

SPENNYMOOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1170497

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-12-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SPENNYMOOR AND THE SURROUNDING AREA (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER:TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Providing activities for Children, Young People and Families. Including Junior, Inters and Duke of Edinburgh Award. Inter Generational Work, Health & Well Being Services, ICT Access and Support. Room

Hire for Community Groups and Private Hire for Events. Room Hire for Education Purposes. Community Allotment. Support including, Food Parcel, and Community Cafe and Volunteer Support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£185,490	£174,119	-	-
2023-12-31	£188,941	£177,360	-	-
2022-12-31	£161,432	£158,438	-	-
2021-12-31	£166,555	£188,549	-	-
2020-12-31	£284,562	£210,428	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BARBARA GRAHAM	Chair	2016-12-01
Chloe Horn		2025-07-01
NEIL Crowther FOSTER		2016-12-01
Wayne Gibson		2016-12-01

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1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024



SPENNYSMOOR YOUTH and
Community Association



Spennymoor Youth and Community Association enjoyed another successful year in which we continued to support struggling families, isolated older residents, people with lived experience of mental and physical health problems and residents looking for new skills as volunteers or to learn and train towards employment.

Our National Lottery Reaching Communities funded project enabled us to support over 4,000 centre users and to secure additional funding for new and established activities, adding to our community programme and achieving our ambition to be a 7 day centre for everyone.

Year two Lottery grant spend of £84,834 funded project staff, community café cook/overheads, weekend workers, volunteer costs, office costs, training, marketing and publicity.

We made significant investment in making our centre greener and more sustainable. Thanks to grant funding secured from Durham County Council, Durham Community Action and SYACA match funding, we were able to install energy saving improvements which included zoned and remotely controlled heating, solar panels with battery storage and FiT energy fed back to the grid, smart radiator thermostats, boiler optimisation, hot water timers and energy reducing equipment on our fridges and freezers.

Awards for All funding allowed us to install ultrafast broadband alongside digital and ICT support for residents delivered from the centre.

Alongside reducing our energy costs, we continued to broaden our funding base with new grant funders matched by continued support from partners including:

Funder	Amount	Activity
Awards for All	£11,022	Community Ultrafast Connect to install broadband infrastructure and YouFibre on a social tariff throughout the centre. The project included digital help for residents with the online world and access to digital equipment.
Welcome Space	£3,890	To open up the centre for isolated residents and families struggling with the cost of living, offering free access to tea, coffee, food and emergency food help. As well as help, support and a place to meet.
Police and Crime Commissioner Trailblazer, Livin, Spennymoor Local Network	£18,648	To deliver in house youth sessions and outreach across Spennymoor and Tudhoe.
Livin and Fun and Food County Durham	£4,018	For Easter, Summer, Halloween and Christmas holiday activities for children and families with access to food.
Spennymoor Town Council	£652	Santa doorstep visits.
Durham County Council	£3,000	Chillax CREE
TOTAL:	£41,230	

Eating Together



Providing food help to Spennymoor residents has been a significant part of our work. The Bread and Butter Thing provided over 1,000 members with weekly affordable food surplus. Complemented by weekly FareShare bags and Feeding Families emergency food parcels.

Our community café has given residents access to affordable hot food and space to meet others and become part of the centre. Twice weekly term sessions have been popular with older isolated residents and alongside preschool play, our café has been popular with parents, carers and childminders.

Plans for a community pantry will add to our offer in 2025, offering centre users access to low cost groceries, toiletries and fresh food grown on our community allotment.



Working Together

- We continued to work with Learning a New Way CIC, as their services grow, in providing a hub for education and support services for SEND and home educated young people.

- Kingdom Culture Church has established itself within the centre and support a number of our projects and services, providing volunteers, involvement and funding.
- We worked closely with Spennymoor Town Team in shaping how £20m of Government investment will be spent over the next 10 years. Chair Barbara Graham representing SYACA and Tudhoe Community Centre on the Town Team Board and Project Co-ordinator Michael Fishwick involved on working groups aligned to our priorities.

- As one of their recognised Wellbeing Hubs, we continued to work closely with Wellbeing for Life Adult Services in providing wellbeing services and support to our own wellbeing groups and the wider community.
- A formal contract with Durham Learn allowed us to host a range of adult learning courses including ESOL as we continue to work with Spennymoor's growing refugee and asylum seeker population as they become involved and part of the local community.
- As a youth and community centre our membership of the Lottery funded Youth print project led by Auckland Youth and Community Centre brought together youth and community service providers to co-ordinate efforts and network across the area.
- Our involvement in the CREE network facilitated by Durham Community Action and funded by Durham County Council made our Chillax CREE one of the few CREE groups delivering youth provision for young people with additional needs.

Looking ahead



Our priorities over the next 12 months will be to continue efforts in making our charity and partnership with Tudhoe Community Centre increasingly sustainable by investing in staff and volunteers and ensuring we have robust systems and policies on important areas including; safeguarding, governance, financial management, fundraising, building maintenance and centre development.

Our staff team will work with trustees, volunteers and partners to evaluate the impact Communities Together Stepping UP in its final project year has made as we develop the

next phase of the project and look to secure funding to be able to sustain what we do well.



Thank you!

We are grateful to our SYACA Team; Trustees, volunteers, staff, partners, funders and centre users who sustain our charity and help to deliver the difference it makes for so many people across the communities we serve. We couldn't do it without each and everyone involved.

Trustees

Chair – Barbara Graham

Vice Chair – Vacancy

Secretary – Neil Foster

Treasurer – Wayne Gibson

Committee:

Dianna Charlton

Ian Geldhart (Town Council Rep)

Andy Anderson (Town Council Rep)

Staff

Michael Fishwick – Development Manager

Danielle Clarke – Project Worker

Helen Riley – Centre Administration

Gemma Matthews – Weekend Worker

Kelly Cox – Weekend Worker

Ashley Court – Cook

Val Richardson – Caretaker

Spennymoor Youth Work Team

Chris Milner – Youth Worker

Claire Peat – Youth Worker

David Stow – Youth Worker

Sandra Mc Donnell – Support

Tudhoe Youth Work Team

Claire Bissett – Youth Worker

Danielle Todd – Youth Worker

Alyssa Carr – Support

Sedgefield Youth Work

Victoria Robinson – Youth Worker

Kerry Nicholson – Support

Iona Darton – Support

**Thank You to All Volunteers who support the centre on
a daily basis.**

**It really could not happen with out your help and
involvement.**

SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
Building Room Hire	19745	16245	Building & Cleaning	9053	7277
AAP Youth Connect Income	5962		Gas & Electric	7644	5876
Fairshare Income	500		Water	906	858
Paypal Income	20		Building Insurance	1163	1148
			Service Direct Repairs	288	
			Telephone & Internet	797	324
			Office/General Admin Expenses	555	30
Chillax Sessions	3000	2900	Christmas 2024 F & F Exp	1045	
			Accountancy Charges	354	354
			T V License	159	159
Christmas 2-24 F & F Inc	1682		Living Holidays Activities 21-22		120
AAP Fun/Food/Healthy Relationship		15150	PPL-PRS Fees	440	
Ballanger Trust		17795	Bank Charges	124	174
NCLF – Stepping Up	84387	42193	NLCF Stepping Up	578	505
Place for People	1000		Tudhoe Youth Club	7029	
Sales of Product Income	90		AAP Learning Together		
Sedgefield YC Wages Income	3380		/AAP Covid		8261
Clothes Bank Donation	236	56	Funding		21609
Fun & Food	5499	2110	AAP Youth/Health/Covid	2013	
SYACS – F&F		1139	Computers/ICT	497	3814
Tudhoe CC Income	5354	9622	Youth Club Activities		7651
Tudhoe YC 2024 (PointNorth)	4810		Grants Expenses		1820
Non Profit Income	20198	25305	Photocopier Expenses	1203	1000
Ultra Connect A4A Income	15097		Chillax Expenses	1890	1413
Uncategorized Income		31906	Repairs		176
			Vehicle Expenses	2799	2253
			Living Holidays		2086
			Fairshare Exp	600	
Grants	14530	24520	Wages Expenses	114703	104076
			Sedgefield YC Wages	115	
			Move It Project	160	
			D of E Expenses	489	1635
			Reaching Communities		67
			Quickbooks	858	
			Co-op Donation	472	
			CDCF 2024 Grant Exp	2399	
			Covid 19 Take Away		1200
			Eating Together	1154	645
			Ballanger Trust	1678	1678
			Cassop F&F Summer Exp		240
			DBS Checks	105	255
			Defibrillator	156	156
			Food & Fun	4414	500
			Uncategorised Expenses	57	
			Ultra Connect A4A Exp	11021	
Excess of Payments - over Receipts			Plus Excess of Receipts - over Payments		
	<u>185489</u>	<u>188941</u>		<u>8571</u>	<u>11581</u>
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SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY

	2024	2023		2024	2023
Balance as at 01.01.24	170774	159179	Balance as at 31.12.24		
<u>Less</u> Excess of Payments over receipts for the Year			Unity Trust Bank Debtors Creditor	180666 56036 (57657)	171086 46237 (46863)
<u>Plus</u> Excess of Receipts Over payments for the Year	8571	11581	Cash in Hand	300	300
	<u>179345</u>	<u>170760</u>		<u>179345</u>	<u>170760</u>
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Approved by



B GRAHAM
Chairperson



COUNCILLOR N FOSTER
Secretary



W GIBSON
Treasurer

We have compiled these unaudited accounts from the books and records of Spennymoor Youth & Community Association and from information given to us. We have not performed an audit therefore we do not express any opinion on the financial information.

