



Histon & Impington Community

Supporting mobility, older people and mental wellbeing in our community

Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation
Charity number 1100193

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Potential merger of two village charities- public meeting Thursday 13th June 2019

Over recent months, the Trustees of Histon & Impington Community (aka HICOM) and Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation (aka Friends of the Rec) have been discussing the possibility of a merger to form a new charity.

The two charities are both well known in the village community;

Histon & Impington Community (HICOM) formed in 1998 operate, the Community Minibus and the HICOM Wellbeing team which includes the Village Older Peoples, Dementia and Mental Wellbeing workers. In addition, it runs the Histon Worry Tree Café and the Hope Again Bereavement Group.

Friends of the Rec which started in 2003, has increasingly over the last decade organised sporting and exercise activities for people of all ages. For example, the Friends organises HI Community Athletics for young people, the HI Rec Monday Club providing social exercise classes and the Village Community trishaw.

The Friends also organise large community events such as the recent Impington Running Festival, Flaming June Half Marathon, and Strawberry 50 cycling event. Funds raised help to fund improvements at the Recreation Ground, for example new picnic benches in the Rec Play area.

More recently, both charities worked together on the Village Wellbeing Week and produced a combined newsletter delivered to all village homes.

In recent years, both charities have gravitated towards providing more general wellbeing support and have worked closely together. For example, the Wellbeing Team promotes the activities that the Friends of the Rec organise, with HICOM providing community minibus transport.

A potential new charity will continue to work for everyone, and be able to promote and organise activities and opportunities under one umbrella.

We would like to invite village residents to a public meeting on Thursday 13th June at 7.45pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Impington to hear about ideas and plans and to provide a forum for discussion.

Chairman **Edd Stonham** & **Don Kelly**
 Friends of the Rec **HICOM**

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