after a necessary break in January for Covid safety reasons. Once again, the turnout was remarkable with well over 100 visitors, 87 repairs completed on the day and a further 15 taken away for repair. A huge range of items were fixed including a toy plane, a vacuum cleaner and three clocks. Garden tools and knives were sharpened, and items of clothing and jewellery given a new lease of life.

This month the Repair Café welcomed Computers for Kids, a local charity, and more than 40 computers, monitors, keyboards and printers were collected and donated. At the 'Kids' Table' computers were taken apart, a valuable way to learn how they work, and one young man took the opportunity to learn for his forthcoming GCSE.

Trevor Carpenter, who is responsible for getting the café off the ground, was delighted to welcome Councillor Howard Mundin, the Mayor of Haywards Heath, on an official visit. The Mayor was very impressed with the turnout and what is being achieved. "It was truly wonderful to see the skills of the volunteers at the Repair Café and to witness the buzz of fun and friendship enjoyed by everyone taking part," he said. "Not only do Trevor and his volunteers repair your goods, but they are happy to share their knowledge and they even have a special kids' table encouraging young people to repair their toys and games."

Visitors came from surrounding towns and villages and amongst them were people hoping to set up Repair Cafés in their own local area – one from Cuckfield and one from London.

As always, none of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of a team of 60 volunteers and the organisers would like to express their heartfelt thanks. They are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to join them. They would also like to thank everyone who came along with items for repair.

For the next event, to be held on Saturday 5th March, the organisers plan to hold a 'weaving loom workshop' for kids, with the chance to make a gift for Mother's Day. They would love to hear from anyone who has any experience, or time, to make some basic wooden peg blocks, or looms, as well as anyone with some experience to help run the event. Spare wool, ribbon or all material that can be cut into strips would also be very welcome. Contact: lindfieldrepaircafe@gmail.com.

There is a collection point for Haywards Heath Food Bank at the venue so visitors may drop off donations when they visit.




Lindfield Repair Café is open on the first Saturday of every month at the United Reformed Church, Lindfield from 10am to 1pm. (On bank holiday weekends the date will move to the second Saturday of the month.)

Please note that the Repair Café cannot guarantee that they will be able to repair all items brought in, but they will always have a go if possible!

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