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10th April 2025

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**Spennymoor Youth and Community Association
Annual Report**

January 2023 – December 2023

2023 marks the fourth anniversary of Communities Together supported by The National Lottery Community Fund and the start of the first year of our Communities Together Stepping UP project which is taking our partnership project to the next level; more sustainable organisations, more sustainable community buildings and more involved volunteers and trustees.

Over the last 5 years, The National Lottery Community Fund grant of £296,966 to date has allowed us to secure additional funding of £600,400.

We have continued to develop and deliver a community programme which is supporting increasing numbers of struggling families and adults, isolated older residents, people with lived experience of mental and physical health problems as well as the wider community.

We were delighted to have secured a three year National Lottery Community Fund grant and cost of living crisis uplift of £196,755 for this second phase; Communities Together Stepping UP, which began in October 2022.

In project year 1, we were able to secure £74,451 in additional grant funding which has funded new activities and helped to sustain our established activities. As well as generating £14,670 this year from new projects to make our programme more sustainable.

4,913 project users benefited in Year 1 across our two community venues. This report highlights some of our achievements over the last 12 months and our plans for next year.



Activities for struggling families and adults have included access to free and affordable food. We are part of the Feeding Families service which provides basic food parcels to residents in emergency need, The Bread and Butter Thing Project providing bags of food surplus to 80 customers every week packed by our Centre Friends, Fareshare food surplus allowing people to fill a bag of food for a small donation and our Eating Together project which provides weekly breakfast, brunch, Cuppa Club and community café sessions.

Activities for isolated older residents have included a programme of Look Out trips for older centre user groups throughout the year, as well as targeted activities providing social space, social contact and exercise as part of a co-ordinated programme to reconnect older people with their communities.

Activities for people with lived experience of mental and physical health problems have included wellbeing group sessions, our young people's Chillax CREE and partnership working with County Durham Wellbeing For Life, becoming one of their recognised wellbeing hubs, promoting health campaigns and our staff trained to signpost to services and people who can help.

Residents looking for new skills, to become volunteers, learning, training and employability activities have been delivered in partnership with DurhamLearn teaching ESOL English, Multiply Maths and Business Studies. Eden Academy has delivered Driving Theory training sessions. Triage has delivered employability support and other training partners have delivered construction site certificates, door security courses and Health & Social Care for residents looking to gain sector specific employment.

Project Worker Danielle has supported our team of Centre Friends, a core group of 25 regular volunteers, to identify training and development needs as well as increase their confidence and involvement within the Centre. We achieved Hallmark accreditation during the year which recognises good governance and management. Kitemark accreditation is in progress recognising the work we do with our volunteers which we hope will be awarded later this year.



Some of the activities and events delivered over the last 12 months:

	Activities	Partners and funders	Beneficiaries
<p>#Eating Together</p>	<p>Food has continued to be a big part of the project. Weekly access to free and affordable food has provided families and residents in food need with emergency food and access to food surplus.</p> <p>We have given out 520 free Feeding Families emergency food boxes.</p> <p>634 Fareshare food surplus bags in return for a pay as you can afford donation.</p> <p>12,480 Bread and Butter food surplus bags at £8.50 for three bags per customer (groceries, fruit, veg, meat, fish and dairy).</p> <p>The Bread and Butter Thing hub at Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre is one of their biggest with 1039 members.</p> <p>Twice weekly community café sessions. Café Together offering cooked breakfasts popular with older residents and a family café offering small meals, snacks and kid's lunch boxes with free Stay and Play for preschoolers and their grown-ups. We were pleased when Café Together was given a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 with a kitchen and Café well managed by Cook Ashley, Project Worker Danielle and volunteers, in particular Josie who commits 12 hours every week in helping us make it happen.</p> <p>By layering up food projects we've been able to develop an offer which helps residents with different levels of need; residents in crisis, residents struggling with the cost of living and residents who want to reduce food waste. Café Together has provided a place for residents and parents to meet and eat. It has also created a space where centre users from different activities come together before or after sessions helping people and groups integrate.</p> <p>Our food projects have been our biggest source of volunteer help. 20 regular volunteers are involved weekly in delivering the centre's food projects.</p> <p>Project Worker Danielle has supported our Centre Friends building confidence and capacity to run activities with minimal staff involvement, developing the group as a team with a commitment to the partnership and involvement in other aspects of</p>	<p>The National Lottery Community Fund</p> <p>Kingdom Culture Church</p> <p>Places for People</p> <p>Feeding Families</p> <p>The Bread and Butter Thing</p>	<p>1,124 including struggling families, older residents and low income isolated residents, residents in food need.</p>

	Communities Together including growing our management committees.		
#Growing Together	<p>Our community allotment was used most during the year by children from North Park Primary School who attended weekly growing sessions with Project Worker Gemma and Josh from OASES, a partnership project teaching children how to grow and harvest food. It is hoped OASES will continue to access the allotment for group sessions next year, growing for food, learning, volunteering and offering social contact.</p> <p>Chosen as a Co-op Good Cause, grant funding of £1,239 has paid for new equipment, compost, plants and signage for both the allotment and our Spennymoor Courtyard green space which has been well used by groups for breaks, outdoor eating and by Learning a New Way for play and learning sessions.</p> <p>Volunteers from Durham University, The North East Autism Society and Esh Group have all taken part in action days on the community allotment.</p> <p>A Fun and Food session in October brought together children and their grown-ups on the community allotment to carve pumpkins and access holiday food and North Park Primary students have been back to harvest the vegetables they grew to make soup students.</p>	<p>The National Lottery Community Fund</p> <p>Spennymoor Youth and Community Association</p> <p>OASES</p> <p>Co-op Community Fund</p> <p>Fun and Food County Durham Council</p> <p>Durham University</p> <p>North East Autism Society</p> <p>Esh Group</p>	<p>54 including Key Stages 1 & 2 children, SEND children, autistic young people and employee volunteering.</p>
#Moving Together	<p>Exercise and dance sessions:</p> <p>Baby Movers and Little Movers, sensory, music, movement and dance following Early Years Curriculum for birth - crawling, walking - 5 years, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre.</p> <p>Hartbeeps sensory, music, movement and dance for 2-12 months, Wednesdays at Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre.</p> <p>North Park Primary School weekly term time yoga.</p> <p>Multi Sports, games and exercise for children and young people 7-12 and 12 plus delivered by Moors in the Community sport coaches as part of our weekly term time youth sessions at Spennymoor, Tudhoe and outreach.</p> <p>Gentle Circuits for adults with long term health conditions, new to exercise or looking to increase</p>	<p>Sedgefield North Integrated Health Coach Service</p> <p>Little Movers Durham, Seaham, Spennymoor and Peterlee</p> <p>Hartbeeps South Durham Bishop Auckland Spennymoor, Coxhoe and Hartlepool</p> <p>PCP Happiness Hub/NHS North East and Cumbria</p> <p>Welcome Spaces Point North</p>	<p>458 babies, toddlers, adults, parents, carers and older residents.</p>

	<p>mobility and strength, Friday and Monday evenings at Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre.</p>	<p>North Park Primary School</p> <p>Moors in the Community</p>	
<p>#Being Together</p>	<p>Improving wellbeing is a priority for the project. For residents who are isolated, we have developed social sessions in both centres which combine with our community café (Café Together), access to free and affordable food and food surplus, Look Out Trips and volunteering opportunities through our Centre Friends programme. We have been able to build a committed community of weekly sessions with good crossover:</p> <p>Breakfast Buddies at Spennymoor aimed at men, offers breakfast buns and round table conversation. The group is well established and growing with 10-12 Buddies meeting every Monday morning. Kurling in the hall adds a physical activity and regular Look Out trips this year with group member Steven volunteer driving and making good use of our community vehicle funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.</p> <p>The Monday Club is another well established group at Spennymoor for older women offering traditional round table chat, snacks and bingo. The group is attended weekly by 14-16 women and managed by Centre Friends including providing transport where needed.</p> <p>On Wednesdays we open the Lounge at Spennymoor and encourage parents/carers attending baby and toddler classes to stay and have a coffee. We are grateful to Centre Friend Moira for serving and chatting to those who drop in. Open Lounge has also been used for fundraising, as part of our support for local student Amelia to travel to Africa to be part of a community development project with her school and Learning a New Way has used the space for information sessions and as a Warm Space.</p> <p>We have also opened the Lounge around our Gentle Circuits session on a Monday evening as a Welcome Space. And at weekends free pop up Stay and Play for parents/carers and their children delivered 34 hours of social space, music and toys over 17 sessions.</p> <p>Where we have funding and capacity, we are trying to encourage people to stay and socialise as part of a wellbeing group or before and after stand alone activities</p>	<p>The National Lottery Community Fund Cost of Living uplift</p> <p>County Durham Community Foundation Welcome Space</p> <p>Spennymoor AAP 7 Day Centre</p> <p>Places for People</p>	<p>337 residents, parents and carers taking part in regular wellbeing sessions and accessing social space.</p>

