

Kenilworth Community Network

28 October 2024

6.30-9pm

Attendees:

Kenilworth Town Council: Cllr Alan Chalmers (Mayor), Cllr Kate Dickson, Cllr David Bailey, Cllr Peter Jones, Cllr Richard Dickson, Cllr James Kennedy, Cllr Alison Insley, Helen (Heritage England), Cllr Mark Stevens, Cllr Adrian Marsh, Maggie Field, Miles Wyatt-Smith

Presentations from: PCSO Craig Ricardo, Kit Lawry (Kenilworth Uyogo Friendship Link), Matt Bulford and Helen Kerry (English Heritage).

Stalls

Warwickshire County Council: Dominika Stockham

1. Welcome

The town Mayor, Cllr Alan Chalmers welcomed everyone to the first café style Kenilworth Community Network.

2. Mayoral Cadets

Cllr Chalmers presented two air cadets as Mayoral Cadets who will support him with his civic duties.

3. Presentation from Kit Lawry

Kit delivered a presentation about previous and recent Kenilworth Uyogo Friendship Link projects. These included building a mother and child clinic, primary school classrooms, houses for primary school teachers and building two culverts under roads to avoid the road to Uyogo collapsing after heavy rainfall.

Kit also reflected on the importance of the charity's relationship with Kenilworth School which was able to build a working relationship with Umiki Secondary School. Kenilworth School students can understand life of their peers in Uyogo and broaden their horizons.

Kenilworth Uyogo Friendship Link is currently working on a solar-powered water project which will enable access to running water for the primary and the secondary school by use of solar-powered pumps.

4. Presentation from PCSO Criag Ricardo

PCSO Ricardo delivered a presentation on the recent crime statistics over the last week. He has highlighted the importance of security measures to prevent burglaries. PCSO Ricardo also brought some crime prevention measures with

him, such as purse bells. Attendees were encouraged to take flyers and information on crime prevention.

5. Presentation from English Heritage

Matt and Helen from English Heritage delivered a presentation about English Heritage, with focus on Kenilworth Castle. Helen, who is the Education Visits Officer, talked about the Education Visit Programme and Community Engagement. Matt provided an overview of the Footpath and Access Improvement Project which improved accessibility around the castle by removing steps and replacing them with ramps, and surfacing sections of footpath which would get muddy. The presentation concluded with the project for 2025 which will mark the 450th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I's stay at Kenilworth Castle.

6. Networking

Cllr Chalmers invited attendees to browse the tables and network. Stalls included Accessibility in the Town, A429 Cycle consultation, English Heritage, SNT (Warwickshire Police), Kenilworth Town Council- Meet your Cllrs, Kenilworth Uyogo Friendship Link, Air Cadets, and Heritage England

7. Close of Forum 9pm