

A brighter future for Rudloe

BUT, we need your help ...



Rudloe is an area where the community would really benefit from a well run, fully functioning Community Centre.

Camomile Family is a community interest company situated in Corsham. It is a truly 'family friendly' café environment that brings the whole community together, offering a wide range of activities, classes and 'meet ups'. They have grown continually over the last 4 years and see Rudloe Community Centre as an ideal location with its substantial spaces, accessible toilets, a dedicated car park, bus stops close by and access to green space.

Rudloe Community Centre and Rudloe Green are significant community assets.

The people of Rudloe have already demonstrated how important Rudloe Green has been, and continues to be, in the life of the community. One-hundred-and-four representations were made in support of the April 2019 Village Green application.

The Community Centre and Green are owned by Wiltshire County Council. In June 2018 they decided that these 'assets' would be handed over to Green Square subject to a formal agreement. *This agreement has not yet come to fruition.*

In July this year Green Square proposed their continuing regeneration plans which included the demolition of the Community Centre.

Whilst the Community Centre was declared 'not fit for purpose' by Wiltshire Council, this declaration related to the purposes to which the old Community Centre (demolished in 2002) was put. Certainly the existing Centre cannot emulate the old Centre but it can be used for many community activities. Camomile Family, a Community Interest Company, proposes to transfer its successful business from Corsham High Street to Rudloe Community Centre.

It should be noted that a Community Interest Company exists for the benefit of a local community and to pursue a social purpose rather than to make a profit for shareholders.

But this transfer will not only have advantages for Camomile; the principal beneficiary will be the Rudloe community. Other services which used to use the Centre before its closure could also return; these services included the Tuesday Afternoon Club for older people, Pilates, taekwondo, bingo, choir, drama group, yoga, dance (tap), Zumba and the Baptist Church.

Further information about Camomile Family, its existing activities in Corsham and its proposals for Rudloe Community Centre are given on the following pages.

RUDLOE IS PART OF THE PARISH OF BOX

According to statistics published on the Box Parish website, at the time of a 2011 survey of Box residents, there were **1,755 households in the parish.**

Through recent research, we find that there are currently (in 2019) **658 households at Rudloe which is 37% of the Box Parish total.**

From Box Parish Accounts 2018-19, we find that Box Parish Council's fixed assets (the value of all the property owned) is almost **£18 million. The value of assets at Rudloe is nil, £0.**

WE THINK IT ONLY FAIR THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME BENEFIT FOR THE FAMILIES OF RUDLOE



A truly family friendly centre that brings the whole community together

Rudloe community Centre would provide Camomile Family with the space to be able to extend support to the wider community of Rudloe as well as Corsham and Box.

Camomile Family in Corsham is a unique café that creates a space for people with small children to enjoy meeting with others, without the need to worry about the children being disruptive or messy.

They offer a wide selection of cooked meals, light snacks and cakes, and cater for most food intolerances including a selection of gluten free, vegan and dairy free cakes and meals.

All their cakes and meals are made from fresh ingredients in the café by the staff.

As well as a café, Camomile organise numerous activities and events designed to bring the whole community together.

They host fully catered birthday parties for children and after school clubs in cookery, science and yoga.

There are regular 'Girls Pudding nights' with a guest speaker, and 'Date Nights' for those couples who have no babysitters to enjoy a meal in the café whilst the children are looked after upstairs.

The results of are long lasting friendships which have formed in the café.

As a Community Interest Company (not for profit) they offer free and subsidised places for those who have limited means but a need for the support and activities they provide.

They are fast outgrowing their existing premises and it is inhibiting them from expanding not only the existing activities but also adding in more so that they reach the 'hidden' community in an accessible and welcoming environment.



What Camomile Family already offer

Cooked Meals and Light Snacks

Coffee and Cake

Fundraising Events

Grandparent's Coffee Mornings

Pudding Evenings

Children's Cookery Courses

Storytime Massage

Baby Yoga

Toddler Yoga



Parents, Carers and
Babysitters First Aid

Paediatric First Aid

Adult and Pregnancy Massage



**Children's
Parties**

Chaos (messy play)

Science Club

Adult Counselling

Creative Dance

Hypnobirthing

Pregnancy Relaxation

Positive Birth Movement Meetings

Baby Massage

Happy Hair Salon



**Fairtrade Children's
Clothes and Toys**



A truly family friendly café
that brings the community
together and also offers
activities for all ages

What Camomile Family can also offer the Rudloe community



How you can help

We want the people of Rudloe to express their views so that a plan can be developed for the local area that meets their needs.

The Rudloe community has expressed a strong desire for a shop to be reintroduced. With the current situation of 'Rudloe Regeneration' being put into the hands of GreenSquare, the existing shop premises would be demolished along with the Community Centre.

Camomile Family, however, could provide a small shop within the Community Centre, at least for essentials.

The questions overleaf, which should be answered by as many local people as possible ask what YOU, the people of Rudloe, would want to see happen. Your responses, along with your attendance at one of the Focus Group meetings on Wednesday 16th October (at 4:30 and 6:30) at Broadwood School will influence decision makers regarding the future of Rudloe.

You should indicate, on the following page, which of the options given you would want to see come about, by placing a tick against the option. AND if you could also give your own views in the blank space on the final page, particularly regarding the Community Centre and a shop, as many of you did about Rudloe Green back in April this year, that would also be extremely helpful.

Your help is vital in ensuring a brighter future and a new start for the Community Centre

**YOUR
COMMUNITY
CENTRE
NEEDS
YOU!**



How you can help

At this point in time (October 2019) the options would appear to be:

OPTION 1

GreenSquare to continue with its regeneration plans for Rudloe Estate – this would result in the demolition of the Community Centre and the shop and would result in two-years of demolition and building in the centre of the estate with no green space. (And then, the centre of the estate would far more resemble a ‘concrete jungle’ than the community space that currently exists).

OPTION 2

Retain the Community Centre in the existing building with Camomile Family running its family-oriented services. Other groups and clubs could also share the spaces. A small shop could also be accommodated within the Centre.

OPTION 3

The same as option 2, except that a separate shop (in the old shop premises) would be included in the plan.

Please indicate (with a tick) which of the options given you would want to see happen and perhaps give your own option along with your own views, which are very important, in the space below.

OPTION 1

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OPTION 2

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OPTION 3

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Your own views

Your name(s) _____

Your address _____ and postcode _____

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