	<p>Our Survive and Thrive wellbeing group meets every Thursday with typically 8-10 members attending for people with lived experience of mental health problems and/or addiction. With staff trained in mental health wellbeing, we can offer low level 1:1 support and have worked with mental health professionals during the year to support some of the group members as needed. As a social group, sessions offer snacks, chat and a game of bingo with good friendships formed.</p> <p>A Book Club meets fortnightly at Spennymoor and volunteer efforts have been made to establish a Pride Group with our help and support. Although a group hasn't yet established within the Centre, it has led to an online social LGBT+ group with 14 members.</p>		
<p>#Learning Together</p>	<p>We have continued to host a range of adult learning and training providers, making full use of our improved training spaces and facilities over the last 12 months.</p> <p>Durham Learn delivered ESOL for our group of Arabic speaking refugees. The group has become part of centre life, volunteering, benefiting from food surplus, socialising, cooking and sharing food and celebrations with other Centre Friends. Some of the learners featured in a mural, sketched by Rach (The Live Sketcher) and Hazel (Nocciola The Drawer), as part of Spenny Mural Fest.</p> <p>Other training delivered for residents included Multiply Maths and basic English, Health & Social Care, Sewing, Triage employability skills, Wellbeing for Life cooking skills, Youth Justice restorative cooking courses, learning and employment support with the Educational Development Trust, Eden Academy Driving Theory, Tea & Tech digital drop ins with Digital Durham, Business Support, CSCS and Security.</p> <p>It is a real challenge for many of the training and learning providers in filling courses. Barriers to participation such as transport, confidence and lifestyle often prevent learners from taking up opportunities, but we have found that when people take the first step, the centres act as a stepping stone towards employability and/or further learning and skills.</p> <p>We were able to offer work experience placements during the year in partnership with Employability Durham, The North East Autism Society and directly through our own volunteering opportunities.</p>	<p>Durham Learn</p> <p>Social Prescribers Link Workers Network</p> <p>Durham Community Action</p> <p>Triage</p> <p>Youth Justice</p> <p>Eden Training Academy</p> <p>Digital Durham</p> <p>DurhamWorks</p> <p>Employability Durham</p> <p>Noth East Autism Society</p> <p>E Learning at Work</p> <p>Crafty Kitz</p>	<p>140 adults taking up learning, training, employability ad work experience opportunities.</p>

	Building staff and volunteer confidence and capacity, we have also invested in more training this year on safeguarding, COSHH, trustee responsibilities, good governance and food safety.		
#Celebrating Together	Weekend venue hire has increased significantly during project year 2. The employment of two weekend workers funded by Spennymoor AAP and The National Lottery Community Fund at Spennymoor has allowed us hire out the centre for 42 children's birthday parties, welcoming 1,594 people and generating £3,888 in venue hire. Our party package including large bouncy castle, soft play, speaker, lights and member of staff offers families an affordable large venue to celebrate.	The National Lottery Community Fund Spennymoor AAP	1,594 children, families and friends
#Young People Together	<p>For struggling families, our youth work team has delivered a programme of term time and holiday activities for children and young people. Youth sessions adapted to suit different needs, in particular including SEND, tailoring activities to be inclusive.</p> <p>Open youth sessions were well attended at Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre; Mondays for Juniors and Wednesdays for Seniors offering young people aged 8-11 and 11-16 years 4 hours of traditional youth provision with access to games and crafts as well as space to socialise.</p> <p>Partnership working with Moors in the Community brought in a Sports Coach for Seniors at Spennymoor and the Monday Youth Club session.</p> <p>Outreach youth work has allowed us to engage young people out on the streets. This has been strongly supported by community safety partners as part of multi-agency efforts to reduce antisocial behaviour. Funding from Spennymoor AAP, Livin and Government Trailblazer grant has allowed for 5 hours weekly outreach and pop up activities for young people aged 8-16 in hotspot areas.</p> <p>Chillax continued to be funded by Public Health as a wellbeing CREE for young people aged approx. 8-13 years with additional needs, SEND, low confidence or anxiety, where a smaller more structured youth session is more appropriate.</p> <p>Learning a New Way CIC continued to operate from Spennymoor growing its activities for SEND children, delivering training for families around autism and ADHD and providing group and 1:1 tuition for home ed young people as well as tea time</p>	The Ballinger Charitable Trust Public Health Learning a New Way CIC Moors in the Community Spennymoor AAP Livin Government Trailblazer Durham County Council	1,206 children, young people and their families.

and lunch clubs for struggling families and children with additional needs. Their programme is meeting a huge need for families with children and young people with additional needs. Learning a New Way which grew out of our Learning Together COVID catch up project for children who had fallen behind with functional skills during COVID restrictions, complements the work of Communities Together with users a key part of other activities and events.

In July we organised the Spenny Youth Fest which brought together 400 young people and their families with 30 youth organisations, clubs and service providers to showcase, signpost and sign up young people with local provision.

We also again took part in the Gala Parade under the theme of diversity. A great opportunity for our young people to create costumes, decorate umbrellas and parade together, raising the profile of who we are and what we do.



Funding and Sustainability

We increased the amount of grant funding on the previous year and have broadened our funding base over the last 12 months. Smaller grants have been secured from more grant funders, allowing us to develop new relationships with funders.

We have also increased revenue from project activities including funds raised from our Community Café (Café Together), weekend venue hire party packages, venue hire for centre based CIC, Learning a New Way.

Where we've had successful activities which were previously 100% grant funded, we've introduced charges to help sustain them while keeping them affordable and accessible for beneficiaries:

Eating Together food sales: £6,690

Weekend party package venue hire: 4,888

Youth session membership subs: £1,824

Fareshare donations: £1,26

Grant funding secured during the year included:

Funder	Project	Funding secured
Public Health	Chillax Wellbeing CREE	£3,000
Livin Holiday Activity Fund '24	School holiday youth activities; Spennymoor and Tudhoe	£2,000
Spennymoor AAP	Youth Connect Outreach	£5,962
Livin and Government Trailblazer Grant	Youth Connect Outreach Dec '23 – July '24	£2,500
Co-op Local Community Fund	Outdoor space and community garden grant	£1,239
Places for People, Community Connector Fund	Youth session venue hire, Community Café food, Survive and Thrive, learning and training refreshments	£1,000
Spennymoor Area Action Partnership	Better Together	£5,178
Spennymoor Area Action Partnership / Department of Education	February Half Term Fun and Food '24	£1,005
Spennymoor Area Action Partnership	7 Day Centre	£6,112
Spennymoor Area Action Partnership	Spenny Youth Fest '24	£2,125
Durham County Council	Spenny Youth Fest '24	£500

County Durham Community Foundation	Welcome Space	£3,890
Wellbeing for Life	New Age Kurling set and Community Café equipment	£500
ASDA	Volunteer coin collection	£145
Kingdom Culture Church	Christmas donation	£200
Kingdom Culture Church	Stay and Play venue hire	£720
	Total	£30,076



Priorities for the year ahead as we enter year 2 of Communities Together Stepping UP, is to consolidate our programme and work towards a more sustainable project as we continue to step up how many people we support, strengthen our governance, train staff, involve our trustees and volunteers and broaden our income to include directly generated revenue, fundraising, giving and sponsorship, as well as grants.

We have further developed our Communities Together partnership between Tudhoe Community Centre and Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre over the last 12 months. Joint regular Trustee meetings and new members to both management committees have helped us better co-ordinate and share ideas.

Achieving Hallmark has helped us improve governance, policies and procedures. We are working towards Kitemark, working closely to make sure that our volunteers have the support and development that they need to play more active roles in the partnership.

Hiring more space at both centres with Learning a New Way CIC and Kingdom Culture Church, making better use of our kitchen spaces for ourselves and private hire, growing our youth work services, upgrading the boiler management system and funding other energy saving measures recommended in our independent energy assessment are all priorities in progress for next year.

Thank you to all our funders and supporters.

Thanks particularly to our trustees, Centre Friends and staff who deliver what we do.

Their time, energy and dedication made a difference to 4,918 people this year and everything Communities Together has achieved over the last 5 years; helping people get through COVID, supporting struggling families with the cost of living, bringing people together to celebrate, working with children and young people to develop and grow, helping people improve their confidence, health and wellbeing, helping people on their first steps to learning and employment and reconnecting older people with their communities. Let's keep going!

