

# THE STONES COMMUNITY TRUST

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## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT(S) OF THE CIO ARE:A) THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION WITHIN MAIDSTONE AND KENT BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS CAPABLE OF IMPROVING PHYSICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS.B) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

**Activities:** The Promotion of Community participation in healthy recreation within Maidstone by the provision of facilities for playing football and other sports to improve physical and mental health and fitness; the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare recreation etc by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances to improve their lives

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Kent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£137,791	£150,288	-	-
2023-09-30	£80,515	£104,717	-	-
2022-09-30	£110,446	£91,305	-	-
2021-09-30	£73,699	£37,449	-	-
2020-09-30	£58,668	£52,386	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Michael Littleboy</b>	Chair	2019-04-18
ARTHUR BLAIR GULLAND		2019-04-18
Adam James Lawrence		2022-11-01
Ian James Tucker		2022-03-01
Michael Frederick Cogger		2019-04-18
Oliver Nicholas Jeremy Ash		2019-04-18

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# Activity Report

Year ending 30.09.2024




Community

**STONES** in the community

The Stones Community Trust: Official Charity  
of Maidstone United Football Club



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# Foreword

*We first started dreaming of setting up a Charitable Trust some ten years ago under the leadership of our two Mikes, Littleboy and Cogger, who have been the mainstay of the Stones work in the wider community for many years. Little did I think that we would grow into such a dynamic and flourishing community organisation so quickly.*

Today, we are rolling out a wide range of projects across all sectors of the local community and bringing much appreciated joy and happiness to a huge number of people. This work is being consolidated by our growing SITC team year on year and we are always looking to develop new projects where they could be beneficial and where they can be funded. I hope you will look through this report and see the details for yourself.

I thank the two Mikes and all the many SITC staff, Trustees and Volunteer colleagues for all their hard work to make this happen. They can be immensely proud of what has been achieved. So can the supporters of Maidstone United FC, who know that a football club is so much more than just the first teams. The Stones are as active as possible to improve the quality of life in the local community and long may it continue.

**Oliver Ash**

Joint-Owner Maidstone United FC  
Trustee of Stones In The Community

## Introduction

The Stones Community Trust (SCT) is Maidstone United FC's non-profit making charity for delivering various community projects in the Maidstone area. The SCT is a CIO, has seven trustees and is registered at The Charity Commission under registration number 1184274. From 1 October 2023, we started to trade as Stones In The Community (SITC).

The SCT has been in existence since 2018. It is independent financially and operationally from the Club. The Trust now has 2 full time employees as well as a part time Community Development Officer. SCT is funded solely by Grants from various bodies and Sponsorship from community and corporate partners. It also governs disabled sport within Maidstone United Raiders (more than 200 junior and adult members) as well as Walking Football (more than 60 members aged over 50).

**Our objective:** *to provide activity and interventions in support of the people of Maidstone in areas of Wellbeing and Health; Sporting development activity and social interaction. We also provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.*



# Funding

Funding for our activities during this financial year was received from numerous organisations including:

Maidstone United FC  
The National League Trust  
The Education People (HAF)  
Kent County Council  
Bellway Homes  
Golding Homes  
Safer Kent  
Swale Community Leisure  
CSIS  
Kent FA  
Involve Kent  
Maidstone Borough Council  
Wellbeing People  
Waitrose.

Funds from many schools  
(for coaching) including:  
Five Acre Wood  
Maidstone and Malling  
Alternative Provision  
The Discovery School  
Greenfields  
Harrietsham  
Hunton  
Lenham  
North Borough  
Oaks  
Palace Wood  
Park Way  
Senacre  
Snodland  
South Borough  
Swingate Primary  
Tiger  
Tree Tops  
VIAT East Borough  
Wateringbury.

Other donations were  
received from:  
Mrs Martin  
Mrs Varney  
Barry Clark and Herbie  
Paul Jackson  
Simon Gillham  
Oliver Ash  
Jacob Smith  
Loughborough University  
Students  
Morrisons Supermarkets  
Civil Service Sports Club  
Cohesion Design  
Oaks Primary Academy.

