

Cornhill Community Action Report - 13th March 2025

Contrary to doubts expressed in this council during my absence, I can tell you that the Centre is doing very well indeed.

The tenant of unit 4, Petal and Paint, who has caused a number of problems, will quit the premises by 31st March.

MJ and Rosie, who do Pilates classes in Unit 2 have been working two 7-hour sessions, 7am to 9pm to satisfy demand. Rosie will now take the tenancy of Unit 4. She had expected to take Unit 5 but that Unit will now be taken by Susie Byass, a Nurse Practitioner, who is starting her own practice with an assistant. She specialises in dermatology and has both private and NHS clients.

A new grant application has been submitted to the Community Foundation for £3400 to rebuild the failed retaining wall on the east path. Also included are external automatic floodlights as the north and west sides can be very dark. The third request is for £1600 to lay a new floor in the hall. The 35-year-old school floor is unsuitable for floor-based Pilates activities. The Pilates tenants now pay to hire various village halls with suitable floors. With the new hall floor, these activities will be transferred to Cornhill and the money expended on hiring other halls will remain in Cornhill.

Derek and Alex, Borders Therapies, find they are increasingly in demand.

The Borders Botanicals distilling classes are a great success and Joanne and John are joining jeweller Maggie Read in being selected to appear in national advertising as examples of successful start-up businesses. You may have noticed Maggie's picture in Berwick in both the Library and the Railway Station. The trustees of CCA are pleased to have been instrumental in these successes.

M. Devon
Chair of trustees