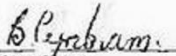
SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022	PAYMENTS	2023	2022
Rental Income	16245	21057	Cleaning	7277	4453
			Gas & Electric	5876	4998
			Water	858	772
			Building Insurance	1148	1058
			Telephone & Internet	324	443
Youth Club Resources		11488	Office/General Admin Expenses	30	20
Chillax Sessions	2900	4000	Sundry Expenses		2265
			Accountancy Charges	354	354
			T V License	159	159
CDCF Food Products/Hall		257	Living Holidays Activities 21-22	120	1822
AAP Fun/Food/Healthy Relationship	15150		PPL-PRS Fees		564
Ballanger Trust	17795		Bank Charges	174	174
NCLF – Stepping Up	42193	38270	NLCF Stepping Up	505	
Happiness Hub		4000	Sports Funding		238
AAP Learning/Making Links		62022	AAP Learning Together		
GDigital Drive		1747	/AAP Covid	8261	25898
Clothes Bank Donation	56		Funding	21609	
Fun & Food	2110		Jubilee/Duke of Edinburgh		2333
SYACS – F&F	1139		Computers/ICT	3814	736
Tudhoe CC Income	9622		Youth Club Activities	7651	7428
			Grants Expenses	1820	1664
Non Profit Income	25305	11208	Photocopier Expenses	1000	629
			Chillax Expenses	1413	2993
Uncategorized Income	31906	3508	Repairs	176	
			Vehicle Expenses	2253	
			Living Holidays	2086	
Grants	24520	1774	Wages Expenses	104076	78990
			Your Neighbour Expenses		75
Living Holiday Act		2100	D of E Expenses	1635	200
			Reaching Communities	67	3746
			PayPal Fees		
			CDCF Hall/Covid 19 Food Packs		
			Covid 19 Take Away	1200	1600
			Eating Together	645	
			Ballanger Trust	1678	
			Cassop F&F Summer Exp	240	
			DBS Checks	255	
			Defibrillator	156	
			Food & Fun	500	
Excess of Payments - over Receipts			Plus Excess of Receipts - over Payments	<u>11581</u>	<u>17819</u>
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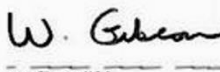
SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY

	2023	2022		2023	2022
Balance as at 01.01.23	159179	141360	Balance as at 31.12.23		
<u>Less</u> Excess of Payments over receipts for the Year			Unity Trust Bank	171086	161219
			Debtors	46237	32387
			Creditor	(46863)	(34727)
<u>Plus</u> Excess of Receipts Over payments for the Year	11581		Cash in Hand	300	300
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Approved by


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SPENNYMOOR YOUTH and COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual Report 2022

January to December 2022

We are pleased to be able to report back on another busy year of activities and development for Spennymoor Youth and Community Association and our partnership with Tudhoe Community Centre through our Communities Together project.

We were delighted during the year to have secured a three year National Lottery Community Fund grant and cost of living crisis uplift of £196,755 for the next phase of our project; Communities Together Stepping UP, which began in October 2022.

Over the last 12 months we have successfully appointed to the newly funded project roles which include Project Co-ordinator, Admin and Finance Assistant, two part time Community Development Workers, Eating Together Project Cook and two part time weekend workers alongside the team of youth workers, our community vehicle driver and two cleaner caretakers.

Activities and services have focused on:

- **Struggling families and adults,**
- **Isolated older residents,**
- **People with lived experience of mental and physical health problems,**
- **Residents looking for new skills, to become volunteers, learning, training and work.**

2,004 project users to date have benefited from a wide range of events, activities and services as a result of this project and our two community venues.

Activities for struggling families and adults have included access to free and affordable food. We are part of the Feeding Families service which provides basic food parcels to residents in emergency need, The Bread and Butter Thing Project providing bags of food surplus to 80 customers every week packed by our Centre Friends, Fareshare food surplus allowing people to fill a bag of food for a small donation and our Eating Together project which provides weekly breakfast, brunch, Cuppa Club and café sessions.

Activities for isolated older residents have included a programme of Look Out trips for older centre user groups through Spring and Summer, as well as targeted activities including warm hub coffee mornings, social space for men and women, lunch club, discounted food and volunteer opportunities as part of a co-ordinated programme to reconnect older people with their communities after the Covid restrictions.

Activities for people with lived experience of mental and physical health problems have included Happiness Hub funded wellbeing group sessions, gentle circuits, young people Chillax CREE and partnership working with County Durham Wellbeing For Life and the Social Prescribers Network to offer advice and support services through activities within the Centre.

Residents looking for new skills, to become volunteers, learning, training and work activities have been delivered in partnership with DurhamLearn teaching ESOL English, Multiply Maths. Eden Academy has delivered Driving Theory training sessions and other partners have delivered construction site certificates, first aid and door security courses for residents looking to gain sector specific employment.

Our new development workers have supported the growing team of Centre Friends to identify training and development needs as well as increase their confidence and involvement within the

Centre. Adult Learners have become actively involved in our community garden and Stay and Play sessions. Bread and Butter Thing project bag packers now meet socially. Other volunteers from our wellbeing groups enjoy supporting our Eating Together activities in the kitchen, DIY, decorating, gardening and general maintenance in and around the centre.

Funding and Sustainability has been a priority for the Association. We have steadily increased venue hire and secured AAP grant funding to be able to open up the Centre 7 days a week, putting in place a party hire package for children’s birthdays and employing two weekend workers, making the project self-sustaining beyond the life of the grant. We have generated new income from food sales as part of our Eating Together project, donations and activity charges.

With support from Durham Community Action, we are working towards Hallmark and Kitemark as we put in place the policies and procedures for the safe and professional organisation we want to be. And working with Wellbeing for Life, we will become a recognised wellbeing hub in year two.

Alongside our Community Fund grant and in addition to ongoing committed grant spend, we have been able to secure new grant funding for the majority of our activities, developing partnerships with grant funders which include:

Spennymoor Area Action Partnership	Eating Together	£6,728
	Spennymoor Youth Fest	£1,826
Fun and Food County Durham	Holiday hunger youth activities	£1,565
Living	Holiday family activities	£2,000
Towns and Villages, improving community resilience	Solar panels and battery storage	£19,280
PCP Happiness Hub/NHS North East and Cumbria	Wellbeing group and gentle circuits	£4,000
Donations	Individual fundraising	£1,550
	Total	£36,949

Priorities for the year ahead will be to support our trustees, management committee members and volunteers (Centre Friends) as we strengthen our governance, training/development and their involvement in the project and in managing the partnership.

Team building the new staff team and using increased capacity to deliver our year two plan, ensuring we are reaching the people we want to help and the outcomes agreed with our funders.

Secure new grant funding and increase revenue to invest in our community programme and continue with building improvements and maintenance for the benefit of Centre users and the longer-term sustainability of the project.

As we look forward to year two of our Communities Together Stepping UP partnership project, we thank all of our funders, partners, volunteers, trustees and staff who are making a difference.

Trustees

Chair – Barbara Graham

Secretary – Neil Foster

Treasurer – Wayne Gibson

Committee Members:

Jim Graham

Dianna Charlton

Centre Staff

Development Worker – Michael Fishwick

Administration – Helen Riley

Caretaker – Val Richardson

Youth Staff

Chris Milner

Claire Peat

David Stow

Caroline Stow

Sandra McDonnell

Claire Bissett

Danielle Todd

Victoria Robinson

Kerry Nicholson

Special thanks to all the Centre volunteers and Centre Friends for helping to support all of the projects and making them a huge success over the last year. Without you we would not be able to offer the range of services to the community.

Thank you to our funders also.



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS	2022	2021	PAYMENTS	2022	2021
Rental Income	21057	12045	Cleaning	4453	16666
			Gas & Electric	4998	5445
			Water	772	687
			Building Insurance	1058	1058
			Telephone & Internet	443	1273
Youth Club Resources	11488		Office/General Admin Expenses	20	
Chillax Sessions	4000	4000	Sundry Expenses	2265	1312
			Accountancy Charges	354	354
			T V License	159	155
CDCF Food Products/Hall	257		Living Holidays Activities 21-22	1822	
Project/Covid 19 Comm Takeaway		16885	PPL-PRS Fees	564	
Reaching Community		46254	Bank Charges	174	116
NCLF - Stepping Up	38270		Affiliation Fees		
Happiness Hub	4000		Sports Funding	238	
AAP Learning/Making Links	62022	26666	AAP Learning Together		
GDigital Drive	1747		/AAP Covid	25898	28335
			Funding		400
			Jubilee/Duke of Edinburgh	2333	
			Computers/ICT	736	2104
			Youth Club Activities	7428	7666
			Grants Expenses	1664	
Non Profit Income	11208	56725	Photocopier Expenses	629	644
Uncategorized Income	3508		Chillax Expenses	2993	262
Grants	1774	480	Wages Expenses	78990	93175
			Your Neighbour Expenses	75	
Living Holiday Act	2100	2500	D of E Expenses	200	489
			Reaching Communities	3746	11098
			PayPal Fees		20
			CDCF Hall/Covid 19 Food Packs		1080
			Covid 19 Take Away	1600	10919
			Uncategorized Expenses		2143
			Spennymoor Reflections		3168
Excess of Payments - over Receipts		22839	Excess of Receipts - over Payments	17819	
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SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY

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Spennymoor Youth and Community Association

Annual Report 2021



Looking back over the last 12 months and over the project with the people, partners and volunteers who have been part of our centre.

1) Activities and the people who have benefited from the project

In addition to our regular/established project users, we have been able to support 1,293 people new to the project and our centre this past year.

