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Gnosall's library group gains charitable status

The GLEAN Hub group, which is working towards a new community library in Gnosall in partnership with Staffordshire Libraries, Gnosall Parish Council and GGs Youth Club, was delighted to be informed recently by the Charity Commission that its application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a CIO) was successful. GLEAN is a small voluntary group made up of residents with relevant skills and experience, and one parish councillor. GLEAN stands for Gnosall Library Environment and Nurture. Gnosall Parish Council has provided the group with support.

Chairman of GLEAN Hub, Robert Alker, said 'Gaining charitable status is another important step on the way to establishing a new community-managed library for Gnosall and the surrounding area. Being a charity demonstrates that GLEAN Hub has recognised status, and will allow the group to apply for funding from a wider range of organisations.'

The members of GLEAN Hub would like to record their thanks to Support Staffordshire, in particular to Barry Halls who has assisted the group in putting forward their application to the Charity Commission. Support Staffordshire helps communities individuals and organisations to work in collaboration to bring about positive change in their community.

GLEAN's registration number with the Charity Commission is 1175263. Gnosall currently has no permanent library provision since the demolition in 2015 of the previous library which was situated within St Lawrence Primary School.

If you wish to contact GLEAN, perhaps to offer your services as a volunteer, or provide funding for this excellent cause, please email the group at info@gleanhub.org. To keep in touch with progress, please look at the website <http://www.gleanhub.org/>

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