



## Penrith Town Council

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#### **Penrith Town Council support Winter Warmth Club with grant**

A grant of £895.94 has been awarded by Penrith Town Council to Riverside Group to deliver a Winter Warmth Club in the Community Café at the Eden Rural Foyer.

The Winter Warmth Club provides a safe, easy and accessible place for people living in the community, so they have somewhere to warm up, have a free hot beverage or a cup of soup, browse the internet, have a chat with somebody or charge their mobile phones at no extra cost.

The grant also contributes towards the Winter Warmth Club's free weekly movie night where visitors will be able to enjoy watching a film of their choice on a big screen in the café with a free hot beverage.

#### **On Monday 18 December 2023, Doug Lawson, Penrith Town Council Chair and Mayor of Penrith visited the Winter Warmth Club at the Eden Rural Foyer and said:**

*"The Winter Warmth Club provides a vital service for local people - particularly those who are struggling financially or are suffering from social isolation.*

*"Sometimes people can be reluctant to access services like these, which is why having the free weekly movie night is so important - as it gives those reluctant people more of a reason to access this service.*

*"Supporting the Penrith community is always a priority for the Council and that is why I am delighted to see the grant funding for this much needed community project."*

The Winter Warmth Club in the Community Café at the Eden Rural Foyer opened on 1 November 2023 and funding from Penrith Town Council will allow the project to run until 31 March 2024.

The Winter Warmth Club in the Community Café at the Eden Rural Foyer is running as part of "Warm Spots" - places in the community that give people a warm space to relax, work or interact with others in.

There are five spaces in Penrith currently designated as Warm Spots, including Penrith Leisure Centre, Restore Penrith, Penrith Library, Arragons Cycles and the Eden Rural Foyer. Everyone is welcome and you will not need to give any explanation of why you are there.

For more information on Warm Spots, please [visit the Westmorland & Furness Council website.](#)