- 611 children up to the age of 10 years;
- 181 young people aged 11 to 17 years;
- 267 adults
- 22 adults aged 50 years and over
- 104 people through intergenerational and family activities
- 100 residents taking part in community celebrations
- 8 new residents regularly volunteering as part of our community activities

Over the last 12 months we have been able to benefit residents through the activities listed below:

Target group	Activity	Individual beneficiaries	Activity
Children 0-10	Kalma Baby	10 babies, 20 toddlers and parents/grandparents	Fortnightly Baby, toddler and junior yoga (6 weeks to 12 years). Physical and mental development, confidence building, relaxation and mindfulness. Social interaction and improved wellbeing for parents and grandparents.
	Hartbeeps	30 babies, 30 children and parents/grandparents	Weekly multi-sensory parent and child teaching through music classes for pre-school and nursery age children; new-born, baby and toddler sessions.
	Little Movers	12 babies, 10 children and parents/grandparents	Twice weekly parent and child fun, healthy activity dance to improve confidence, self-esteem, movement skills, growth and development for babies and toddlers.
	Mini Moors football	25 children and parents/grandparents	Weekly Sunday football skill sessions for 2-6 years with

			Spennymoor Youth FC. Promoting social skills and fundamental movement development.
	Baby Ballers	14 children	Weekly Friday football skill sessions for 3-4 years with MD Physical Education & Coaching.
	Mini Dribblers	14 children	Weekly Friday football skill sessions for 5-7 years.
	Groundwork Easter and Summer Holiday Clubs	60 children	Fun and Food school holiday activities providing funded free lunch time meals and trips.
	Juniors	20 children	Weekly term time youth session for children aged 8-10 years offering peer-led arts, crafts, play and food. Improving confidence and social skills alongside youth worker mentoring and support.
	Inters	20 children	Traditional centre-based youth sessions. Weekly for children aged 10-12 years, designed to boost confidence and self-esteem with youth worker support.
	Learning Together	8 young people	Weekly learning catch up sessions at Tudhoe and Spennymoor delivered by tutors with youth worker support. For children aged 5-11 years with a focus on learning skills, maths, English and wellbeing.
	Steelpan sessions	26 young people	Weekly lunch club sessions for North Park Primary students and home ed students designed to build confidence and teamwork through music and learning.
	Meditation	20 young people	Weekly session with North Park Primary students promoting mindfulness and wellbeing.
	Stay and Play	21 pre-school babies and toddlers and 22 parents	Open play session with toys and soft play in partnership

			with volunteers from Kingdom Culture Church.
	Sensory Room	15 babies and 15 mams	Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre private hire sensory room for individuals and small group activity with equipment funded by Spennymoor AAP.
	Birthday Parties	360 children and 170 parents	Private hire of both centres to families for affordable birthday packages.
Young People 11-17	Monday Night Youth Sessions	16 young people	Traditional after school youth sessions for children aged 11 years plus. Offering peer-led activities including crafts, games and outreach football. Sessions are designed to promote confidence and improved social skills for improved relationships and wellbeing.
	Chillax	14 children	Public Health funded mental wellbeing group for young people aged 11 years plus offering youth work team mentoring, support and social activities including arts and crafts with Daisy Arts and peer-led food and games.
	Duke of Edinburgh Award and Spenny Reflections	6 young people and 4 adults	Accredited Duke of Edinburgh Award programme for young people aged 13 years plus. Group members took part in our Heritage Lottery funded Spenny Reflections project during the year.
	Making Links	150 young people	Funded by Spennymoor AAP our two outreach youth workers engage and support kids who don't access our youth services on the streets and in community spaces.
	Volunteering and work experience	8 young people	We created a work experience placement and have received help with youth sessions from seven of our young people.

Adults	Adult Learning (ESOL)	8 adults	English learning classes with Durham Learn for refugees.
	Slimming World	50 adults	Weekly sessions from both centres supporting group members to eat healthily, lose weight and live more active lifestyles. Sessions provide social contact, motivation and confidence building support.
	Manhealth	13 adults	Weekly sessions for men with lived mental health experience, building confidence to talk openly about mental health and ways to manage and improve wellbeing.
	Survive and Thrive	12 adults	A support group for residents with lived mental health experience delivered by local authority recovery workers with weekly sessions offering 1:1 mentoring, counselling and group activities to tackle social isolation, improve confidence and mental wellbeing. The group has 12 regular attendees with ten members aged 50 years plus.
	Growing Together Community Allotment	6 adults	A volunteer-led community garden for Spennymoor and Tudhoe allowing residents to grow together. Sponsored by GAS Foundation, produce grown is used by residents and directed towards local people in need and our food projects.
	Women Supporting Women	5 adults	A weekly volunteer-led support group for women who have survived domestic abuse. Support is given to the group's organiser by The Cornforth Partnership.
	The Bread and Butter Thing Project and	220	Twice weekly access to food surplus. 100 customers served per week with food

	Thursday Food Freebies		packed and distributed by our Centre Friends via The Bread and Butter Thing project and Fareshare.
	You're not alone, pick up the phone	311 adults and families	Volunteer support helpline for residents living in the Spennymoor area affected by COVID restrictions including emergency parcels delivered to help people stay safe and stay at home during lockdown and isolation.
Over 50s	The Monday Club	16 adults and 4 volunteers	A social club for older residents to meet weekly and enjoy food, conversation and a game of bingo
	Breakfast Buddies	8 men	A breakfast club for men, a first activity for our Eating Together project which aims to bring together older residents through food and company to reconnect people with their communities.
	Look Out Trips	21 residents	Using our community vehicle to take groups of older residents on local trips including to the seaside and market towns.
	Dance and exercise	16	Working with Dance North East and NHS Social Prescribers we have hosted weekly exercise sessions for older residents and those with health problems where gentle or informal exercise in a community setting is helping residents improve health and wellbeing.
Intergenerational and family activities	Carve a pumpkin	57 families	Carve a pumpkin craft sessions for families and children attending youth sessions. Households also took part in the online Spennymoor Area Pumpkin Trail and Christmas Lantern Trail.
	Doorstep Santa visits and Relaxed Santa	34 children and parents	In place of traditional Christmas activities during lockdown, the Centres undertook doorstep Santa

			visits to children and older residents living in Spennymoor and Tudhoe.
	Christmas disco and parties	24 children and parents	School holiday disco and parties for families and children with games and food as part of our regular fun and food funded activities.
	Relax Families	16 children and parents/carers	Sessions for families and their children with additional needs designed to help in managing big feelings, emotions and with learning skills.
Community events and celebrations	Mince Pies and Music, The Big Jubilee Picnic	200 residents (Adults and families)	Christmas and Jubilee community events organised by our team of volunteers.

2) How we have involved people, partners and volunteers in developing and delivering our activities



The response to COVID involved a new group of volunteers in the project. These were a mix of working and retired residents who wanted to make a difference during the pandemic. During that time we were able to use those volunteers to deliver emergency food and toiletries to families and residents who were isolating and we delivered hot meals to isolated older residents thanks to additional funding from The National Lottery Community Fund.

We are delighted that over the last 12 months as we have emerged from COVID restrictions, the volunteers who joined us during that time have stayed with us and become involved in other project activities aimed at getting the people we've helped back out into the community and into the centres as beneficiaries.

Over the last year we have partnered with charities, The Bread and Butter Thing and Fareshare, to give residents access to affordable food surplus. The Bread and Butter Thing provides residents with three big bags of shopping every week packed by our volunteers and is one of the charities biggest hubs with over 200 members. Our Fareshare Thursdays is also volunteer run and allows residents to fill a bag with food in return for a small donation.

The opportunity remains to support our new and committed volunteers to become a bigger part of running the project, in establishing more volunteer run activities and events (steadily happening now) and to go on and become members of bigger, more involved management committees and trustees.

The relaxed style and enabling approach of The Communities Together project encourages volunteer involvement and ownership, but the next phase of the project will give us the resources and capacity to make this happen over the next three years.

3) Working with the people we planned to



In addition to our National Lottery Fund grant, we were able to secure £73,488 in grant funding for projects and activities. At the same time as starting to broaden and increase revenues through venue hire, paid activities, services and projects.

In particular, venue hire to ABL Health, Positive Journeys and Durham Learn is generating an annual income which we are able to invest back into the project.

Improved facilities including bouncy castles, soft play, a refurbished kitchen meeting food business registration requirements and a community vehicle is allowing us to deliver projects able to generate income and benefit more residents.

And our youth work team and centre staff enables us to offer services out in the community and to other community venues and partners allowing us to generate other income to help sustain and invest in the project and venues.

A successful application to the National Lottery Community Fund this year secured a grant of £191,434 which will allow us to sustain and develop the project over the next 3 years which we are describing as Communities Together Stepping UP.

Partnership working has been key to the project's rapid growth and success. Without the partners listed below we would not have been able to reach the groups of residents we wanted to benefit at the start of the project. We've used their capacity and skills wherever possible to bring new activities into the centre. This approach has also made it much easier to fund new projects and activities at the same time as improving our facilities.

