

## County and District Council Report for January 2023 from Kathy and Tom Wells

### St Richard's Hospice Christmas Tree Collections

This year MHDC are supporting the St. Richards Hospice Christmas Tree Collection campaign and their staff are volunteering in January to help collect and recycle used Christmas trees across Worcestershire.

Volunteers will be out collecting and recycling trees from all WR postcodes across Worcestershire on 8 and 9 January 2023. If you would like your tree collected, please register online before 11pm on 3 January 2023!

Visit [www.strichards.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-collection](http://www.strichards.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-collection) to register for your tree to be collected.

### Job Opportunities for Ukrainians

MHDC would like to identify any job opportunities in the area that might be suitable for Ukrainian guests.

If you know of any available roles within local businesses, please let MHDC know as they can help promote the opportunities. Jobs that are flexible and fit around school would be particularly useful to know about.

MHDC Liaison Officers can then share the job opportunities with guests and contact employers direct. Please fill out [this form](#) or send it on to anyone you know with job opportunity details.

### Community projects appeal for donations



From providing a new bus service in Upton to helping the homeless, there are several worthwhile projects across the Malvern Hills District appealing for donations.

MHDC have pledged funding of over £117,000 so far to support 26 local projects on the specialist crowdfunding platform Spacehive, resulting in a total of almost £323,000 being raised from over 1,000 pledges.

The rest of the funding will come from communities, local businesses and foundations. Anyone can contribute by chipping in as little as £2 to help a project on its way to success.

The projects currently appealing for donations on Spacehive include:

- Prevent homelessness in Malvern - this project by Maggs Day Centre aims to raise over £30k to expand their services at the centre in Malvern.
- Malvern Link Community Fridge - the Parish of Malvern Link with Cowleigh are aiming to raise over £9k to revamp their kitchen area to support more people.
- Upton Shuttle Bus - Community Action Malvern and District is aiming to raise nearly £5k to create an Upton Shuttle Community Bus route that will provide a service to the village around the town.

Cllr Tom Wells, Leader of Malvern Hills District Council, said: “We are pleased to be supporting these projects which will provide targeted help to people who need it most. These projects will boost connectivity within the district, support people that are homeless and sleeping rough, as well as provide access to fresh foods through a Community Fridge scheme.”

“I would like to thank our residents who are the driving force behind the fantastic projects that have been funded through the platform and everyone who has pledged their support.”

Visit [www.spacehive.com/movement/worcs/projects](http://www.spacehive.com/movement/worcs/projects) for more information, individual projects can be searched for by title.