



Dear All

The Out of Hours Club has continued to run in 2024 with the valued assistance of Leaders and volunteers. Jacqui continues to play a leading role in helping with the club.

We have had our usual outings together with a change of venue for our meal and games night. We now meet at The Buttercross, and members enjoy being able to choose their own meals and order this at the bar, some with a little help from Leaders.

It is with great sadness that Trustees learnt that Ashley has started a new job (Congratulations Ashley) and will be unable to run the OHCR for us anymore. He will be leaving at the end of May, after our outing to the theatre. Ashley has been invaluable in ensuring all our outings and get-togethers go as planned. We shall miss him but wish him all the best for the future.

We have become short of drivers for our trips and although some parents/carers offered to help with these outings, we are once again struggling with the necessary drivers needed.

We also regret to inform members and parents/carers that our funds are becoming increasingly depleted. Due to the cost of living crisis, we have been unable to obtain our usual grants, the monies going to other worthy causes. Jacqui has worked tirelessly to try and obtain grants for us, we were fortunate to receive funding for a go-kart trip, but this has been the only grant received, apart from a small sum from Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation, and also a donation from the High Sheriff of Rutland.

This leaves us being able to only continue to run the Buttercross games and meal night for a few more months. Trustees are endeavouring to try and obtain funding and look for a suitable replacement for Ashley. But we felt we should inform everyone at this point.

We will keep everyone informed of what our future plans will be.

With best wishes.

Chrissie Ollier, Chair