

New home for Koala Community Hub

More Education Trustees are excited to announce plans to relocate their community hub, from late 2023.

Building upon the last 2 years of successful operations, the Koala Community Hub, which provides support for autistic and neurodivergent people, hopes to relocate to the more central Andover town location of 83 High Street.

Tori Rist, Head of Operations, explained: "We have been working hard over the last 2 years to create a safe space for autistic and neurodivergent people in Andover and further afield. Since the successful launch of our alternative education provision in the Spring, we now find ourselves needing more space and exclusive use of a building.

The high street would allow us to offer more in person learning opportunities as well as expanding upon our community hub services, including more opportunities for 'drop-in' type services that we know our community are keen for. Test Valley Borough Council have been supportive in our vision and we are excited to have the opportunity to work more closely with other local charities and organisations.

The coming months will involve raising funds to support the opening of the new space and seeking planning permission for change of use."

Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Cllr Phil North, said: "The Koala Community Hub does vital work within our community and I've been delighted to see the progress it has made over the last couple of years. It's so important for us as a council that these kinds of groups and initiatives are given all the support they need so they are able to thrive and help as many people as possible. The hub has exciting plans and I hope they are able to get the space needed to match their vision."

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