

## Coleford Hub to hold grand opening aimed at getting community more involved<sup>18</sup>

A new community hub for Coleford will be officially launched in February, making a wider range of public services available to people living locally.

Entitled At The Hub it will be based at the old school building in Church Street, at the heart of the village, and will be run by a new village social enterprise, which aims to bring together community organisations and businesses, in a bid to tackle rural isolation.

The building, which is also home to Coleford's youth club, is available for local groups and individuals to hire and will act as a new meeting place for the village and surrounding areas.



*Coleford Active Living is just one of the many groups that will hold events at the Coleford Hub*

The not-for-profit social enterprise, which has been established with support from Mendip District Council, will encourage public agencies to make their services available through the hub, making it easier for local people to access the services they need.

The launch of At The Hub will showcase the work of those organisations planning to use the hub. Organisations attending will include YMCA, You Can do Active Living Group, IT Help at Home, a local business mentoring group, Frome Men's Shed, neighbourhood police, Mendip Credit Union, Bluebird Care, Coleford Revival Group, Coleford Theatre Group, Coleford Parish Council, CAB, Mendip Community Support, Aster Homes and local health and fitness groups.

Councillor Philip Ham, portfolio holder for Policy and Performance and district councillor for Coleford, said: "At The Hub will provide a venue where the whole community can meet, exchange information and socialise and will help public agencies, businesses and community groups connect with local people, making it easier to deliver services.

"One of the council's key commitments is to tackle the problems that some of our communities can face through rural isolation and At The Hub is a perfect example of an innovative partnership project which will really make a difference to local people."

The launch of At The Hub will take place on Friday, February 6, from 3pm to 8pm at the Old School building on Church Street.

Local people from Coleford and surrounding villages are invited to attend to find out more about the project and how it could help them.

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