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**February 2023**

**Newsletter**

**Join Our Team**

Life Dronfield comprises an amazing team of volunteers who run the charity, support us at our events and cook and serve at Life Lunches. As we move forward into 2023 we have vacancies for two key roles.

**Grant Team Leader** – Our grant team is currently made up of 3 volunteers who, alongside our grant consultants (FCS Consultants), are busy applying for grants to cover the renovation costs. We require a team leader, who, alongside FCS Consultants, will strategically lead this element of our charity. They will need to have a eye for detail, be organised and competent in using IT. If you think you might have these skills or you would like to chat further about this role, please contact Andy Evers at [andyevers@lifedronfield.org](mailto:andyevers@lifedronfield.org)

**Fundraising Team Leader** – A key income stream for Life Dronfield is fundraising. In the past we have organised a sponsored 100km walk in 20 hours, had stalls at Civic events and recently provided the refreshments at the fantastic Coal Aston gala. Have you got vision to organise and run fundraising events for us? We have a team of willing volunteers to get involved and support you with this. If you would like to chat further about this role, please contact Andy Evers at [andyevers@lifedronfield.org](mailto:andyevers@lifedronfield.org)

**The Halls**

Our solicitors are working hard to finalise the sale of the Halls and although this is taking longer than we had hoped, it is progressing and we can’t wait to own the building and be able to show you around.

You will probably have noticed a hub of activity down the side of the Halls in the past month. St John’s Church have kindly allowed us to commence major works to the rear section of the Hall. This includes fully removing and replacing the current roof, carrying out structural works to the rear and side walls as well as removing all the internal walls. This means that the building will be water tight and when we return to this part of the site in phase 2 it will cost less and be easier to renovate.

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**Newsletter out via YouTube**

Thank you for reading this edition of our newsletter. We will continue to produce these, but starting with this edition, we will also be filming our news. The video will include the same content, but it will also show updated images and video of the renovations as well as the chance for you to meet some of our trustees and team. The videos will be posted up on our YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and in time our TikTok.

**Life Lunches**

Just two months after launching our Warm Space, “Life Lunches” at the Holy Spirit Church, Stonelow Road we have been really pleased with the number of people coming along and getting involved. We open each Tuesday from 10:30am until 2:00pm. We offer drinks, soup and cakes for free to anyone who pops in. We have a lovely space for toddlers to use with games and toys. We would like to give a huge thanks to the Holy Spirit Church who allow us to use their building for free as well as Derbyshire County Council who have given us a £1000 grant and CO-OP who have given us £500 in vouchers for their shops

If you’ve not yet been, please do drop by any Tuesday; you will receive a very warm welcome.

**Christmas Chocolates**

Thank you so much to everyone who so generously donated Christmas Chocolates. We sent out over 150 tubs across Dronfield and District. These were very warmly received and we have had numerous thank you cards as well as stories of how the simple act of giving a tub of chocolates has made people’s Christmas, knowing that they are thought of and cared for.

We will be launching our Easter Appeal next month, so follow us on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up to date with our news.

**Dronfield Eye**

A big thanks to Mike Firth at the Dronfield Eye who has kindly written a piece about us. Keep your eyes peeled as we expect it to feature in the near future.

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