
MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We have been through a lot in a short space of time, since I joined Rowheath Pavilion, and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some key moments.

Under the loving stewardship of the resident church, Rowheath Pavilion Church, the community centre has been transformed into a thriving, family-friendly hub for the community. The success of Rowheath Pavilion would not have been possible without the enthusiastic support from our amazing community, our church community, staff and volunteers. Thank you all!

Although it is fantastic that the Pavilion and grounds are well used each day, the building is now showing its age and requires significant investment to continue serving the community. Maintenance and operational overhead costs are inflating and to ensure the sustainability of the building and grounds it is essential that we adapt and foster entrepreneurial spirit. Here are our current areas of focus:

- Fundraising Appeal – We are planning to make the most of our Centenary celebrations and create a legacy to last the next 100 years – More details to come!
- Café, bar, weddings/functions – Besides providing great services to our community, the main purpose of these activities is to help the charity cover all overhead costs for running the community centre. The café has just had a refresh and the bar is next!
- (Charitable) Community Users – We are working hard to cover the real costs of providing facilities and raising funds from grants and donations to help where costs can't be met.

There have also been some challenges. This year we were once again unwilling hosts to travellers... twice! Thank you for all the support we received from the community and for those who litter picked. As a Christian charity, we believe in the principle of loving our neighbours (which also is to include our enemies). On both occasions we worked hard to resolve the situations peacefully – as quickly as possible – and whilst showing love and respect to everyone throughout the process. We have listened to feedback from our neighbours, and we are improving the security of our sports pitches and car park.

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We successfully relaunched the café with a new customer-centric layout, higher quality food offering, whilst maintaining the “spirit” of the original café. Since reopening, we have received an enthusiastic response from our customers. Furthermore, the café is generating the surplus required for maintaining our wonderful building. This achievement speaks volumes about our shared vision and the remarkable synergy within our community.

Amidst our accomplishments, let us not forget the essence of our journey: continuous learning and growth. Every challenge we face and every triumph we celebrate serves as a steppingstone towards realising our greater aspirations. With the foundation we have laid, I am confident that Rowheath pavilion’s “heyday” is yet to come! Together, we will persist in our pursuit of excellence and forge ahead, united in our dedication to making a positive impact in our community.

Thank you for your unyielding support and belief in our shared mission. Here's to another quarter of meaningful progress and the remarkable journey ahead.

Warm regards,

Rob Halcrow
CEO, Rowheath Pavilion
