**The Mabel Churn Centre - Frequently Asked Questions**

**External Audiences**

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| Why is Age UK Enfield (AUKE) moving? | As a result of Enfield Council assessing their estate portfolio alongside their consultation on the viability of libraries, the two properties used by AUKE were identified as no longer required by them.  Given the various logistical issues around the Parker Centre and its suitability as a dementia day care centre, it was an ideal opportunity for AUKE to reconsider its needs and to look at an alternative site which could accommodate both the day centre and the operational hub of the charity.  As a result of discussions with Enfield Council, the Rose Taylor Centre was identified as a great solution. |
| Is the Rose Taylor Centre the best option? | The Board worked closely with the Chief Executive and the Senior Management Team including Head of Dementia Care Services and Head of Prevention Services in fully understanding the needs of their respective parts of the business and the desire to have a single location from which the Charity could operate.  On-going research and reviews with clients and their carers and/or family members also provided useful information on their personal requirements and needs, all of which fed into the final decision to proceed.  The Rose Taylor Centre – to be renamed The Mabel Churn Centre - was built as a dedicated day care centre for older people which was run by the Council. It therefore is designed and laid out to reflect the needs of both clients and the teams who care for them.  Whilst the Centre has been closed for over a year, the core elements are still very much in place and allows AUKE to refurbish as necessary to bring it up to today’s standards and legal requirements. It will be a Centre of excellence in terms of services offered and will further evolve as time progresses.  The larger space allows us to create a better environment in which to work and provides numerous opportunities for us to deliver services to more clients – both in the dementia day care centre and through Prevention Services. |
| Why is the new Centre being named renamed? | We are renaming the Rose Taylor Centre as The Mabel Churn Centre, as we have been generously funded by the Mabs Mardulyn Charitable Foundation.  Mabel Churn was a local Enfield resident; the international charitable foundation was set up in her name for the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or training and the relief of those who are in need by reason of disability. |
| What will it cost and can AUKE afford it? | As an independent self-governing charity, AUKE is fully responsible for seeking the necessary financial revenue to support the delivery of its services and to be in a financially viable position to fulfil it legal obligations.  The decision to progress with this exciting and ambitious opportunity is something that has not been taken lightly and, as part of a dedicated and on-going fund-raising programme, there is sufficient funding to enable AUKE to move to the new location and undertake the necessary refurbishment to enable us to “open for business”.  This is largely due to an extremely generous gift from The Mabs Mardulyn Charitable Foundation, which was created by Mabel Churn, after whom the new Centre will be named.  More money is needed and there is a focused programme of activity around grants and foundations as well as individual giving.  If you are able to donate towards the work of Age UK Enfield, please visit our website – [www.ageukenfield.org.uk/donate](https://www.ageukenfield.org.uk/donate)  Alternatively you can send a cheque payable to Age UK Enfield at the John Jackson Library, 35 Agricola Place, Bush Hill Park, Enfield EN1 1DW – or sign-up to easyfundraising and select us as your charity or leave us a legacy.  Like many charities, AUKE has had to deal with increased costs to reflect Government changes in NI and minimum wage so increasing existing and generating new revenue is always on our agenda.  As touched upon above, moving to a larger site will enable us to increase the number of dementia day care clients and the ability to extend our other services; this will bring in additional revenue. |
| What’s the location of the Mabel Churn Centre? | The full address is:  Age UK Enfield  The Mabel Churn Centre  55b The Sunny Road  Brimsdown  Enfield EN3 5BF |
| What is the timing for AUKE moving into The Mabel Churn Centre | Work on the refurbishment will commence in mid-August and phase one should be completed by the end of September.  The move will be scheduled in two phases with the day and home care teams moving in mid October with the intent to open the dementia day care centre to clients on 27 October 2025.  The Operations team and Prevention Services team will continue to operate out of the John Jackson Library until the end of March after which they too will transition to The Mabel Churn Centre.  Further information will be provided as plans progress and times can be confirmed. |
| With everyone moving, does this mean that all clients will need to travel to Brimsdown? | Whilst The Mabel Churn Centre can accommodate AUKE’s staff, it is vital that AUKE continues its community based presence and delivery of activities and events.  Currently, many of AUKE’s activities are held in community venues throughout the Borough and this will continue to be the case.  AUKE is also looking to develop some hubs in the Borough that will enable us to reach out to the older people who are unable to come to the new Centre.  The dementia day care centre will be based at The Mabel Churn Centre. |
| Is it easily accessible by public transport, car and/or bike? | The Centre is served by bus routes 121, 191, 279, 307 and the 313 with a walk of no more than 10 mins to the building itself.  There is limited parking and this will be prioritised for the mini-buses and disabled drivers/blue badges.  Parking is available in the surrounding roads subject to any parking restrictions that may be in place.    Brimsdown Station is 15 mins walk away. |
| Is the new office accessible for all? | As a purpose-built centre for older people, The Mabel Churn has the design to reflect the needs of those who are restricted in movement or are wheelchair bound.  It is a spacious building with a lot of natural light – and even includes a courtyard and dedicated outside space.  The entrance is wheelchair friendly with a sloped entrance.  Accessibility is a key aspect of the refurbishment plans and will also look at the colour palette of the building as part of it being dementia friendly. |
| Is there outdoor space? | The Centre has an internal courtyard which will be developed for use by both clients and staff and volunteers. There is also a patio area at the side of the building adjacent to the allotments.  There is a possibility that we will have access to part of the allotment but this needs to be confirmed. |
| Who can I contact with questions about the move? | If you require further information please contact the relevant team:  Day care services - [day.centre@ageukenfield.org.uk](mailto:day.care@ageukenfield.org.uk)  Tel: 020 8351 1131  Prevention services – [admin@ageukenfield.org.uk](mailto:admin@ageukenfield.org.uk)  Tel: 020 8375 4120  For general enquiries around the Centre itself and/or donating please call 020 8375 4120 and ask for Lesley King-Lewis |