



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.



SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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			Excess of Receipts - over		
Receipts		22839	Payments	17819	
	<u>161431</u>	<u>188394</u>		<u>161431</u>	<u>188394</u>


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SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY

	2022	2021		2022	2021
Balance as at 01.01.22	141360	164199	Balance as at 31.12.22		
<u>Less</u> Excess of Payments over receipts for the Year		22839	Unity Trust Bank	161219	140933
			Debtors	32387	22949
			Creditor	(34727)	(22822)
<u>Plus</u> Excess of Receipts Over payments for the Year	17819		Cash in Hand	300	300
	<u>159179</u>	<u>141360</u>		<u>159179</u>	<u>141360</u>
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Approved by


B GRAHAM
Chairperson


COUNCILLOR N FOSTER
Secretary


W GIBSON
Treasurer

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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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Smith + Co
Chartered Accountants
14th June 2023