Report for Area West on Meeting House Arts Centre Ilminster

It has been another successful year for the Arts Centre.

Many of the concerts have been fully subscribed and provided an eclectic mix of styles. The Jazz concerts have been particularly well received.

The various exhibitions in the gallery have been well attended. The Summer exhibition was varied and included many local Artists, showcasing a wealth of local talent.

Many workshops have been run for children to encourage talent and foster an interest in the Arts. The shop continues to do well and sells locally produced goods.

The Christmas exhibition is on from 30 November until 23 December. An opportunity to buy gifts with a difference. The annual Charity Christmas card sale is being held on Friday 30 November. Many workshops are planned including Rag rugs, Knit stitch and crochet, Felting and Fabric Weaving. A 4-session group for children called Art Chest began on 19 September.

Friday 6 November sees a words and music session, music will be provided by the Serenade choir.

The café continues to attract good numbers and after an initial problem have now retained their 5 star Food hygiene rating.

I attended a meeting of the Trustees in August.

Cllr Val Keitch Ilminster Ward