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SHILDON CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTION NETWORK



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Deputy Chair Samantha Townsend

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1. Our Membership

CORE GROUP

Shildon Town Council	Local Town & County Councillors
Shildon Alive – A St Johns Church Project	Durham County Council
Livin	Shildon Salvation Army
Jubilee fields Community Association	Sunnydale Leisure Centre
New Shildon All Saints Baden Powell Scout Group	Wellbeing for Life
Shildon Guides and Brownies Groups	YMCA Teasdale / Shildon
Jubilee Fields Community Centre	NHS Growing Healthy Team
Shildon Methodist Church	Locomotion
Shildon AFC CIC	Place Lab
Shildon Police	Northern Heartlands
St. John's CofE Primary School	
Timothy Hackworth Primary School	
Thornhill Primary School	

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2. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope it is a good and successful year for you, your families and SCYPAN too.

As Chair I wanted to say how much I admire the dedication of all the adults and young people involved in our local groups, despite the challenges and difficulties we are facing in the current climate, you have continued with dedication to our young people and the community. We have a wonderful Shildon AFC CIC, Spectrum Roller-Skating Club, Running Clubs, Sports Groups, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Guide Groups, Jubilee Fields Community Centre and Shildon Youth supported by YMCA and Shildon Alive, drop ins, Mother and Toddler Groups and many more. This is not counting the After-School Groups the three primary schools in the town provide too. So, there is something for every young person of all ages.

Thanks to all of our funders, and Shildon Town Council for supporting our youthwork and partnership forum.

A BIG THANKYOU to Shildon Town Council, the dedicated Town Councillors and local volunteers for making Christmas a magical experience for all, the Christmas Tree light switch on was wonderful. Thanks to all the careful planning and hard work from the Shildon Town Council and Civic Hall team, once again everyone had the opportunity to meet Santa as well as enjoy great entertainment and bargains from the tabletop sale.

I would like to thank the members of SCYPAN, and your organisations this year as we have shown we can work in partnership and make events and activities bigger and better. Many SCYPAN members regularly volunteer their time to support vulnerable residents when they most need it, and many partners offer support or funding to help other groups support families in crisis. Thank you very much for giving up your time, your experience, your involvement, and your passion for our community.

My thanks also go to:

SCYPAN Network Members
 Durham County Council
 Livin
 Shildon Town Council & Town Councillors
 Paula Nelson (outgoing Chair)
 Ashley Wharton – Shildon Alive (Treasurer)
 Saint John's Church
 Salvation Army
 Shildon Methodist Church
 Bishop Auckland & Shildon Area Action Partnership

Local community and statutory organisations
 ALL The Young People of Shildon and the surrounding area

Thanks, as always
Samantha Townsend

(Chair – Shildon Children & Young People's Action Network)

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3. Aims and Objectives

To advance in life and relieve the needs of children and young people who live, play or access services in Shildon and the surrounding area (the area of benefit) through the development and promotion of initiatives that address their expressed needs and aspirations.

To develop and promote communication, partnership working and best practice between voluntary and statutory agencies working for the benefit of children and young people in Shildon and the surrounding area.

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4. Our Story So Far

The Network was set up in early 2006 to bring together statutory, voluntary and community groups that provide services for children, young people, and families in Shildon and the surrounding area. In past years we have delivered a Young Peoples Awards although that's currently not our priority as we felt that direct work with young people may be more valuable.

SCYPAN strives to work in partnership and address the needs and aspirations of children, young people and families living, playing, and accessing services in Shildon and the surrounding area.

The network holds regular meetings for members and other interested parties to share information, raise issues, share problems and solutions. During this period we also commissioned Youth Work from YMCA to provide valuable opportunities for the young people of Shildon.

The network operates an open-door policy and actively encourages other relevant local Children and Young People groups to be involved.

SCYPAN would like to take this opportunity to thank all those groups and individuals who take part in this community effort to provide services and activities for children, young people, and parents.

The achievements of SCYPAN have been a combined effort and hope that the network can go on to achieve its goals.

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6. ACCOUNTS - APR 2024/MAR 2025

Opening balance £23,060.32

OUT

date	to	Amount
19/09/2024	YMCA youth work	£14,542.15
20/09/2024	Bank charges	£12.50
24/12/2024	Community Bus Affiliation	£25

IN

date	From	Amount
25/04/2024	J Knott Trust Grant	£5,000
07/06/2024	Groundwork UK	£375
23/09/2024	Community Funding (Ballinger Trust Grant)	£5,500
24/03/2025	Durham County Council (AAP)	£16,150

Carried Forward £35,505.67

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7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS - APR 2024/MAR 2025

Name of independent examiner: Elizabeth
Oakes

X	I confirm that I have no conflicts of interest that mean I'm unsuitable to examine these accounts.
X	I confirm that I understand the financial information presented to me.
X	I confirm that proper accounting records were kept.
X	I confirm that the accounts accord with the accounting records.

Signed:

Date:

28/01/26