



MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



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YOUR COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE NEEDS YOU!

The Marlborough Community & Youth Centre needs your support to secure vital funding to equip it ready for opening. Marlborough has no community centre for local groups to use or where sports clubs can practice and, more importantly, nowhere for our young people to meet and socialise since the Youth Centre at St Margaret's Mead was closed and services withdrawn by our Unitary Authority. The building was about to be boarded up and mothballed but, led by community demand, the Town Council took it on in June 2017 and is working hard to re-open it as soon as possible. With grants and generous donations, it has secured funding for most of the refurbishment and now needs to equip the building so that it's ready to go.

The Community Centre will offer a range of facilities – a multi-use hall, a sound proofed music practice room, a café area, a suite of computers, a games area with a pool table, an office and a meeting room.

The Council is calling for the support of the local community to help win funding as part of the Aviva Community Fund 2017 and is relying on votes to increase its chances of winning a grant of £10,000. This would help to buy furniture, kitchen goods, IT, sports kit and more. Only projects with the most votes will become finalists, so votes are vital.

Town Mayor, Councillor Mervyn Hall said: "We are now close to re-opening our Community & Youth Centre and we really need those votes to help secure additional funding to equip the building. It's a really exciting project that unlocks a whole range of opportunities, particularly for our young people who will, at last, have somewhere to go again."



To get behind the Marlborough Community & Youth Centre and help make a difference in your local community, visit <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-6355> and submit your vote before 21 November. Each person who registers has up to 10 votes to cast.

To follow progress about the project, log in to the Town Council's dedicated page at <http://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/consultation-community/community-centre-home-page>

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