



Dear Members

In this continuing difficult Covid time we wanted to ensure that you are kept up to date on all the activities that we are working on now. We are keen to have your support on these matters and always welcome offers of help from any members who would like to be more closely involved

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those of you who joined our zoom AGM in November, and hopefully we will see even more of you at the next one.

#### **WEBSITE**

You may have noticed that our website has had a facelift, which as before can be found at [www.emsworthclt.org.uk](http://www.emsworthclt.org.uk). We believe that this site now makes it much easier to find everything 'Emsworth CLT' and carries a brand new '*Focus*' section which gives a lot of new information about our aims and plans. Many thanks go to David Linington at *Emsworth Online* for creating our original website. We would also like to thank *John Tweddell* for his fabulous photographs, some of which you will see here.

[Visit the Emsworth CLT website](http://www.emsworthclt.org.uk)

#### **QUESTIONNAIRE ON PLANS FOR PROPOSED YMCA CENTRE**

Please let us know how you feel about our plans for the new YMCA youth and community centre by completing the brief YMCA survey which can be found at <https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/emsworth>. It's vital that as many members **and their children** complete the survey, so that we can take into account all your views and opinions. The survey needs to be done by the end of February.



This new centre which would make use of the land owned by the local council following house building in 2015 at Redlands Grange at the north end of New Brighton Road. If we are successful and it is built, it will focus on several services including:

- Nursery and pre-school facilities for day care.
- Space for young people to use in the late afternoon and evening.
- If funds permit there may also be an outdoor play area.
- In addition, general community groups could also apply to use the space.

There is a wealth of additional information about the plans and layout for the new building at the website: [www.ymca-fg.org/emsworth](http://www.ymca-fg.org/emsworth).

We know from residents that the north of the town is less well served for community space and more than 70% of those completing the housing and community survey stated that there were insufficient spaces for young people. So we would really appreciate feedback from as many people as possible – including views from children.

We are really pleased that negotiations are taking place between the YMCA and Havant Borough Council on an agreement for use of the site. We await the outcome of these. But if we want to make sure we are able to have a new centre for the **whole** community it is likely

that we will need to be engaged in fundraising, particularly for outdoor play space.



#### UPGRADING THE TOWN CENTRE

The latest EMS paper reports on the Town Partnership where a number of local groups including ECLT are working on how the main roads and traffic can be managed/changed in future. At ECLT we are working in a supportive role to address some of the matters that will help keep Emsworth an attractive, safe and welcoming centre. If you missed the helpful map you can find it on the online printout of the EMS on [https://emsworth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/TheEms\\_Autumn2020\\_web.pdf](https://emsworth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/TheEms_Autumn2020_web.pdf)

ECLT also works closely with those who run the shops in the town and it is really positive how well businesses and residents have adapted to the new situation. ECLT has also helped with the Emsworth Alliance launch which continues <https://emsworthalliance.co.uk/>. A strong sense of connection emerged in the community during this project and ECLT plans to continue to work hard on such key local aims.

**AFFORDABLE HOMES**

With the results of the Housing and Community Survey, ECLT aims to work with the council to influence the building and allocation of affordable homes that better meet the needs of those who need to live and/or work in Emsworth. ECLT's committee believe some suitable local sites may emerge, but also plan to work closely with the council when additional housing is closer to being built around Southleigh Road.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for taking an on-going interest in the work of ECLT. Please do contact us if you'd like to be more closely involved in this work. We encourage members to tell other people about ECLT and encourage any who are thinking of becoming more closely involved.

**The Team at Emsworth CLT**