



#### **SHORT SYNOPSIS - Hinckley Hub**

In the centre of Hinckley, many shops have announced that they are closing down and community facilities such as banks have recently closed, making the town centre devoid of services. It is in this environment that Refreshment UK intends to bring a much-needed mission hub to offer life to the centre of the town and provide a diverse range of services for those managing mental health conditions.

We have negotiated the use of the former Town Hall, last used by Barclays Bank, for a pilot project to June 2027 to get the hub running and are looking at raising £21k in a fundraising appeal to make this happen. It would bring a great relief to the town to see this much needed resource back in active use and Refreshment have the skills and experience to bring a full weekly programme to the town.

The hub would be developed and laid out as follows:

<b>GROUND FLOOR</b>	An Assembly Room, Training Space and Mental Health Support Rooms <i>Space for 1-to-1 services, group sessions and signposting</i>
<b>FIRST FLOOR</b>	Community Provision with Volunteering & Skills Workshops <i>A volunteering opportunity with a local charity, and work experience opportunities to learn with our commercial activities</i>
<b>SECOND FLOOR</b>	The Upper Room Prayer Room <i>A quiet room to have small prayer meetings and maintain 24-7 prayer</i>

We believe the building once again will be a community asset and host both support services and commercial activities. The open assembly space on the ground floor will be flexible to be able to host monthly craft fairs for the skills workshops, work alongside the local council and aim to be open both during the daytime and evenings, adding to the safety and life of the area.

## **WHAT IS A MISSION HUB?**

The mission hub celebrates the work of the local church and then adds to it by providing a central location, open 7 days a week, for additional help in the community. As the mission hubs will be centrally located, the provision for vulnerable members of society will continue to happen in the local church, rather than draw people to the town centre.

The activities at the hub will be available to all, but the programme happens across the town in various locations. The building at the centre acts as the central point for information, resources and extra activities that are needed. It also provides the base for three commercial activities that can be accessed by all members of society:

### **THE PROGRAMME OF A MISSION HUB**

Some of the activities that will form the life of the hub will include:

#### **REFRESHMENT PROGRAMMES**

**Budgeting Buddies** – this service recognises the struggles that some people have with managing their finances and offers one-to-one support and classes providing a disciplined approach to balancing luxuries and necessities, and coaching of how to be good stewards.

**The Chat Café** – a space where people can find someone to talk to over a drink in a one-to-one environment – an informal, confidential pastoral service. It works a little like speed dating, but without the movement.

**Ask Me About Hope** – recognising the need for a new approach, Ask Me About Hope combines evangelism and chaplaincy by using activities to engage in personal conversations that ultimately lead people to hear about Jesus. This is supported by a website ([askmeabouthope.co.uk](http://askmeabouthope.co.uk)) and drop-in sessions for people. It provides a space for mental health support and helps people share their struggles with people.

**CaptivHated** – in a modern age where people are experiencing spiritual problems, this is a place to chat freely about these without being judged or rationalised. A place to talk about dreams, visions, nightmares and deliverance, if required.

**Worship For All** – recognising that there is a need for an inclusive, accessible worshipping community for additional needs. This specialises in providing a space for those with learning difficulties or autism to engage in worship.

**Running with Jesus** – a scheme that is the recruitment and development of an army of Christians using running as an avenue to the gospel. Over a quarter of the population run 1 to 3 times a week. This also equips people to be evangelists at Parkrun and other running events. It is an informal running club eventually. – [runningwithjesus.life](http://runningwithjesus.life)

**A Hub of Hope** – the local church is the best place for people to receive help and hope all week. The Hub of Hope is a directory delivered to every household in the area with a list of activities that people can engage with the local church.

**The Prayer Cross Code** – a prayer walking group who will stop, look and listen. This group covers the town in strategic prayer walks and listens to God speaking over the entire town. The group meet monthly in strategic locations to pray and shares the words with churches. This also is the home of our weekly Zoom meeting.

