

Date: 30.10.2019

Subject: The "Happy to Chat" Bench

Good Afternoon John and Hazel

It's with great excitement that The Steyning Forum is hoping to launch its first community based project. With the support of the Parish Council we would like to agree the use of one of the benches within the bus shelter, in Steyning High Street, to be used for a "Happy to Chat" bench.

Isolation, loneliness, health and wellbeing are all hot topics in today's society and we believe that this concept would be a fantastic opportunity for the community to get involved and to take the time to chat with each other.

The idea is quite simple, we identify the space with signage and invite people to sit and chat. It's a fairly relaxed initiative and we do not require any funding from the Parish Council merely their agreement to use the facility for a trial period of a month and in return we would like to acknowledge their support on our signage.

We are in the process of finalising the sign that will be positioned above the agreed area which will identify the "Happy to Chat" bench.

We are hoping that the committee can agree a one month trial period for this project with the intention of extending it if successful. We very much look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

Russell G K Barnes