Organisation	Activity/project	Funding secured
Durham County Council/DofE Fun and Food	School holiday activity tackling holiday hunger for children and young people.	£3,479
Spennymoor Area Action Partnership Covid Recovery	Funding for Admin Worker, new outdoor facilities, community transport (trips and Eating Together transport).	£24,312
ASDA Foundation	To pay for wall mounted baby change stations for both centres.	£774
ASDA Green Token Giving	To support centre youth sessions.	£500
Livin	School Holiday Activities Fund 2022.	£2,100
Co-op Community Fund	Tudhoe Community Centre Youth Sessions.	£2,386
Public Health	Chillax CREE and CREE plus supporting our weekly young person's mental wellbeing group.	£4,000
SYACA	The Community Takeaway income generated.	£9,664
Barratt Homes	Donation towards sustaining our weekly youth sessions.	£500
Kingdom Culture Church	Donation towards project activities.	£500

Spennymoor Area Action Partnership Jubilee Fund	Funding for Jubilee community celebrations which included a Jubilee Quiz and Music Night, a Big Jubilee Picnic and commemorative badges for children and young people.	£2,275
DCA Community Buildings Support Fund	Cleaning materials for SYACA and Tudhoe and contribution towards a storage container for Tudhoe	£1,500
PCP Happiness Hub	Funding to develop our Survive and Thrive wellbeing social group for people with lived experience of mental health problems and to deliver weekly exercise sessions in partnership .	£4,000
DCC Support and Recovery	Survive and Thrive group funding.	£1,000
Government Contain Outbreak Management Fund	Covid 19 Community Buildings Recovery Support Grant.	£6,000
Government/DCC Covid grant funding	Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant.	£5,334
Spennymoor AAP	Capital grant for hall lighting and sensory room equipment	£4,664
DCC Civic Pride	It's Your Neighbourhood grant for outdoor space plants and compost.	£500
	Total grant funding secured in year 3:	£73,488

4) Engaging with diverse groups of people



Having seen rapid growth in the number of new people using the centre, over the last twelve months we are seeing people become regular project users, accessing several activities and services and finding a place for themselves as we are able to deliver more of a wrap around offer.

In addition to more of the wider community using our centre for the normal activities you would expect to find; parties, youth sessions, baby and toddler classes, Slimming World we have learned that there is a need for activities and support for people who are marginalised and excluded financially, socially or face other barriers to involvement.

The funding and activities we have developed during COVID and over the last 12 months and the cost of living crisis are helping us to meet this need. Access to affordable food, mental and wellbeing support, exercise for people with long term health problems, support for families with additional needs, learning and basic skills for residents with no qualifications, disabilities and refugees.

Angela is a grandma who has fostered her grandson. Angela and Jack have attended our Regular Relax Families sessions delivered by tutors Sam and Gemma, which helps families learn how to deal with emotions, big feelings or challenging behaviour. Angela told us that she is now using the techniques she learned to support Jack and it is really helping the family.

Alan has attended Breakfast Buddies and recently gone on one of the Look Out trips to Barnard Castle. Having lost his wife earlier this year, Alan told us that despite finding it very difficult to socialise again, the trip really helped and he enjoyed a day with company he wouldn't have had otherwise.

5) Building improvements



The most recent improvements to our venues have included party, disco and mood lighting in the hall at the centre which has added to the package available to families hiring for children's parties and other activities such as Little Movers, Hartbeeps and Boogie Bounce fitness sessions as well as our own community events and activities.

We also secured grant funding to create a baby sensory room which is generating another source of income and has created another social space in the centre.



New wall mounted baby change stations have been funded by ASDA to improve our family facilities.

To increase the sustainability of the centre, we want to install solar panels. Quotes and discussions with funders are underway.

With funding from Spennymoor Area Action Partnership, we have created a new courtyard space at the centre. The space includes picnic benches, seating and planters with bike racks to be added. The courtyard provides a safe space for group activities and will provide an outdoor area for our Eating Together activities.

6) Promoting the centre



We have developed some strong partnerships and have established a regular programme of activities and events.

Term time youth sessions, holiday hunger activities, outreach youth work, parent baby and toddler sessions, wellbeing groups (social and exercise), learning for children and adults, access to free and affordable food, meals and community transport and trips.

This year our Jubilee celebrations became one of the biggest community events for Spennymoor with other events including an afternoon tea and Mince Pies and Music proving popular. Our ability now to bring people together reflects the success of the work carried out.

#Growing Together

Investment in our Community Allotment in partnership with Great Annual Savings has seen a polytunnel and tool store added to the greenhouse and potting shed.

Getting the volunteers we need to manage and maintain the allotment is still a challenge but over the last 12 months we have better aligned the aims of the project to growing produce which is going directly to residents in need through our access to food activities, in particular The Bread and Butter Thing Mondays and Fareshare Thursdays.

#Eating Together

In March, The Community Takeaway covid support project came to an end having delivered 4,416 hot meals to mainly older isolated residents. Post COVID restrictions, we have worked to reconnect these older residents with their communities and involve them in both centres.

The Monday Club at Spennymoor, Breakfast Buddies and Look Out trips have helped us maintain links with the people we identified through The Community Takeaway project.

Over the next twelve months we will develop a weekly lunch club and community café session for older residents. Recruitment of an Eating Together Cook and Communities Together Stepping UP Project Worker will give us the capacity to deliver more food focused projects for all ages, as well as being able to cater for partner activities and community events/activities.

Holiday hunger activities for children have become an established part of our programme at both centres. Regular grant funding from the Department of Education's Fun and Food fund has allowed us to provide free access to lunch time or tea-time food during school holidays. In addition to our own holiday activities, working with Groundwork has seen additional holiday hunger activities making us a large hub for holiday hunger work.

Where funding allows, we also try to include food as part of our term time youth sessions. Food as a way to bring people together and as one of the challenges for low-income families will be a priority.

Addressing the cost of living crisis has been another priority over the last 12 months. Opening up the centre to allow people access to warmth, food, advice and support will be another priority. Funding applications have been made to create 7-day centres where our spaces and facilities are open to the whole community to help and support where we can.

#Learning Together

In the last year, Durham Learn has returned to teaching from our Spennymoor centre. English classes for refugees occupy our training rooms 9 hours per week as part of a 12-month contract. With refugee children attending the primary school next door, it has been an opportunity for us to support these families and involve them in the project.

We have also hosted week-long security training courses, first aid and domestic abuse training. Our improved facilities means that we are better equipped to support adult learning and is something we plan to grow in the next phase of the project.

Our Learning Together activities for children has built up a dedicated group of learners at weekends including some home educated children. The partnership with Relax Kids and Learning a New Way CIC will see activities sustained from the centres but delivered and funded directly by those two organisations going forward.

#Feeling Better Together

Having identified a need for support which helps isolated and marginalised including struggling families with additional needs, we have made wellbeing activities a priority.

The project has taken on hosting the weekly Survive and Thrive group offering residents with lived experience of mental health problems a social space and support.

Chillax, Relax Kids and Relax Families offers children and young people more structured youth activity with additional support, meditation and yoga to address individual needs such as anxiety and autism.

And as part of all other activities we are now considering how we can include people with additional needs, helping overcome barrier to involvement. Quiet Santa, smaller events, additional staff/youth workers, transport and diet are all now factors in making sure we respond to the additional needs of the people we are working with and that we want to be part of the project.

7) The difference the centre is making



The centre has achieved three important outcomes to date:

- It has engaged 4,276 residents and involved 48 volunteers. Most importantly supporting increasing numbers of regular project users and most of the volunteers users to stay involved and participate in more than one thing.
- It has developed partnership working with local providers who have been able to benefit local people with the help of the project and our venues.
- It has secured additional grant funding which has been invested in residents, our venue and the communities we serve.

The feedback we have received from project users and the positive differences big and small that the project has made for individuals involved is what we are most proud of. The project allowed

us to be there in response to COVID and harness the determination of residents to help each other.

Over the last year the increase in activities, footfall and business has been rapid. It demonstrates how well the project has positioned the partnership to meet the needs of the community. We have moved from COVID to helping people through the cost of living while continuing to offer venues where people come together and meet their needs as individuals or a community.

We are near full capacity and we have now developed a clear plan for the next phase of our project which will increase our staff capacity and give a focus on helping struggling families, reconnecting isolated older residents, improving mental and physical wellbeing and acting as a learning gateway.

Illustrating the difference the project is making, here are a selection of comments:

"I found out about this from my sister who volunteered in Covid.

She meets people on their doorsteps. One man said:

You are the first person I have met since you delivered my last meal."

Volunteer

"It's a massive help to me...

I can come here,

and the cost is great for what you get."

The Bread and Butter Thing member

"We live in sheltered accommodation, but it is so good to get out"

Monday Club participant

"They work exceedingly well with other partners, ...

which is good news for the community as the cost of living crisis starts to take effect."

Spennymoor Area Action Partnership

"This organisation really listens to my ideas,

and I feel I can contribute to helping the organisation grow."

Volunteer

"Three years ago I did not know it existed"

Fun and Food Programme
Having this investment from the Lottery
*has made a **significant difference***

Trustee

*"We would never have believed **how well this would have worked.**"*

Trustee

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			Spennymoor Reflections	3168	
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SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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Looking back over the last 12 months in photos



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Spennymoor Youth and
Community Association

Looking back over the last 12 months with the people, partners and volunteers who have been part of our activities and services, this report highlights some of the key achievements, challenges and progress made.

This year, our aims have been:

- To grow our programme of activities for children, young people, adults and older people;
- To increase involvement from more volunteers;
- And to meet the unexpected challenges of COVID and COVID restrictions.

