



Life Dronfield CIO Newsletter

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A Busy Year

Despite the unusual situation we have all found ourselves in during this year the life team have not been idle. We have found opportunities to put into practice some of our aims to help and support our local community. We have also faced some challenges; not least the purchase of the Parish Hall which is where we feel we can expand upon our outreach programme in a multi-purpose meeting place.

Parish Hall Purchase

The latest update on the purchase of the Parish Hall is challenging. As you may be aware life Dronfield had applied to the Yorkshire Baptist Association for a loan of £140,000 to purchase the Parish Hall. We did this because our conversations with them had been very positive over the last couple of years and they were very supportive and encouraging of us. However, in the last few weeks we have been notified that they are not able to help us after all due to the fact that we are not a Baptist Church. As Trustees we are still convinced that the Parish Hall would be ideal for life Dronfield and we have begun a conversation with a commercial mortgage company. So far they are very positive but one of the surprising parts of the conversation was the idea that we should also approach individuals who may be willing to provide part, or even all, of this loan.

This is where you come in.

Over this last year we have seen an increase in the giving to the project, which means that we have enough for the deposit to purchase the Parish Hall. Would you be willing to help us by being a contributor to this loan and play a large part in building the future of Dronfield? We know that this is an ambitious target, but if 14 individuals loaned us £10,000 this would enable us to purchase the Halls in the next few months and allow us to continue to grow the fantastic work we are already doing. We have already received a loan of £30,000 from an individual in Dronfield towards the project.

If this is something you could consider, please email Andy Evers at

andyevers@lifedronfield.org to chat further about how you could help us continue our work.

Easter Eggs

A huge thank you to everyone who provided Easter Eggs for us to distribute to those who otherwise would not have received one this Easter. We were able alongside the District Nurse Team to distribute 183 eggs. We know that this simple act has been greatly appreciated by lots of people in our community.

Sunflowers Competition

In collaboration with Dronfield in Bloom we have organising a sunflower growing competition. Over 300 pots and seeds have been delivered across the town to groups and schools. There are prizes for the tallest sunflower and the biggest sunflower head. Each category has a first and second prize available. The first prize being a £20 National Garden gift voucher and the second prize a £10 National Garden gift voucher. We would like to thank all the schools and groups who have taken part and we look forward to seeing the town filled with colour later on this year.

100km in Day

Andy Evers one of our trustees will be attempting to walk 100km in a single 24 hour period on Saturday 26th June 2021. He will be walking laps of Howden and Derwent Reservoirs. He has opened up a Go Fund Me page to see if he can raise £1000 for life. As you can guess, 100 kilometers in a single day is tough, with Andy's rebuilt knees its even tougher. Please do follow the following link and sponsor him.

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/100k-in-a-day-for-lifedronfield>

Come and Meet Us

On Thursday 10th June we will be taking over the charity stall at the Dronfield Market. Please do pop by and have a chat about our project, all that we have done, are doing and looking ahead to do. Find out about ways you could help us through volunteering. We will have the plans for the Parish halls on display as well as artist impressions of how the Halls look once renovated. We look forward to seeing you there. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of ways in which life can do more to benefit you and others in our community.