



## NEWS RELEASE

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### All Hale to Surrey's first Warm Hub

Local charity, Surrey Community Action has teamed up with Hale Community Centre to open Surrey's first Warm Hub.

A Warm Hub can be any community venue – a village hall, a community centre, a church, a parish room – which provides a warm and friendly environment for people to meet over refreshments and find out how to keep warm for less. Surrey Community Action aims to introduce a network of hubs across the county as part of its Warmth Matters project which offers practical advice and independent guidance to help people stay warm, stay healthy and save money.

The Hale Hub, which is supported by ecopare, will enable people from the local community to benefit from free and impartial energy advice and help to save money on energy bills. There will also be the opportunity to attend a 'switching session' which will help people to understand how much they could save on their energy bills by switching supplier or tariff.

Visitors to the hub can enjoy free cake, tea, coffee and hot chocolate too, while meeting other people from the local community. People will also be able to take away blankets and hot water bottles depending on the availability of donations.

Sessions take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 11.00am – 1.00pm at The Hale Community Centre, 130 Upper Hale Road, Farnham GU9 0JH.

David Carter, Surrey Community Action's Warmth Matters Co-ordinator said: "We would like anyone living in a hard to heat home or on a lower income in Farnham to come along to the Warm Hub – not just now in the colder months but throughout the year as savings on energy bills can be made at any time."

Cathy Burroughs, Centre Manager for Hale Community Centre said: "We are delighted to be working with David and Surrey Community Action to open our centre as a Warm Hub. There is always a warm welcome for everyone here at Hale."

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**Notes to editors:****Surrey Community Action**

Surrey Community Action is a countywide independent registered charity, offering advice, support, services and information to the voluntary, community and faith sector. It also offers Further information about Surrey Community Action can be found at [www.surreyca.org.uk](http://www.surreyca.org.uk).

**Ecopare**

Ecopare delivers real energy savings for businesses by optimising energy usage, replacing old technology and providing expert knowledge on how to maximise energy usage. <http://www.ecopare.energy/>

**Hale Community Centre**

The Hale Community Centre (formerly Sandy Hill Community Bungalow) is a community resource that provides a range of services, activities and meeting spaces for people of all ages. Our aim is to provide recreational, learning, business and social activities, which are accessible and affordable.

<https://www.halecommunitycentre.org.uk/>