



Three Trees

Three Trees is a “second home” for the circa 12,000 residents living in Chelmsley Wood in the borough of Solihull (postcode B37), with an estimated 1,000 – 1,500 regular users per week.

The centre has been part of community life since 1970, but has been transformed over the last 5 years from a dilapidated and virtually unusable building into a lively, well used and vibrant community owned place. Over the last 8 years the centre has raised over £1 million to make the building watertight and to upgrade and increase space including a cafe. This redevelopment has been the primary focus of the centre and is down to the commitment and determination of the community and a strong and committed longstanding Board and volunteer base.

While Three Trees is not simply an adjunct to public services, it has a strong mandate to narrow the inequality gap between the communities of North Solihull and the rest of Solihull, especially in terms of improving health and well-being, qualification attainment and employability. This can now be much more in focus for the centre given the completion of an extensive programme of redevelopment and refurbishment.

Three Trees is more than just a community centre which hires out its space and applies for funding to deliver its own projects. It hosts and supports several other constituted local groups on a permanent basis and the activities of fledgling/non-constituted groups, created and managed by the local community. This is often for free or at greatly discounted rates to ensure that there are no barriers to using the community centre for developing ideas or continuing to run an activity or club enjoyed by and for the benefit of the community.

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