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WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE 2023/2024

Its been a busy year for the centre with more groups using the facility for exercise classes, craft groups, meetings and quizzes. Three new Trustees have joined the team this year but there is always room for more!

The tea and chat sessions are developing well, with two sessions a month giving the opportunity to meet friends and make new ones. We have had regular opportunities for residents to meet a representative of Exeter Community Energy and book appointments to have energy saving advice in the home. In the future they will be attending quarterly on the first Thursday of the month.

The Book Swap sessions are currently open during the day once a month and we are looking at developing this.

We had to move out for a few months in 2023 whilst the roof was put over the outside area and we were grateful to be able to move over to the village hall for the daytime sessions during this period.

We received money towards new kitchens from the Co-op Community fund and S106 funds held by the Parish Council. We have had 3 Phase electricity supply brought into the building to enable all our new appliances to work without this the kitchens would have overloaded the previous supply. The kitchens have been delivered and we are now just waiting for the kitchen fitter to find time in his schedule to install them.

We recently held a fundraising event in the Village Hall, an evening disco of 60's and 70's music people brought their own refreshments and much dancing was done! It was very successful, our regular users enjoyed it so much they would like similar events on a regular basis.

We couldn't do any of these activities without our volunteers and we are extremely grateful to them for their support. If you are considering taking on some volunteering, then please get in touch.