



Press release: 21st March 2020

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CAFE COMMUNITY URGE US TO LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

Hardie Park Cafe in Stanford le Hope announced it was to close its doors on Friday 20th March until further notice. The difficult decision was taken in the interest of health & safety for staff, volunteers and cafe customers following government advice and guidelines regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

Rob Groves CEO of Friends of Hardie Park said, 'Our cafe and clubs provide a lifeline for many in our community. We hope that we can support each other in other ways. Reach out, make a phone call, be neighbourly to those around us with social distancing in mind. We have an amazing, generous and caring community in SS17 and I am even more confident that it will continue, just in a different way. We are looking forward to opening the doors once again, when safe to do so! It's going to be a tough time ahead for many small social enterprises and local businesses alike, in the meantime let's stay positive and look after each other.'

If you have any feedback on the decision or want to contact the team, please do so via 'Contact us' on the website.

<https://www.friendsofhardiepark.co.uk/contact/>

The following notice has been published on social media channels this afternoon. You can also sign up on the website pop-up to the monthly newsletter to keep up to date with any news.

UPDATE:

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CAFE CLOSURE NOTICE



- The Hardie Park cafe in line with government guidelines and advice will close at 4pm today until further notice.
- This action has been taken in the interest of health & safety for our staff, volunteers and customers.
- All groups, clubs, events and projects are suspended.
- There will no longer be access to the toilet facilities.
- The closure will obviously have a huge impact on the project and the work we do in the community. We hope to come back and resume activity when safe to do so!
- Our way forward with the Community Fridge is unclear at the minute. We will keep you informed.
- The Terracycle Scheme will not be operating.
- **CYCLE HUB REMAINS OPEN AT THE PRESENT TIME**
- Please [sign up to our newsletter](#) (link on facebook & [website](#)) so that we can communicate with you and follow us on social media to keep in touch.



Stay safe and please adhere to government advice.

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