

## Stairways Club Ivybridge

Stairways Club was formed last summer.



The co founders and volunteer project workers of Stairways are all former Adult Education Tutors.

Several club members are former students, whilst others have been referred by Social Services.

We are currently supported by various community grants.

We currently meet one morning a week in rented rooms in a local church.



We hope to have four sessions a week and are in the process of organising an access to I. T. skills, which will start in early May.

We are now the proud owners of a suite of laptop computers!

We offer a range of activities to improve personal confidence and social interaction, building on basic skills including literacy, numeracy and computing.

Stairways aims to develop physical fitness, social participation, personal awareness and enjoyment of our environment.



We provide drama, music, tennis lessons, skittles, dance, board and team games, cookery, outings and I T. based activities.

Members help planning and selecting activities.

Our members' ages range from early twenties to mid fifties.

Membership is subject to a trial period.

Stairways has formed good links with parents and carers who value the local ongoing provision and continuity of care and respite.

Local Social Services are delighted to refer potential members to us and acknowledge the urgent need for provision such as ours because of the many cuts in day centre provision.

We were delighted to receive a visit from our local M.P Gary Streeter, earlier this year. Mr. Streeter has offered his ongoing support to Stairways in our

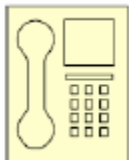
attempts to secure a permanent base and future funding.

We have formed many other links with the local community, including the South Dartmoor Tennis Club, Buckfast Abbey, (club members visited the gardens and produced fantastic Christmas flower arrangements,) Ist Ivybridge Scouts, Dartmoor National Park Trust, and the PIP project. We will be visiting a Hawking Centre next month, in connection with ongoing project work based on Dartmoor and have lots of local walks planned for the summer.

Stairways has a growing number of resources and we would like to be able to offer our members a permanent central base, with full disabled access, storage and parking.

If we are able to obtain a building, club members will be able to help look after it, and we will be able to extend the range of activities on offer.

If you would like further information about Stairways, then please contact one of our Project Leaders.



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