



## Community Buildings Meeting

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Number: CB035 – To consider a proposal to hold Community Art & Craft Displays in the foyer at the Queen’s Hall**

### 1. Introduction

On several occasions we have been approached to ask whether we would consider allowing the display of arts & crafts created by local artists in the hall. Offering a facility for them to display their artwork would be a way of encouraging wider community involvement.

### 2. Findings

The foyer area is generally not used during the week except for staff to access the kitchen. There is a regular flow of people attending regular weekly classes in the main hall and council chamber who would be able to view the works before or after their classes.

### 3. Proposal

The foyer area could be used at certain times of the year (to be determined based on hire agreements in place) as a display area for local artists. CPC have display boards & trestle tables that could be used for this purpose.

Each artist would have access to the space for a set time, and several artists could use the space at the same time. They would be asked to display their contact details & prices on their work so interested parties could make direct contact with any questions.

Items would be displayed at the artist’s own risk, and it would be up to each artist if they wished to be present (after checking for any implications on CPC’s insurance for the hall). A hire agreement would be created for this specific purpose.

### 4. Costs

The artists could be offered the space for free, or be charged a minimal fee per week or, CPC could receive 10% donation from any sales – if any! All these options have been used by other community halls.

This would be of minimal cost to CPC and other than putting up the display boards and tables and overseeing initial installation of artwork. Otherwise, it would have little impact on staff time.

This facility and dates available could be advertised through our website, Facebook, Cuckfield Life & posters. Local people known to be involved in the art and craft scene could be approached direct.

5. **Recommendations**

The recommendation is to proceed with this on a trial basis to see how successful it is. If this works, we could expand the offering to other artists in future.

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