

## Calne Central – A Community Service Network

You can be proud of the Community Service Network we helped create, sometimes under challenging circumstances. A Collaborating Network Partnership that welcomes all. Calne Community Hub is still here, collaborating with Calne in Tune. We have been open to provide support to local people 6-7 days a week throughout the emergency.

'Calne Central', The Building (20 Church Street) was provided by 'Calne in Tune', a Registered Charity. This Music Arts, Crafts & Media based Organisation has provided Community Groups with space to organise a Youth & Community Resource. This includes a Community Internet Café, Community Fridge & Larder and Benefit & Disability Support.

Calne Central Volunteers manage and run the day-to-day operation and are members of a number of established Local Community Groups and Individual Volunteers that including Calne Community Hub, Calne in Tune, Calne Men's Shed, Calne Pocket Park, Calne Clean-up Crew, Calne Free Church and others.

We are a Cooperation of Community Service Volunteers who have formed a Community Service Network we now call 'Calne Central' after the building we named. The Emergency has had its toll on Trustees and volunteers and we need more of you to engage – Neighbour Helping Neighbours, filling in the gaps of Professional Community Services.

Please join us in our endeavours to work together to inclusively meet the diverse needs of all the people of Calne & Surrounds. Join our Group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/calne.central>



Thank you Calne in Tune

## Enablement and Empowerment

Half a Century ago a group of people in the UK & USA Worked & Campaigned to establish and implement the concept of 'Community Care'.

At that time the concept of 'Enablement' was also developed and implemented in some radical Voluntary Community Services. The focus was on what people can do, rather than what they can't do.

Mary Warnock produced a report to the Government (The Warnock Report, 1978) and this resulted in the Community Care Act, closing the big institutions, and introducing local Community Services.

Community Care Systems were set up and some of those introduced 'Enablement Services'. These are services where the focus is on what people can do, not just what they can't do.

Enablement (as opposed to Disablement) includes the principle of 'Empowerment'; Giving people power over their own lives in areas where they are able compensate for the areas they struggle with.

This is how Calne Central Volunteers work within the wider Community Service Network. People with skills and abilities helping each other in areas when they each struggle.

