

THE EVOLUTION OF COMMUNITY HUBS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE
A PRESENTATION TO THE EELGA ROUNDTABLE

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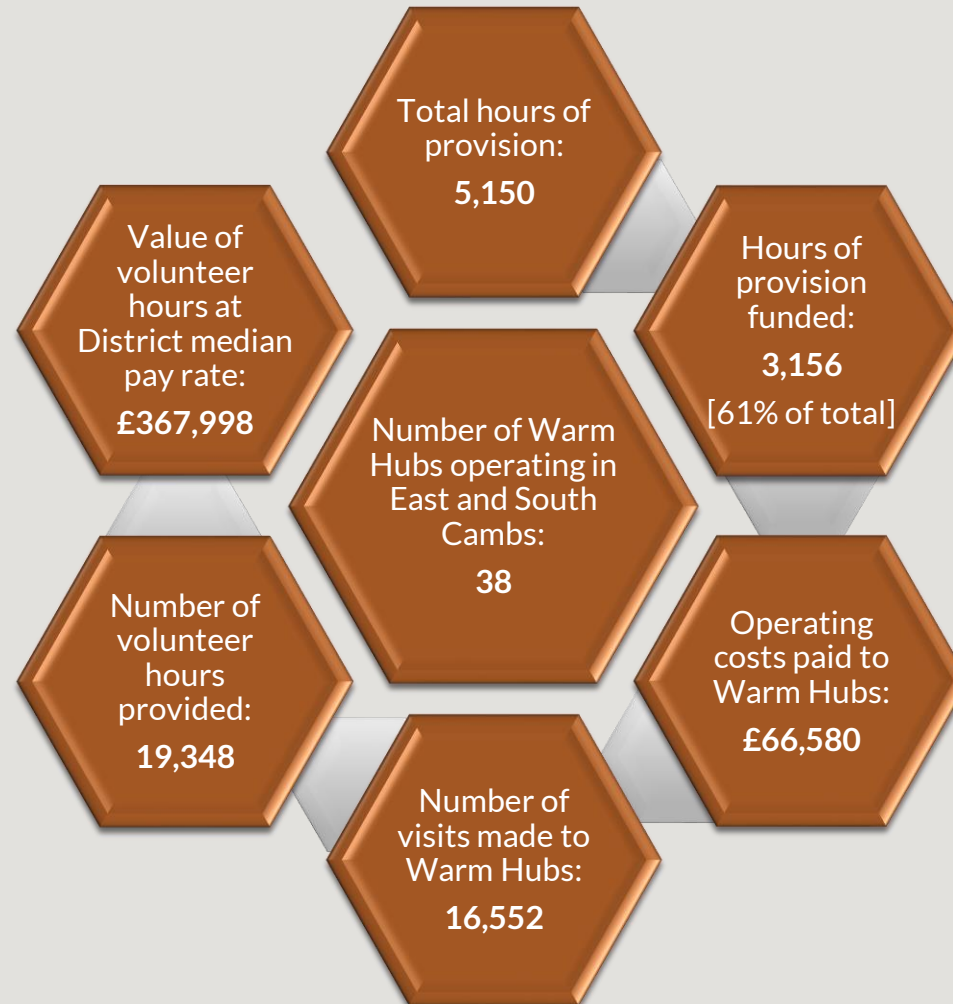
‘WARM HUBS IN WINTER’ IN EAST AND SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

- 38 Warm Hubs operated between Oct-2022 and Mar-2023: 13 in East Cambridgeshire & 25 in South Cambridgeshire.
- Warm, safe, accessible community buildings that provide people with a place to stay warm and meet others.
- Free refreshments and/or hot food, somewhere to socialise, participate in activities, access wi-fi and receive information on how to stay ‘warm and well’.
- Development of a Warm Hubs Advice and Support Programme to help volunteers signpost residents to other statutory, voluntary and community services.
- A community-led, supported volunteering programme - working with volunteers in their own communities to support those in need and reach residents that might not otherwise access support. Not a ‘one-size fits all’ approach.



SUPPORT PROVIDED THROUGH WARM HUBS IN WINTER PROJECT

Over the six months
from Oct-2022 –
Mar-2023:



Warm Hubs

Social Return on Investment
For every £1.00 invested in
Warm Hubs, £4.50 of social value
was generated.

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Warm Hubs in Winter in East and South
Cambridgeshire

Evaluation Report

Warm Hubs in Winter delivered by:



Independent evaluation completed by:



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Summary Evaluation Report for
Warm Hubs in Winter in East and South Cambridgeshire



Warm Hubs in Winter were delivered by:



Warm Hubs in Winter were funded by:



Summary infographic
version - find at:
https://cambisacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Warm_Hubs_Evaluation_Summary.pdf

THE TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY HUBS

- 8 hubs in East Cambridgeshire (out of 13) and 15 in South Cambridgeshire (out of 25) indicated they would like to operate year-round – based on needs of attendees and willingness of volunteers.
- We've worked with each Community Hub to develop a plan for how they wish to operate and what funding they will need.
- Sustained through public sector grants and local fundraising efforts:
 - In East Cambridgeshire: Funded through the County Council's Care Together programme (til Mar-24).
 - In South Cambridgeshire: Funded through ICS funding for the next two years.
 - In Fenland: Funded through DCMS's Know Your Neighbourhood Fund for two years.

REBRANDED AS THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY HUBS NETWORK



Cambridgeshire Community Hubs Network

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HOW COMMUNITY HUBS SUPPORT COST OF LIVING CHALLENGES AND WHAT'S NEXT?

- Recognised as safe spaces for all, providing a warm, friendly welcome.
- Community-led by local volunteers who are trusted by attendees to assist with cost-of-living support and early intervention to support improved health and wellbeing.
- Volunteers supported to look for gaps in local need and develop future activities and support at their Hub for their own residents.
- Links being made with providers of cost-of-living support and health & wellbeing services to bring these things into Hubs in a low-pressure way.
- Introduction of Village Agents.
- Continued evaluation of what works (and what doesn't).
- Expansion of the Community Hubs Network.