



Newsletter – February 2022

Welcome

Hi everyone and welcome to 2022 and our first newsletter of the year. M:HUB continues to provide a wonderful community facility for Milnthorpe and the surrounding area – and we hope you enjoy reading the latest updates on our activities.

New Groups

Over the last few months we've welcomed a number of new groups to M:HUB – Sing@TheHub; The Milli Choir, and Ottovoce – as well as Young Farmers for the Kent Estuary, and a monthly Saturday Craft Group.

Coronavirus

We've had two periods of being shut completely: March – August 2020, and January – May 2021 – but we're now fully open and being used again by many groups.

It is the responsibility of your group to make sure that you meet the CV-19 requirements for your group and the activity it is undertaking. We at M:HUB provide hand-sanitiser, anti-bacterial spray and other cleaning products, and a building that is safe and warm.

Heaters

Our electricity bill is currently around **£100 a week!!** Please do make sure that **every** heater is switched off before you leave the building. We all know that electricity prices are going up – so we really do need your help with this.

We've introduced new signs for all the heaters, giving clear instructions on how to switch them off – just turn the dial on the left fully anti-clockwise.

New Outside Light Switch

In response to your feedback, there is now an extra light switch as you leave the building. It's a big round button next to the existing light switches. Press this button, switch all the other switches off, and the outside porch light will remain on for 15 minutes – enabling you to leave and lock up safely at night.

The Roof

The roof in the porch is now fixed and the ceiling tiles will be replaced shortly. The roof in the café is still causing us some trouble. The biggest problem is finding exactly where the water is coming in so that we can get it repaired – we can't afford a whole new roof! If you know a local roofer who can help then please pass their details on to us. In the meantime, some of the ceiling tiles are missing – of course this gives us extra ventilation – a bonus in these times of Coronavirus!

Cleaning

We don't have a paid cleaner or caretaker – instead we have some volunteers who clean the building on a Friday after the coffee morning. Please help us by tidying up after your group and leaving the building as you found it. A vacuum cleaner is kept in the cupboard in the kitchen – and you are welcome to use it!

Volunteer Opportunities

Katie and David Stretton will be moving away at the end of April – to Alderney, one of the Channel Islands, where David will be the Methodist minister. This means that we have some vacancies for volunteers to help with the smooth-running of M:HUB –

Bookings Secretary

This involves liaising with our regular users and dealing with one-off bookings and enquiries. We keep all the details in a paper diary, but you'll need to be okay at using email.

Bookshop Co-ordinator

We now have over 1,000 books for sale. We sell them mainly on a Friday morning, and we are always receiving donations of more books to sell. We need someone to help keep the shelves stocked and tidy. This currently takes about two hours a fortnight.

If you are interested in knowing more about or taking on either of these roles then please email Katie Stretton at katiestretton@yahoo.co.uk or phone her on 07900 496 581.

Café Volunteers

We can always use more volunteers in the café on a Friday morning. Most people do one or two shifts a month. Contact Katie if you're interested.