



Extended Services in and around schools

Case Study

Refresh (Coffee Shop)

Refresh is a coffee shop that opened recently within Crown Wood School. The school is also home to a congregation of Easthampstead Baptist Church.

It was the members of this congregation that saw the opportunity to open a coffee shop in the community so that the local people had a comfortable place to meet with their friends. The hope is that it will contribute to the school becoming the social hub of Crown Wood.

One of the regular customers at Refresh commented recently, "We support you at Refresh because you have done so much for our community; something like this has been needed for a long time"

There are plans to have drop-ins at the coffee shop. The local police officer has already run a beat surgery there and there are plans for the Children's Information Service, Age concern and the police to have some sessions during March.

Refresh opens Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday Mornings from 8:45-1:30 and is run by volunteers. It provides drinks and snacks including home made soup and cake.

It also provides a venue for **Reverb** a youth Café that runs on the first and 3rd Fridays of the month for 14-17 year olds.