



Hastings Community Network Open Mic & Marketplace Event 3rd April 2025 Central Hall



Attendees had a chance to get refreshments and network before Tracey Rose (Co-chair HCN) opened the event, thanking everyone for taking part in the Open Mic sessions and the Marketplace to share information about their/their organisations work.

On the day 54 people attended the event

First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Caroline	Aherne	Home Instead
Suzanne	Barwell	Mediation Plus
Sam	Bentley	One You East Sussex
Nicola	Brocklehurst	PCN Social Prescribing
Mary	Carter	Adfam
Samantha	Cattermole	RSPCA
Glynwen	Chetcuti	East Sussex Hearing
Justin	Clark	Little Gate Farm
Michelle	Coleman	Social Prescribing
Andrew	Colquhoun	Friends of Hastings Country Park, HCNE
Joanne	Davis	Arts on Prescription
Lucy	Dean	Early Intervention Team ESCC
Carolina	De Oliveira	SONEC
Mark	Dimmock	East Sussex Hearing
Shelley	Feldman	Umbrella Sussex
Lisa	Finch	Soundcastle
Teresa	Flower	Mr Hastings & St Leonards
Andy	Garlick	Transom Trust
Lisa	Gentry	PCN Social Prescribing
Sarah	Hammond	Safe Families
Angela	Harris	Labour GEM
Zoe	Jackson	Education Futures Trust
	Jasper-	
Renee	Griffiths	Independent Training Consultant
Kim	Kelly	HVA
Amrat	Khorana	ETC Sussex
Suzana	Klepere	ESCC
Steven	Laker	Southern water
Lesley	Lambeth	ESCC
Steve	Manwaring	HVA
Lynette	McDermott	Xtrax
Kerry	Message	Umbrella Sussex
	Oak	
Laura	McIntyre	NHS Health in Mind
Kira	Parsons	Healthwatch East Sussex
Tina	Pelini	East Sussex County Council
Dave	Perry	Seaview Project
Helen	Prosper	A Touch of Gentleness
Tara -	Reddy	Arts on Prescription
Dave	Richardson	Taylor Made Dreams
Julia _	Roberts	Culture Shift
Tracey	Rose	FSN
Margaret	Sargent	Surviving Christmas
Helene	Savva	Arts on Prescription
Jacqui	Skilton	East Sussex Recovery Alliance

Jim	Stanford	Lunch Positive
Gary	Storer	Orbit Housing
Lorraine	Turvey	One You East Sussex
Jo	Waterson	Little Gate Farm
Katherin	Weeks	St Michaels Hospice
Lisa	Wells	Taylor Made Dreams
Alison	Westlake	ETC Sussex
John	Whittington	Safer Hastings Partnership
Gareth	Wildig	Soundcastle
Ted	Williams	SSAFA, The Armed Forces Charity

Steve Manwaring (Director HVA) thanked Gary Storer (Orbit Housing) for his kind donation towards the running costs of this event which paid for a buffet lunch for all attendees.

He then introduced the speakers for the first Open Mic session.

OPEN MIC SESSION 1				
First Name	Last Name	Organisation		
Suzanne	Barwell	Mediation Plus		
Sam	Bentley	One You ES		
Carolina	De Oliveira	SONEC		
Mark	Dimmock	ES Hearing		
Shelley	Feldman	Umbrella Sussex		
Teresa	Flower	Mr Hastings & St Leonards		
Sarah	Hammond	Safe Families		
Angela	Harris	Labour GEM		
Amrat	Khorana	ETC Sussex		



The first Open Mic session was followed by a break to give attendees time to get refreshments and browse the Marketplace.

Marketplace List				
First Name	Last Name	Organisation		
Caroline	Aherne	Home Instead		
Suzanne	Barwell	Mediation Plus		
Sam	Bentley	One You ES		
Carolina	De Oliveira	SONEC		
Mark	Dimmock	East Sussex Hearing		
Shelley	Feldman	Umbrella Sussex		
Lisa	Finch	Soundcastle		
		Mr Hastings & St		
Teresa	Flower	Leonards		
Sarah	Hammond	Safe Families		
Angela	Harris	Labour GEM		
Dan	Kerry	CAB1066		
Amrat	Khorana	ETC Sussex		
Steven	Laker	Southern Water		
Lesley	Lambeth	ESCC		
Lynette	McDermott	Xtrax		
Laura	Oak McIntyre	Health in Mind		
Kira	Parsons	Healthwatch ES		
Dave	Perry	Seaview Project		
		A Touch of		
Helen	Prosper	Gentleness		
Helene	Savva	Arts on Prescription		
Jacqui	Skilton	ESRA		
Jim	Stanford	Lunch Positive		
Gary	Storer	Orbit Housing		
Katherin	Weeks	St Michaels Hospice		
		Safer Hastings		
John	Whittington	Partnership		
Ted	Williams	SSAFA		



Everyone came back together for the second Open Mic session

OPEN MIC SESSION 2				
First Name	Last Name	Organisation		
Lynette	MacDermott	Xtrax		
Tina	Pelini	ESCC		
Dave	Perry	Seaview Project		
Helen	Prosper	A Touch of Gentleness		
Tim	Redfern	CAB1066		
Dave	Richardson	Taylor Made Dreams		
Jacqui	Skilton	ESRA		
Jim	Stanford	Lunch Positive		
Gary	Storer	Orbit Housing		
Ted	Williams	SSAFA, The Armed Forces Charity		





As this was possibly Tracey Rose's last event, Steve Manwaring took the opportunity to thank her for all her work with the Hastings Community Network with a beautiful bunch of flowers.

He then formally closed the event, inviting participants to help themselves to the buffet lunch and take the opportunity for further networking.

Feedback from the event showed that people appreciated the opportunity to network and make new local connections.