**Pray for Me** – this campaign a weekly, in-person prayer gathering that anyone could attend incorporating the work of the Prayer PostBox. This provides a national network for people to submit prayer requests and receive in-person prayer, as well as set up locations in every hub where people can deliver their prayers. **Prayforme.life**

**Refresh Nights** – these are our monthly worship nights which form a traditional love feast. Based on Wesley's model, these draw people together to worship, pray, share testimony and celebrate each other's work. These are not on a Sunday.

**Young In Heart** – using the skills, this focuses on children's discipleship, recognising that children are the ones who can make commitments. We provide resources, classes and activities that support children.

**Refreshers** – this programme goes alongside helping people live healthy lives. This involves fitness activities including running on the track, badminton and any sports programmes that encourage fellowship and exercise. This also incorporates a programme of dieting as well that teaches wise stewardship of the body and weekly fasting for those that need it.

### **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES**

It also provides the base for three commercial activities that can be accessed by all members of society including:

**Refresh Resources - The production of Christian resources** – these include the production of clothing, gifts and stationery, as well as activities that will help develop these.

**Be Refreshed - Hospitality and Café Space** – this will be a training space to provide the creation of for sale food products ready for delivery.

**So Refreshing – Craft Making and Cottage Industries** – to add value to the life of those struggling with managed mental health and encourage workplace skills, we will run classes and workshops to create things that can be sold locally and nationally through the hub.

### **PARTNER PROGRAMMES**

These are activities and ministries we would consider being allowed to use our hubs, established through decades long partnerships with Refreshment UK.

#### **PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY**

**24/7 Prayer** – a permanent place for people to receive prayer

**Community Bible Study** – a programme that brings Christians together around the Bible. Try Praying – encouraging people to simply try praying.

#### **ADDICTION, VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND HEALTH SUPPORT**

**Celebrate Recovery** – a programme that particularly supports people with addiction.

**Keys to Freedom** – a course that deals with people struggling with life-controlling issues.

**Torch Fellowship** – a supportive fellowship for the blind and partially sighted

**Chaplaincy Plus** – providing Christian pastoral support and equipping opportunities to build community and to help people thrive in the workplace.

**Christians Against Poverty** – help for people who require debt support

## **OUR LOCATION**

### **Why Hinckley?**

Hinckley is a central town with a population struggling with aspirations. The town centre is struggling as a business district with many shop fronts empty, and significant community resources such as the NatWest bank and the Westfield Community Centre have recently been closed.

We have negotiated the use of the former Town Hall initially and will be able to develop it into a community asset that will really aid the growth of the town.

### **HELP REFRESHMENT AND GET BEHIND US IN 2 WAYS:**

#### ***Refresh Invest***

To help us complete on this project, we are looking to recruit a further 4 partners through our Refresh Invest programme by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. In this, you give us the opportunity to steward your money for a period (up to March 2030) and in return, we bless you with a 7% interest payment each year. At the end of the term, we return your money in full and you know that it has been used to make a huge difference to our campaign. This starts at a minimum investment of £7000 and invest for a full term before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, you would earn £20

#### **FUNDRAISING APPEAL – REFRESHMENT NEEDS YOU**

From Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January to the end of February, we need your help. We are looking to raise £21,000 to help us with this and bring help and hope to Hinckley's High Street. Consider making a one-off gift to this special appeal. We need you!

To get involved with the hub, contact us on 0300 998 1125

#### **SUPPORT US WITH A ONE-OFF GIFT BY:**

- **Cheque** – made payable to 'Refreshment UK' and sent to FF11, High Cross Business Centre, 18 Lancaster Road, Hinckley LE10 0AW
- **Bank Transfer** – make a donation direct to:
  - BANK NAME: NatWest Bank
  - ACCOUNT NAME: Refreshment UK
  - SORT CODE: 60-11-06
  - ACCOUNT NUMBER: 25418211
  - REFERENCE: 2026APPEAL
- **Credit/Debit Card Payment** – visit our appeal page from [www.refreshment.org.uk](http://www.refreshment.org.uk) or call us on 0300 998 1125 to make a gift. At our appeal page, you can give via Card, GoCardless or PayPal. We have switched to Total Giving as Just Giving seem to ask for a tip every time you donate.