SEATING SPACE

REEPHAM
AREA OF SERVICE:

Aged/socially excluded

LIONS SHARE

Project description

It was more evident during the pandemic that some residents of Reepham did not have a place to go to sit, in contact with other people, if only to watch the world go by. The reality of social isolation was emphasised.

In consultation with The Bircham Centre, a local listed building providing a range of facilities, it was agreed that our Club would provide two benches to be placed in their small garden area looking out onto the Market Place.

Since providing and locating the benches they have been well received and well used by people, mainly elderly, who otherwise would not be able to enjoy sitting out and having as much contact with others.

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What went well?

- People of Reepham have commented positively on the benches, and the opportunity they afford to people who would otherwise be socially isolated. Small groups of people have been able to spend time together, which would not have happened previously
- The profile of Reepham Lions has been enhanced, as a secondary benefit.

Lessons learnt

A collaborative project with another caring organisation can reap great benefit for the community.

500+ people served

20 volunteer hours