

My wife is disabled, in a wheelchair, registered blind, and only able to use her left hand. For some years, she has been attending a day centre, which has been a great boon for both of us. First it was the Crescent Resource Centre, until two years ago when she reached her 70th birthday, and was told she had to leave because of her age, leave all her many friends behind, and go to Newent House, where she had to start all over again. Now she has been told that Newent may be closed, not to worry though, as she may be able to go to Hobkirk House, and start all over again.

It must be just as worrying and unsettling for the people at Hobkirk to think they may have to face this upheaval. Surely in a borough the size of Kingston, with an increasingly ageing population it is a very short sighted policy to even think of closing down one of these centres, if not for the sake of the people who are now using them what of future old and disabled residents of the borough.

I urge you to think again about this, before you do away with one of these valuable resources.

If the council is so short on finance as they claim, why do they persist in wasting money on white elephants, like fountains in the market, the Rose Theatre, and Living Kingston magazine etc. These things are OK if money is no object.

This council should get its act together, sort out the priorities, and run the borough properly as it was elected to do.

Yours sincerely

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