

Welcome to the March members' bulletin. It's been a busy couple of months.

EGM, Monday 23 March 2020: Invitation to help shape the future of Heart of Hastings

All members are invited to attend our Extraordinary General Meeting at 11am Monday 23 March, Home Ground Kitchen, Rock House.

Full details are in your "Notice of EGM" emailed 27 Feb, but if you would like more information please email shelley@heartofhastings.org.uk.

Book Launch: Monday 23 March 2020

Printed Matter Bookshop in Queens Road have a book launch they think may interest some of our members. The book, "Who Owns England?" by Guy Shrubsole, is a "fascinating exploration of who owns the land beneath our feet".

6pm, Monday 23 March, St Marys in the Castle Café, Pelham Crescent, Hastings. Step free access from Seafront. £2 donation on door.

Membership Drive: Friday 20 March 2020

We would love to hear your views on how we can increase our membership. Complete this [5-minute survey](#) or come to our working group meeting Friday 20 March 2-3, Project Space, Rock House for a chat.

Travel costs can be reimbursed, and there is step-free access via the Alleyway entrance to Rock House.

Recruitment

White Rock Neighbourhood Ventures (WRNV) and Heart of Hastings (HOH) have been recruiting staff for tenant engagement, community outreach and administration roles. Recruitment has now closed. We have been thrilled by the standard of the applications and enthusiasm for our work.

Between us, WRNV and HOH have created 5 jobs, and in the process nurtured local talent and drawn money into the town to fund salaries. This is a real and meaningful way in which we have contributed to regeneration in Hastings. We look forward to telling you more about the new roles in later communications.

Flat to Rent in Rock House

A 2 bed flat is available to rent in Rock House from 25 March. Rock House in Cambridge Road is owned by White Rock Neighbourhood Ventures, and, like Heart of Hastings, they offer capped rents and consider tenants that might otherwise struggle to get into the private rented sector. The flat is £695.78 per calendar month. There are no admin fees, and rent is guaranteed to increase only with inflation. [Click here](#) for details and photos.

Community Organiser Training

Last month Sam Kinch ran a series of training in community organising. In all, 38 people were trained, over 7 sessions. Participants learnt how to organise themselves and their communities following principles of Do-it-Yourself Regen (Regeneration)/ Bottom up Development. If you would like to be kept informed about future training opportunities, please drop us a line.

If you want to get in touch about anything, call, email, or arrange to drop into the office- we will be happy to hear from you.

Have a great month