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Many of you will have noticed that the Hub adaption work has started! We're so excited that our hopes at the beginning of the year have come to fruition. The tendering process for the contract was supervised by the project architect Trevor Hewett, and the contract was awarded to Firth Construction, a local firm based in Presteigne. We are delighted to have them on board and that they were able to start the work within days of winning the contract. It is planned for the work to be completed by September.

Meanwhile, the new Hub Management Committee has had it's first meeting and is bedding in nicely. They will be electing their official posts and appointing key leads in a couple of months' time when they have had a chance to get to know each other properly and identified their key priorities. In the very short term until then, the Committee is being supported by the existing Hub project steering group (Maggie James, Brian Price, Tony Morgan and John Wilding) and chaired by John Refausse.

We know many of you have volunteered your time and skills. The new Committee will be getting in touch with all our existing volunteers and key supporters in the near future to find out more detail about how residents can help the project. If you'd like to be included in this, you can fill in a volunteer form on our website or just reply to this email - details in the yellow box at the bottom. There is no obligation! This is just finding out what sort of things people might be willing to consider helping with.

We also know many of you have previously suggested activities that you'd like to see at the new Hub. This is also something that the new Committee will be working on developing very soon. Again, if you would like to add any suggestions, please do let us know by replying to this email.

Many of you will also have already heard that the Norton Show is planning to be back in the village this year. Although the Norton Show has an existing committee, led by Brian Price, the proceeds from the Show are being donated to the Hub - for which our huge thanks. So we are of course happy to support the Show. The new location is the field adjacent

to the entrance to Offa's Green, by kind permission of the Watkins family, and will be on Sunday 30th July. As you can imagine, there is a great deal of work to be done before that date to ensure everything goes smoothly and safely, and also in the days before, on and after. So you won't be surprised to learn that the Show committee are really keen to hear from anyone who is willing to help. Please contact our volunteer co-ordinator, David Rowing, at volunteering.nct@gmail.com

And finally - the latest Norton Community Hub 100 Club Draws.

January Draw: 1st prize - No. 22, £30; 2nd prize - No. 25, £20; 3rd prize - No. 69, £10; donation to Hub funds £60.

February Draw: 1st prize - No. 1, £30; 2nd prize - No. 50 - £20; 3rd prize - No. 95, £10; donation to Hub funds £60.

And by the way, the 100 Club results are published on our website every month, so if you want to find out the winning numbers before the newsletter comes out, just have a look on there.

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