The Romney Marsh Community Hub – the new name for the Romney Marsh Day Centre

The Board and CEO of the **Romney Marsh Day Centre** are pleased to announce that the charity has been renamed the **Romney Marsh Community Hub.**

Background:

In 2019, the Romney Marsh Day Centre confirmed its plans to rebrand the charity during 2020.

When COVID hit, the charity's immediate focus was firmly on the crisis, and on providing vital support to those required to shield during the first national lockdown. As the pandemic worsened, the RMDC quickly reacted to the needs of the community and the Romney Marsh Community Support Hub was launched.

As a support hub, the charity sought to help hundreds of vulnerable people within the wider community throughout the continuing pandemic, including supporting the delivery of the vaccine programme locally. In the past 18 months, the charity has gained a high level of support and goodwill from the community; collaboration with other charities has been and continues to be highly productive and its work and role is more widely known than at any other time.

In May 2021, the Board approved the name change and a rebrand to the Romney Marsh Community Hub began.

The Future:

The Romney Marsh Community Hub was successful as part of a partnership bid to deliver a 3-year contract for community-based wellbeing services funded through Kent County Council. The Hub's focus will be supporting the health and wellbeing for those aged over 50 across the Marsh. As well as social programmes from the centre, the Hub will offer exercise and health classes and clinics, and an outreach service for meals.

Jon Wilson, CEO, Romney Marsh Community Hub

The Day Centre, as was, has been delivering care in the community of the Romney Marsh for over 40 years, through events and activities, as well as information and advice support and health services within our site on Rolfe Lane.

The COVID crisis has thrown a spotlight on our community and has shown that there are not only hundreds of people needing our support day-to-day, but also that there is huge amount of goodwill from those willing to step up and help.

Our aims are clear: we want to live in a community that supports and promotes the health and wellbeing of everyone, especially those over 50. By focusing on the needs and wellbeing of these individuals, we can reduce levels of isolation and loneliness – felt so acutely during COVID. By ensuring that people's health and wellbeing needs are met now, we can potentially reduce ill health in later life and support people to be independent in their own homes for longer.

The Romney Marsh Community Hub

The Romney Marsh Community Hub is based in Rolfe Lane, New Romney, but supports the towns, villages and hamlets across 100 square miles of the Romney Marsh.

The Hub provides :

Social activities:

- Events and Activities
- Exercise and hobby classes
- Café Dining
- Social interaction

Support groups – at the hub and in the community (from October)

- Cancer support group
- Dementia café

Support services in the community:

- Community Meal delivery
- Home support
- Information and Advice
- Mobile hairdressing
- Transport service

Community opportunities:

- Volunteering positions
- Fundraising opportunities
- Sunflower Charity Shop (Rye)

The details

The Romney Marsh Community Hub new website can be found at: www.rmch.org.uk

Emails are now name.surname@rmch.org.uk.
These details should be updated automatically by email providers (such as Outlook) but please contact us if you have any difficulty in reaching us.

Our phone number remains the same: 01797 363888.

Our Facebook page has been updated to reflect the name change: www.facebook.com/RomneyMarshCommunityHub

Funders and partners

The Hub is supported by New Romney Town Council, Lydd Town Council, Dymchurch Parish Council, St Mary in the Marsh Parish Council.

PLUS:

Kent County Council, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Social Enterprise Kent (SEK), the Kent Community Safety Team, CARM, Kent Community Foundation, Magnox, Age UK Hythe and Lyminge and The Salvation Army.