

Welcome to all our members, it's getting cold now as the year draws to a close, we hope you all have somewhere warm to go.

One place which will always welcome you is the Common Room in Eagle House. It's full of comfy sofas and open every afternoon from Tuesday to Saturday, 12-4, for everyone. You can just visit and spend time or come to one of the events or groups which regularly take place there. [Common Room Calendar](#). If you have an idea for a community session in there [get in touch](#) with Jay, we are happy to hear your ideas.

Today I met a new visitor, S. S she said she happened on the place by chance and that she would be in "every afternoon" as it was "better than her house".

Her comment was flattering, but as a long standing member of Heart of Hastings, it also made me think that that should never be the case. Heart of Hastings is part of the [Community Land Trust](#) movement. We think it's really good to have spaces where people can come together, but we also want secure, affordable homes for everyone, and our work will always have these 2 aims as its root.

Help the Common Room: Volunteer Role

We are looking for volunteers anchors to help us keep the Common Room open. Anchors open up and close up, welcome people in, make sure the biscuit tin is well stocked and are on hand to answer questions and deal with emergencies if they come up. If you are interested email [Andrew](#) for more information.

Observer Building Tours

Public Observer Building tours are now running every Wednesday morning. Members can book a tour place by emailing info@theob.org.uk. Tours last around 45 minutes to an hour. They are "hard hat" tours of a working building site, so do require a decent level of mobility, there are several floors to explore, and routes can change at short notice to make way for the ongoing building work.

Heritage Action Zone (HAZ)

The America Ground Exhibition at the [Fishermans Musuem](#).

If you find yourself in the Old Town do visit the Fishermans Museum. It's a great museum, and they currently have a new exhibition all about the America Ground based around Steve Peaks book of the same name.

Its well worth a visit!



Building Development

We are very excited to tell you that [WRNV](#) are looking for architects and a cost consultant to assist in the redevelopment of no. 12 Claremont and of Eagle House.

For more information, please visit the WRNV website for more details:
<https://wrnv.org.uk/jobsoportunities/>.

Ore Valley Statement

We have learnt, via a press release, that The Former Power Station site has now been sold to developers Gem Select.

We know this site meant a lot to our members, and have the following statement to share with you:

"Heart of Hastings were incredibly disappointed to be evicted from the Old Power station, and to have our plans for 70+ [locally affordable](#) homes dashed. We were, and are, hopeful that we can come to an arrangement with Gem Select over the potential for some plots within the development and are seeking a meeting with them to discuss options."

There is an article about Ore Valley on [Hastings Online Times](#)

and more information about our history on the site on our [website](#)

Christmas Hours

Heart of Hastings office will close 5pm Friday 24th December and open again 9am Tuesday 4th January 2022. Residential tenants will, as always have full access to the emergency out of hours service provided by Living Rents during this period.

Have a great break if you are getting one, please keep an eye on the [Common Room Calender](#) to see when it will be open over Christmas, and, thank you for your ongoing support.

Stop Press: Paid opportunities in the Hastings Commons