

Norton Community Trust

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This 15th newsletter wasn't due to go out for a while, but we just couldn't wait to share some fantastic news with you.

We are delighted to tell you that we have received confirmation from the Lottery Community Fund that our application for a capital grant of **£75,000** has been approved. This is great news and a grant of this size is a real gamechanger for the project. When added to the £35,000 contribution from the Church in Wales, this goes a long way towards covering the costs of the Hub adaption work which we hope will commence in early 2023. Sincere thanks in particular to Claire and Chris for their meticulous work in preparing the Lottery application. To have a grant of this scale approved without a single detail being questioned is quite remarkable. As you can imagine, there is quite a lot for us to do to make sure that we carry out all the conditions that inevitably come with a grant of this size, so we are going to be busy-bees with that for a while. But all part of the deal, and we are just over the moon with this success!

Let's also take this opportunity to let you know how the Harvest Lunch went last weekend. A huge thanks to everyone who supported this event, and to all those hard-working volunteers who organised, catered, carried, cleaned, and did all the other jobs that made it such an enjoyable event. And a big thank you of course to John for hosting the Lunch in his magnificent barn. We've had some lovely comments and we think everyone thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The event raised a fabulous total of £1240 (after deducting costs). Ann's raffle raised a further £192 - thank you Ann! And our lovely guests added a further £53 in donations. All in all a really successful event.

Also thanks to Ann, we were able to sell the final few tickets for our new Norton Hub 100 Club and hold the first monthly draw. First

prize of £30 was won by Lucky Number 5; second prize of £20 was won by Lucky Number 7; third prize of £10 was won by Lucky Number 50. The equivalent monthly amount of £60 was donated to Hub funds, and the third prize winner also kindly donated her prize money to Hub funds so this first month's donation totals £70.

The only other thing for now is to remind you all that Tuesday 25th October sees our Patrons and Volunteers Get-together - a chance for our supporters to meet up with the steering group to have a chat in person about developments and progress with the Hub project (over a glass or cup of something of course). If you're already signed up as a patron or volunteer, look out for your personal invitation with more details which will be coming soon. If you'd like to be included but are not already signed up as a volunteer or patron, you are very welcome to do so and we'd love to see you - go to the website to sign up - www.nortonhub.uk and click on "Getting Involved" - or contact us on the email in the yellow box at the end of this newsletter.

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