## **SAVE OUR HAVEN CENTRE**



Hampshire County Council is planning to close and sell off Haven House, the visitor centre - incorporating the shop and cafe, at Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve. The centre is in a prime position providing a hub for all locals as well as people from far and wide, to meet, eat, drink and share ideas as well as for bird watchers to refresh themselves after a tour around the nature reserve. Many Societies and clubs meet at the centre regularly and the conference room is excellent for art exhibitions, craft fairs, family parties and lectures. The centre encourages people to exercise, as it is close to popular walking, cycling and windsurfing areas as well as the nature reserve itself. It also has educational exhibitions regularly for both children and adults to expand their knowledge about birds, wildlife, archaeology and other environmental subjects.

If the centre was run to its full potential it could be even more profitable than at present and could help fund work on the unique nature reserve that it currently supports. The plans for future development could include selling to a developer to change into accommodation which would not benefit the community.

We need an opportunity to come up with a plan that will benefit all. Hampshire County Council must now provide the community with this opportunity. If we have enough support by way of the many thousands of anticipated signatures on this petition, we consider they will realise how important the centre is to the community and allow other options to be considered.

PLEASE SHARE THIS PETITION WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THANK YOU.

AS THE UNDERSIGNED WE CALL ON HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO WITHDRAW THEIR PROPOSALS FOR THE CLOSURE AND SALE OF THIS VITAL COMMUNITY ASSET AND TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL COMMMUNITY TO DRAW UP AND IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE PLANS TO RETAIN THE VISITOR CENTRE FOR THE FUTURE.

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Hampshire County Council is planning to close and sell off Haven House, the visitor centre at Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve, which includes the café and shop. Not only is Haven House integral to operation and good management of the Reserve which attracts visitors from far and near, it provides significant benefits to the local community which cannot be replaced.

We the undersigned call on Hampshire County Council to withdraw their proposals for the closure and of this vital community asset and to work with the local community to draw up and implement sustainal plans to retain the visitor centre for the future.

Please note, by signing this petition you are agreeing to your data being shared with **Hampshire County Council.** hire County Council.

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