

A New OutReach Proposal for St Hubert's

Sandwell Churches Link: is a Registered Charity and works to collaborate with Churches and Community Groups across Sandwell to tackle poverty and injustice in all their forms and to help transform Sandwell for the benefit of all its residents.

Sandwell Churches Link has recently helped form a new partnership called the Brandhall Community Hub, in collaboration with Kings Community Church, Christ Church, Quinton & Oldbury and the Oak Tree Centre and is part of the Oldbury Church Action Network (CAN) Development.

Brandhall Community Hub: Brandhall Community Hub, is located at 151 Castle Road West in Brandhall part of Oldbury. The venue was formerly known as 'The Coffee Shop' and is well located in a small row of shops, with plenty of visibility to local shoppers passing by. There is a 'One Stop' directly opposite, and a newly opened Grocery shop across the junction. The Hub is well located for local transport links and has a No. 49 Bus Stop right outside.

Brandhall Community Hub is already home to the Kings Oak Uniform Bank, the Brandhall Baby Bank and will soon launch the Brandhall Local Pantry.

The Brandhall Community Hub is a doubled-fronted shop venue situated on Castle Road West in Brandhall, Oldbury. The shop has been recently refurbished to become a hub and can comfortably accommodate up to 20 people. The venue is adequately heated by 2 large electrical storage heaters and can be maintained at 18-20 degrees even in the depths of winter.

The hub has a small kitchen with facilities for making hot drinks and light snacks (toast etc) and a comprehensive supply of mugs and plates. There is a Disabled Access toilet to the rear of the building.

The Hub serves as a source of relevant and helpful local information to signpost people to the services and support they need to access. Our information stand includes energy saving advice, how to apply for reduced water bills, how to access the local CAP Debt Advice and how to access food through the Oldbury & Quinton Foodbank and Brandhall Pantry.

Warm Welcome: Brandhall Community Hub will offer a 'Warm Welcome' to any local residents during the Autumn and Winter, along with free hot drinks and snacks. We will open our doors to the public 3 days a week from 10am- 4pm. The Hub will be staffed by our Hub Manager and a team of willing volunteers from the local churches. The Brandhall Community Hub has been listed under the SMBC 'Warm Hub' Scheme

Brandhall Community Hub plans to provide a Warm Welcome to local community residents on typically Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays every week throughout the Winter. Guests will be able to have hot and/or cold drinks and light snacks at the very least. Depending on funding, the Hub also intends to serve a hot lunch (soup and a roll) free of charge each day. Again, dependant on the amount of funding raised, the Hub intends to install a Smart TV so that daytime TV, YouTube, films, radio etc can be shown for the entertainment of our guests during the day. We will also supply a range of books and magazines for guests to peruse.