

Project Proposal

Project Title: Warm Space Initiative		
<p>Background With the cost-of-living crisis many people are facing a winter with increased energy bills and tough decisions such as whether to heat or eat.</p> <p>A “Warm Space” is designed to provide anyone in need of warmth with a warm space to share with others. Every space can offer something different such as free food and drinks, somewhere to charge your phone or free Wi-Fi, the aim is to provide a warm space with free or offer low-cost options.</p>		
Location:	Beechfield Centre	
When:	Thursdays 5pm – 8pm from end of November 22 to March 23 (exact start date needs to be agreed).	<p>Thursday 1st December the Beechfield Centre is not available (could change for Wednesday 30th November).</p> <p>Wednesdays could also be offered if Cllrs can facilitate.</p>
What would be available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A warm space. • Somewhere to charge devices. • Free Wi-Fi. • Refreshments (tea, coffee, hot chocolate and squash). • Tinned/cuppa soup and a roll. • A small selection of toys for babies/younger children who may accompany their families. 	<p>To comply with Natasha’s Law.</p> <p>Consider small supply of some baby food pouches/snacks etc., nappies, nappy bags and wet wipes.</p>
Resources:	Cllrs to open, supervise sessions and close the building.	Two Cllrs will be required for safeguarding reasons, sessions will not be able to run unless two Cllrs have confirmed, a key and fob will need to be obtained from and returned to the office.

	<p>Funds to purchase refreshments.</p> <p>Increase in utility costs for Beechfield Centre.</p> <p>Grant Funding.</p>	<p>Consider if Cllrs should have a basic DBS check.</p> <p>The Committee is requesting that the £500 in the Covid budget and £442.24 remaining in the community event budget are vired towards the project.</p> <p>Possibility of off-setting against hirers for the centre and/or taking from savings elsewhere/reserves.</p> <p>North Devon Council's website says, "community Warm Spaces Fund coming November 2022".</p>
Advertisement:	<p>Warm Space Initiative website.</p> <p>Parish Council's Website.</p> <p>Parish Council's Facebook Page.</p> <p>Noticeboards.</p> <p>Local community groups and organisations.</p> <p>Newsletter.</p> <p>Cllrs word of mouth within the community.</p>	<p>Investigate opportunity to advertise on NDC's website/Facebook page.</p>