

## **Newmarket Day Centre CIO celebrates after receiving £9,100 from the National Lottery to help with our Community Meals Service during Covid-19**

Local community group, Newmarket Day Centre CIO, is today celebrating after being awarded £9,100 in National Lottery funding to support its work Delivering Meal Service in their local community. The group, based in Fred Archer Way Newmarket, will use the cash to Deliver meals during the Covid-19 outbreak to the most vulnerable in our community.

Newmarket Day Centre has been running since 1981 and is staffed by 9 members of Staff and an army of Volunteers. The Centre is usually open 5 Days a week offering much needed services to the over 50,s . We provide Care, Podiatry, Hairdressing, Bathing facilities Freshly Cooked food each day and so much more you can check us out on our website at [www.newmarketdaycentre.co.uk](http://www.newmarketdaycentre.co.uk). Since Covid-19 the service has seen a shift in its approach to delivering services to those previously attending and those that are now taking up the offer.

The new funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, which distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes and is the largest community funder in the UK, will enable us to increase and expand our food delivery service to the isolated and vulnerable. The over 70, s most at risk may be isolated for some time yet.

At the same time, the group will be able to as restrictions ease maintain the large quantity of lockdown services we provide at present, while opening the Centre within Government Guidelines, ensuring our clients confidence in their safety as they phase back into some form of normality.

Elvis McMinn Charity Director says: "We're delighted that The National Lottery Community Fund has recognised our work in this way. Now, thanks to National Lottery players we will be able to press on and help as many isolated and vulnerable as possible. When we make our welfare calls each week to all the clients on our radar they are a generation so frightened by this virus, they enjoy a welcome chat and at the same time we find out if they need any small food packages."