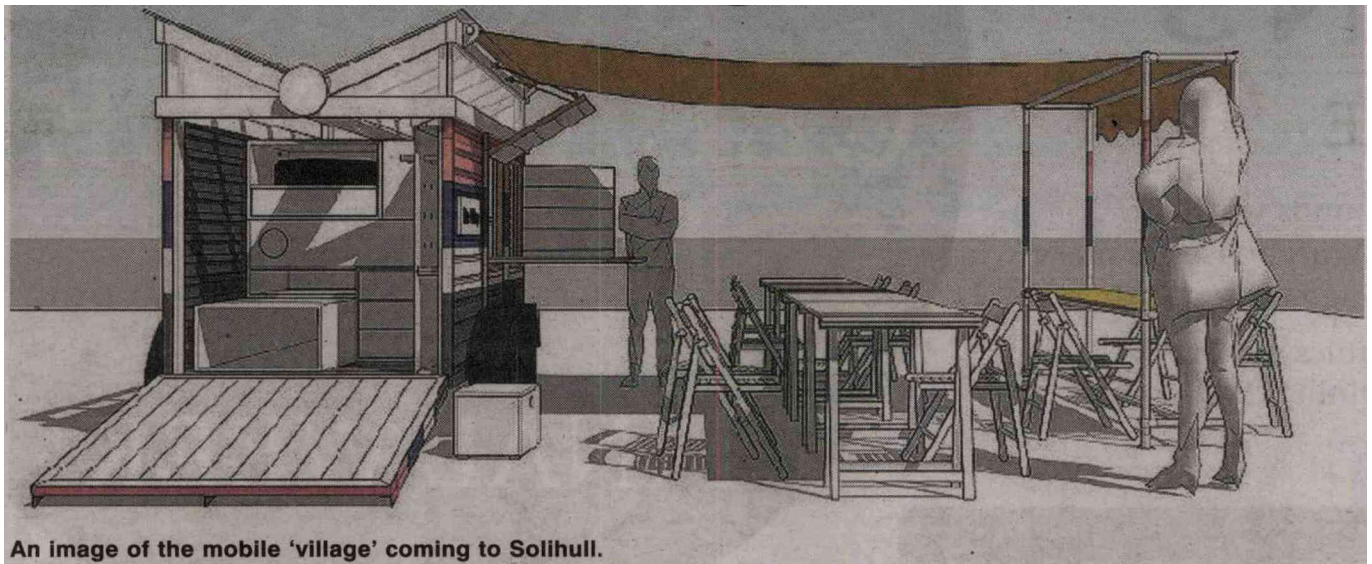




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Mobile village to help community



An image of the mobile 'village' coming to Solihull.

COMMUNITY charity project The Village is extending its virtues in Solihull by building a multi-functional 'mobile village' to help deliver support and aid to vulnerable people.

The initiative comes after The Village, a nationwide charity harnessing the skills of veterans, secured funding from local mental health charity Living Well UK.

The aim is to build the portable hub to bring a sense of community to even the most isolated of neighbours.

Since the project started

in 2018, more than 400 lives have been touched by the charity from Lesotho and Bethlehem and now Solihull thanks to the heartening works of more than 30 veteran volunteers.

Throughout the pandemic, The Village ran a Hygiene Bank for people in Solihull, helping to combat hygiene poverty and offering free sanitary products as well as helping to distribute over 80,000 hygiene items to local residents.

Its team also delivered online cooking classes and encouraged environmen-

tal care of local spaces through re-wilding packs to grow wildflowers and encourage bee pollination.

Programmes manager at Solihull Village Daisy-May Super, said: "It's fantastic to be able to extend our efforts in Solihull thanks to Living Well's donation.

In North Solihull, 73 per cent of children live in low-income households with a lone parent.

"From the cooking school and re-wilding project, we've met many residents within the community but the mobile village will help us to bring our services

and activities to the doorsteps of so many more people in the area.

"We're so grateful to have Living Well UK onboard and we're also looking to join forces with local businesses to help us deliver our aims.

"The project would be a great investment for a forward-thinking business leader looking to support vulnerable communities with access to mental health, wellbeing and physical activity opportunities."

For more details visit The Village website at: <https://www.thevillagecharity.org/>

