

A NEW CHAPTER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Changes are on the horizon for the Kingswood Village Community Association (KVCA). Later this year, we will be transitioning into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This transformation marks not only a significant milestone in our organisation's evolution, but also an opportunity to strengthen and modernise the way the KVCA runs.

Why the change? Converting into a CIO means greater financial security, enhanced governance, and a clearer structure for managing our activities. As a CIO, our association will be able to hold the lease for the Village Hall in its own right, rather than needing external individuals to hold that responsibility. It will also give KVCA trustees better financial protection, which we believe will make it easier for us to recruit trustees in future. Thirdly, the change will align the KVCA constitution with the way we have operated for at least the last 25 years, as an organisation which does not have paid-up members. Our new status will allow us to develop more robust strategies for fundraising, community engagement, and embracing innovative projects that address the specific needs of the Kingswood community.

As has been reported at our past two KVCA AGMs, this transition is the result of careful planning by a dedicated sub-committee who have explored all the options and who have now had the new KVCA constitution approved by the Charity Commission.

We want to ensure that every member of our village has a voice in the re-shaping our future, so we are inviting everyone in the Kingswood community to play a part in

approving this change. On Tuesday 28 October at 6pm, we will be holding a Special General Meeting at the Kingswood Village Hall, where we will seek the final formal approval to transfer all the assets and obligations from the existing KVCA charity to the new charity, elect the trustees of the new charity and close down the old charity. Please see the official Notice of the meeting opposite. This meeting is not just about altering our legal status – it's about reaffirming our commitment to our community and involving all of you in an important decision for the future of community activity in Kingswood.

The meeting will be an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and learn how this transformation will benefit both the association and the wider community. We are eager to hear your thoughts on how we can continue to serve our village effectively under the new framework and to celebrate this new chapter in our shared history. Please come and be a part of a conversation that will shape how we work together for community spirit in Kingswood.



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