1) Activities and the people who have benefited from the project



We have been able to support 1,564 people

- 529 children up to the age of 10 years;
- 78 young people aged 11 to 17 years;
- 424 adults
- 60 adults aged 50 years and over
- 443 people through intergenerational and family activities
- 30 residents regularly volunteering as part of our community activities

Target group	Activity	Individual beneficiaries	Activity
Children 0-10	Kalma Baby	10 babies, 20 toddlers and parents/grandparents	Fortnightly Baby, toddler and junior yoga (6 weeks to 12 years). Physical and mental development, confidence building, relaxation and mindfulness. Social interaction and improved wellbeing for parents and grandparents.
	Start Sporty (2.5-5years)	9 children and parents/grandparents	Weekly sessions for children 2.5-3.5 years. Pre school introduction to multi-sports and development designed to get children school ready using the Youth Physical Development Model.
	Hartbeeps	30 babies, 30 children and parents/grandparents	Weekly multi-sensory parent and child teaching through music classes for pre-school and nursery age children; new born, baby and toddler sessions.
	Little Movers	12 babies, 10 children and parents/grandparents	Twice weekly parent and child fun, healthy activity dance to improve confidence, self-esteem, movement skills, growth and development for babies and toddlers.
	Mini Moors football	25 children and parents/grandparents	Weekly Sunday football skill sessions for 2-6 years with Spennymoor Youth FC. Promoting social skills and fundamental movement development.
	Baby Ballers	14 children	Weekly Friday football skill sessions for 3-4 years with MD Physical Education & Coaching.
	Mini Dribblers	14 children	Weekly Friday football skill sessions for 5-7 years.
	Juniors	20 children	Weekly term time youth session for children aged 8-10 years offering peer-led arts, crafts, play and food. Improving confidence and social skills alongside youth worker mentoring and support.
	Inters	20 children	Traditional centre-based youth sessions. Weekly for children aged 10-12 years, designed to boost confidence and self-esteem with youth worker support.
	Learning Together	8 young people	Weekly learning catch up sessions at Tudhoe and Spennymoor delivered by tutors with youth worker support. For children aged 5-11 years with a focus on learning skills, maths, English and wellbeing.
	Steelpan sessions	26 young people	Weekly lunch club sessions for North Park Primary students designed to build

			confidence and teamwork through music and learning.
	Meditation	20 young people	Weekly session with North Park Primary students promoting mindfulness and wellbeing.
Young People 11-17	Chillax	14 children	Public Health funded mental wellbeing group for young people aged 11 years plus offering youth work team mentoring, support and social activities including arts and crafts with Daisy Arts and peer-led food and games.
	Duke of Edinburgh Award and Spenny Reflections	6 young people and 4 adults	Accredited Duke of Edinburgh Award programme for young people aged 13 years plus. Group members took part in our Heritage Lottery funded Spenny Reflections project during the year.
	RushHour	14 young people	Weekly youth sessions designed to engage harder to reach young people aged 11 years plus through street games and sport via sports coach and our youth work team. With food provided, the sessions promote physical and mental wellbeing.
Adults	Adult Learning	8 adults	Adult learning delivered through Durham County Council. Formal learning offering literacy and numeracy qualifications throughout the year as COVID restrictions have allowed.
	Slimming World	50 adults	Weekly sessions from both centres supporting group members to eat healthily, lose weight and live more active lifestyles. Sessions provide social contact, motivation and confidence building support.
	Walk Durham	5 adults	Weekly walking group led by Centre friend Gary Lane as part of Durham County Council's walking group network. The group is attended by over 50s, tackling social isolation and improving mental and physical wellbeing.
	Manhealth	13 adults	Weekly sessions for men with lived mental health experience, building confidence to talk openly about mental health and ways to manage and improve wellbeing.
	Survive and Thrive	12 adults	A support group for residents with lived mental health experience delivered by local authority recovery workers with

			weekly sessions offering 1:1 mentoring, counselling and group activities to tackle social isolation, improve confidence and mental wellbeing. The group has 12 regular attendees with ten members aged 50 years plus.
	Growing Together Community Allotment	6 adults	A volunteer-led community garden for Spennymoor and Tudhoe allowing residents to grow together. Sponsored by GAS Foundation, produce grown is used by residents and directed towards local people in need and our food projects.
	Hearts & Minds	5 adults	A weekly volunteer-led support group for women who have survived domestic abuse. Support is given to the group's organiser by The Cornforth Partnership.
	You're not alone, pick up the phone	311 adults and families	Volunteer support helpline for residents living in the Spennymoor area affected by COVID restrictions including emergency parcels delivered to help people stay safe and stay at home during lockdown and isolation.
Over 50s	The Community Takeaway	60 adults	Twice weekly hot nutritious meals cooked on site by our Community Takeaway Team and delivered directly to residents affected by COVID isolation.
Intergenerational and family activities	Cooking Together	101 young people and parents/grandparents	Recipe bags and holiday hunger food delivered to Spennymoor area families encouraging child-led family cooking with online demonstration and snack bags included.
	Carve a pumpkin and Light Up Spennymoor	73 young people and parents/grandparents	290 households also took part in the Spennymoor area pumpkin trail and Christmas lantern trail.
	Doorstep Santa visits	34 children and parents	In place of traditional Christmas activities during lockdown, the Centres undertook doorstep Santa visits to children and older residents living in Spennymoor and Tudhoe.
	School holiday free meals	27 children	Making use of our community kitchen, volunteers prepared school holiday meals targeted at children on free school meals

2) How we have involved people, partners and volunteers in developing and delivering our activities



This year we have continued to involve local people and partners in developing and delivering a wider programme of activities from both community centres.

The amazing community response to COVID encouraged a large group of residents to volunteer as part of our emergency parcel project and The Community Takeaway.

Lockdown and furlough allowed younger residents, who would otherwise have had work commitments, to get involved as part of a community grass roots response to the pandemic as volunteer shoppers, packers and drivers.

2,300 parcels have been delivered so far helping adults and families stay at home and stay safe.

Our other large project in response to COVID, The Community Takeaway, has created 5 local jobs and has delivered 2,966 hot meals to some of our most vulnerable and isolated residents in Spennymoor, Tudhoe and surrounding communities.

Julie is one of our regular volunteers who now works from home as a procurement manager for a large international company. Having delivered emergency parcels on a weekly basis, is now an important part of The Community Takeaway Team, using her free time between work to deliver

meals and supporting staff as needed. We've also been supported by a 21 year old restaurant worker on furlough, local councillors and a nursery teaching assistant to name just a few of the people who have been regularly involved over the last year. The difference that all of our volunteers, management committee members, trustees and growing staff team make is fantastic and appreciated.

Following an initial 6 month grant from the Government's Coronavirus Community Support Fund distributed by the National Lottery Community Fund a further 12 months of funding has been secured from Spennymoor Area Action Partnership which will commence April 2021.

Residents supported have included elderly people in their 80's and 90's without support, who wouldn't otherwise cook for themselves, are not online and unable to shop due to disability, COVID isolation/shielding or other particular circumstances.

We have also been able to help families isolating and shielding including those affected by COVID related redundancy or reduced hours and income.

Typical of the feedback received in response to the work of the volunteers;

"I am extremely grateful to all who have helped. I am 80 years of age with a lung condition and this is the first time in my life that I have had any help and I am so grateful."

3) Working with the people we planned to



Over the last twelve months, we have continued to build on partnership working, at the same time as working with new partners to fund new activities which respond to local needs and what has proved successful to date. Funding secured in project year 2 includes:

Organisation	Activity/project	Funding secured
Spennymoor Area Action Partnership	Learning Together	£33,973
Livin	School Holiday Activities 2020	£2,475
Co-op Community Fund ASDA	Spennymoor building improvements	£1,118 £300
Public Health	Chillax CREE and CREE plus	£4,000
Resolve Care County Durham Community Foundation	Emergency parcels and COVID helpline	£2,200 £3,000
Employability Durham	Kitchen Assistant employability grant x 2	£4,000
Spennymoor AAP / Department of Education Fun and Food	Holiday Activities with Healthy Food	£2,784
County Durham Community Foundation	SYACA hall curtains and new storage	£5,000
National Lottery Community Fund	COVID support uplift	£9,671
Spennymoor Town Council	Tudhoe Community Centre signage	£330
ABL Health	SYACA room storage	£500
		Total: £154,852

4) Engaging with diverse groups of people



We've been able to engage with a more diverse group of residents this year by offering a wider range of activities including more specialist services around mental health, care and support.

The centre is now busy through the week and at weekends, we have a general offer for all ages; babies, toddlers, children, families, adults and older residents in addition to activities which meet particular needs such as holiday hunger, social isolation, learning disabilities, mental health, addiction recovery and domestic abuse.

Over the last twelve months we have worked with a range of partners to fill the gap in our provision for babies and toddlers. Adding weekly sessions of Get Sporty, Little Movers and Hartbeeps to Kalma Baby, so that families can access sessions of dance, music and yoga.

Start Sporty, Baby Ballers Mini Ballers, Mini Moors and Kicks with Premier Education, MD Physical Education & Coaching, Spennymoor Town Youth FC and Foundation of Light have added sport and physical development to our offer for toddlers, children and young people between both community venues.

For children and young people, funding has been secured to sustain our core programme of youth sessions via our youth work team including, Monday Night Youth session, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Chillax CREE group, Inters and Juniors ensuring we have good quality youth provision for primary age children up to teenagers.

We have regular pop-up sessions during the school holidays including Summer Camp, Carve a Pumpkin and doorstep Santa visits to both families and older residents during lock down.

To help us engage a wider audience through the COVID restrictions, we delivered crafts, recipe bags and food to encourage intergenerational creativity and cooking in the home as part of tackling holiday hunger.

