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Local community invited to celebrate Wellsbourne's first birthday

The Wellsbourne Health Centre in Whitehawk celebrated its successful first year with an Open Day for the local community.

Local residents were invited along to the attractive new building to see what the health centre has to offer and to meet the staff.



Julie McCluskey, Commercial Manager from Ashley House plc joined Chris Naylor, Primary Care Premises Development Manager, Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Sussex, left and Sue Angel, Interim Facilities Manager, Wellsbourne Health Centre and children from Whitehawk Primary School to celebrating the Open Day.

The birthday event held on Thursday 7 July included a range of health-related and community activities and information. It will also featured the official unveiling of artwork by local schoolchildren and adults – the artwork, from a local art project sponsored by NHS Brighton and Hove, is to be displayed permanently on the centre's walls.

“Wellsbourne has become a hub of the local community so, to celebrate its first year, we wanted to host an Open Day that would be fun for local people and also beneficial,” said Chris Naylor, Primary Care Premises Development Manager for NHS Brighton and Hove.

The City's Mayor, Cllr Anne Meadows, joined the celebration and presented certificates to each of the artists.



At the fun and informative Open Day, around 25 local health and community organisations will be providing activities for all age groups and running information and advice stands.

The event included:

- Free diabetes and blood pressure testing
- Advice on health issues such as cancer prevention, sexual health and dental care
- Cookery demonstrations to promote healthy eating
- Massage and ear acupuncture

The artwork on show featured creations by pupils at Whitehawk Primary School, the adult community art group at Whitehawk Inn, local artist and tenant association secretary Mary Whitner and professional artist Bonny Cummins, along with images from the history of Whitehawk from East Brighton Bygones. Bonny spearheaded the community art project along with local group Serendipity.

“Thanks to the project, we now have a wealth of uplifting art work highlighting themes of health and wellbeing to brighten the centre’s walls,” said Chris.



The Wellsbourne Centre in Whitehawk Road houses two GP surgeries, an NHS dental practice, and a range of health and other services including district nursing and podiatry; with a pharmacy next door. The centre, designed and constructed by primary care health premises specialists Ashley House is eco-friendly with a ground source heat pump and a living sedum roof.

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