

## The Ivers Parish Council The Ivers Training Hub Community Board Update – February 2023

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The Community Board funded a training hub to be used by a trainer and up to 10 persons at a time. The equipment includes an interactive whiteboard and 11 chromebooks that can be used by the trainer and the attendees. The vision was that training would focus on assisting economic recovery (post Covid) by training people to be able to fulfil the jobs that are available and by training businesses to be up to date and that the venue would also provide a training hub for local voluntary organisations to assist them to deliver community based services.

The project was completed by the end of March 2022 and the facility has been operational for more than a year.

Use of the training hub for its main purpose has been slow to develop. The first use by Adult Education was on 3 February 2023 and two further sessions were booked for 10 and 17 February. It is hoped that this use will become more frequent.

However, there has been regular use of the hub by a range of community organisations with the interactive whiteboard being the biggest draw – facilitating meetings and training events where organisations bring their own IT equipment and link (either using WiFi or HDMI cable) to the large screen.

Formal (booked/diarised) use of the hub was 128.75 hours in the first year (21 Feb 2022 to 17 Feb 2023) with the average booking being for two hours.





Photos: I-Can (Ivers Community Action Network)

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