Illustrating the people we are now reaching, one comment from a mother with two boys aged 6 and 11, one with autism and one who is non verbal told us,

“My boys helped make our Spaghetti lasagne. We added mince meat, garlic mushrooms, herb and spices. It was delicious. Thank you very much for our food and snack packs. They are very much appreciated.”

5) Building improvements



Grant funding matched by the National Lottery Community Fund has allowed us to continue improving both community venues and the facilities on offer.

We have been able to create a new training space which will be used as part of our new 12 month Learning Together project designed to help children and adults catch up or upskill with learning and training activities.

We have completed the decorating programme at the Centre using a decorator and materials supplied by Community Repaint. Hall curtains have been re-hung to improve sound proofing, new storage cupboards have been added and a container purchased to improve storage for groups and activities.

New tables, chairs and an interactive screen have all added to the quality and experience of centre users.

6) Promoting the project



Over the last 12 months more people are using the centre and the project has reached and helped others out in the community who are now aware of what we do and how can help.

Spenny Reflections secured Heritage Lottery Funding to celebrate 50 years of Spenny Youth and Community Centre since its opening in 1969. With photographer Keith Bailey, some of the Centre's young people were able to explore memories with older residents who had used the

building and lived in Spennymoor through the decades. An exhibition and film again helped promote the project to a wider audience. Doreen Ridley who took part in the project shares her memories via the link below:

<https://youtu.be/iXTV3m2pIPU>

We've continued to build our online presence, creating project specific facebook pages and promoting new Communities Together activities under #themes of:

#Growing Together

Our community garden is now producing food which we are directing towards residents and using as part of The Community Takeaway project. Great Annual Savings is sponsoring the garden and are funding a tool store, polytunnel and signage as well as looking to recruit more volunteers to help maintain and develop the garden further.

#Cooking Together

The Community Takeaway is providing hot nutritious meals to Spennymoor, Tudhoe and surrounding communities twice weekly.

During lockdown periods, recipe bags have been delivered to families to encourage family cooking. Simple healthy recipes along with snacks and food have been delivered to 101 children and young people as part of tackling school holiday hunger.

#Eating Together

Emergency parcels to help residents stay at home and stay safe during the pandemic and food surplus distributed weekly to families in need via our Fareshare membership.

Over the last 12 months we have identified an audience of largely older, isolated and vulnerable residents, providing them with emergency food parcels and then hot meals. In September we will launch our Community Café and make use of our community vehicle to bring some of these residents into the Centres to eat together and socialise.

Our volunteers have also used the school holidays over the last year to get hot meals out to families. Targeted at children on free school meals, we've been able to get 65 meals out to children in Spennymoor and Tudhoe during the year.

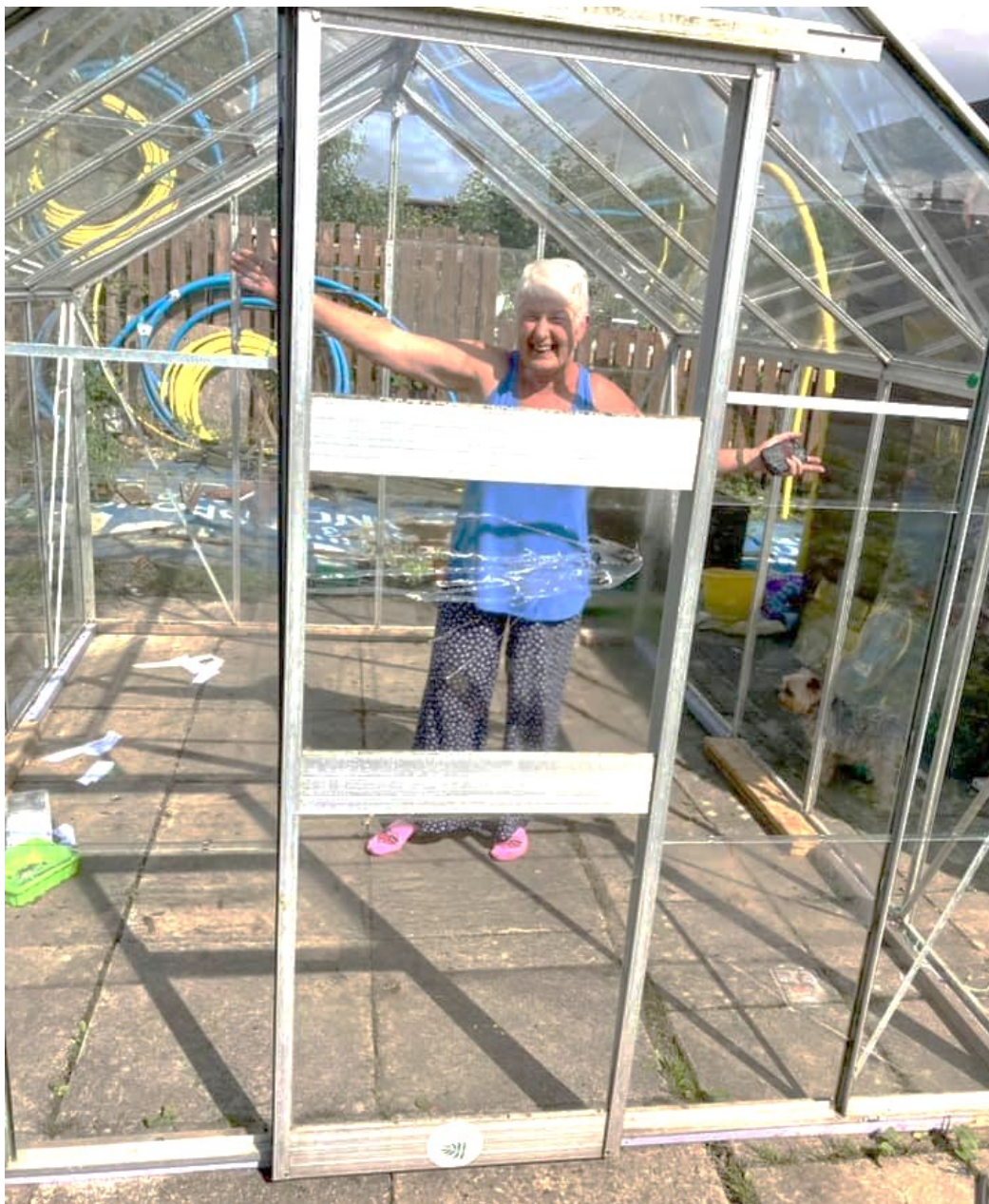
#Learning Together

Funding for 12 months of learning activities and learning resources to help Spennymoor and Tudhoe area children (Key Stages 1 & 2) in particular, with learning catch. We are developing a programme in partnership with the Spennymoor cluster of schools and Tudhoe Colliery Primary School for extra-curricular activity. So far weekly Learning Together sessions promoting learning

skills, Maths and English as well as weekly Relax Kids sessions which looks at emotions and wellbeing are providing free access for families to local tutors.

We have also continued our partnerships with Steelpan, Adult Learning and Learning Curve as well as new adult learning opportunities planned.

7) The difference this is making



We have provided a focus for partnership and community working. The response to the Covid pandemic has shown the difference the project can make when put to the test and the strength of our communities in rising to the challenge.

At the same time continuing to keep the project on track, developing our programme of activities and establishing both venues at the heart of the communities they serve has been a real achievement.

Feedback from project users continues to be good, with residents reporting positive life changes; improved confidence and wellbeing (physical and mental) in response to the activities we are now able to deliver for all ages and our target groups.

8) Successes and what we are most proud of this year



In a year that we could not have predicted, the COVID pandemic has shown our communities at their best, with residents coming together to help and protect others. We are most proud of being able to help co-ordinate this response, working with the Helping Spennymoor initiative and the Spennymoor Community Outreach volunteers.

While our emergency parcel project and The Community Takeaway have been a big part of what we've achieved in year two, we are also proud to have been able to deliver a wider range of activities for adults and families as restrictions have allowed.

The centre is nearing full capacity with activities supporting all of our target groups; babies, toddlers, children, adults and older residents.

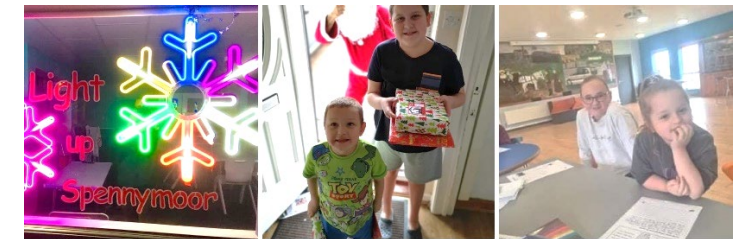
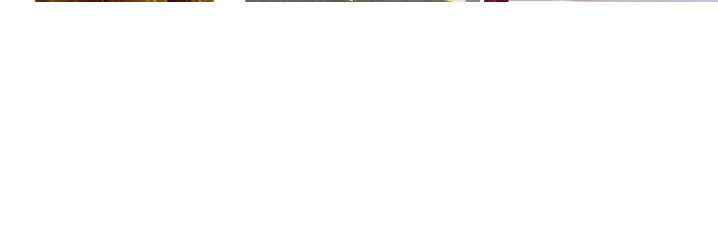
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In memory of John Charlton



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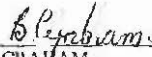
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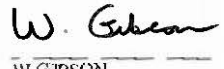
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