From membership, training  
fees and donations:  
Much Loved  
Wildcats  
MindSTONES  
Maidstone United Raiders  
Maidstone United Walking  
Football  
Coaches, parents and players  
who bought from our café  
during the Boys and Girls  
Tournaments.

Raiders have also received  
funding from:  
Riveroak  
iTech  
Knapp  
Europa Sport  
CSSC Sports and Leisure  
G4S  
Burning Leaf Creatives  
iTech Lounge Season Ticket  
Holders  
Reece van Sertima's family.

The Trustees offer huge thanks to all organisations who have supported our activities this year.



# Projects

## MindSTONES – a Head In The Game Legacy Project

About 2 years ago, SITC took over a Men's Mental Health and Wellbeing programme from Head In The Game (HITG) which we renamed as MindSTONES, a Head In The Game Legacy Project.

The MindSTONES free to participant sessions have gone from strength to strength in the last financial year. MindSTONES now run two separate free to participant sessions each week, enabling them to cater for more participants, with new members continuing to register. SITC have been funding MindSTONES ourselves which now runs sessions each Monday and Thursday evening for men aged 18 to

80 at Valley Park School in Maidstone. We have 26 registered for Mondays and 28 registered for Thursdays. They are coached by 5 highly trained and unpaid volunteers. That's 2,808 places this year!

Each session provides a safe space for participants to talk, receive support from their friends within the group and actively participate in physical exercise which has a positive impact on their mental wellbeing. The session leaders are all previous MindSTONES and/or Head in the Game participants.

SITC offer a big thank you to Jacob Smith and Loughborough University Students who organised and ran a

Tournament in Maidstone in December 2023 to generate some income for MindSTONES.

MindSTONES links with other Head in the Game legacy projects by playing friendly matches to create a wide network of like-minded players. A 6-a-side tournament was held at the Gallagher Stadium on 21 July 2024 involving teams from MindSTONES, Head in the Game coaches and legacy projects from Dartford, Medway, Sevenoaks and Sittingbourne. The tournament was a great success and it is hoped it will become an annual event.

### HITG filming

During March 2024, we were asked by HITG if we could help record some video for their final submission to The National Lottery Community Fund. We were pleased to assist – click the link below to go to the final version containing Colin Jones and Mike Littleboy of SITC as posted on our website.

[Creating a legacy - SITC](#)  
- click to read more...





## Projects continued

# Under 11 Boys Football Tournaments



### October 2023

On Monday 9 October 2023, 36 of Maidstone's Primary School Teams (Allington, Archbishop Courtenay, Barming, Boughton Monchelsea, Brunswick House, Coxheath, East Peckham, Greenfields, Harrietsham, Holy Family, Hunton, King's Hill, Langley Park, Leeds and Broomfield CEP School, Platts Heath, Ulcombe, Kingswood, Lenham, Loose, More Park, North Borough, Oaks, Offham, Palace Wood, Park Way, Roseacre, Sandling, Senacre Wood, Snodland, South Borough, St Francis, St Johns, The Discovery School, Tiger, Tree Tops, VIPs East Borough, VIPs Holborough Lakes, VIPs Leybourne Chase, West Borough) or around 360 male footballers took part in our UEFA Champions League Tournament at The Gallagher Stadium with a chance of representing Maidstone United at the South-East Regional finals. The Discovery School, representing Shaktar Donetsk played More Park Catholic Primary School representing Young Boys in the Final and eventually won a tense affair 2 – 0.

Thanks to the students from Valley Park School and Maplesden Noakes who attended as helpers on the day.

Funding for this Event was kindly provided by CSIS, Bellway, The National League Trust and Wellbeing People. Thanks also to our partners at Europa Sports, Burning Leaf and Urban Blue.

The Discovery School progressed to the South East Regional Finals at Tonbridge Angels' Longmead Stadium on Thursday 25 January 2024. A great effort by the boys from The Discovery School saw them make it to the Semi-Finals but losing 2-1 to Eastbourne and just missing out on going to the South Regional Finals.



The Discovery School (Boys) and South Borough Primary School (Girls).

[Put it on the fridge - NLT South East Regional Tournament- click to read more...](#)





## Projects continued

# Under 11 Boys Football Tournaments

### September 2024

Our Annual Boys U11 Schools Tournament took place on Monday 23 September 2024 at The Gallagher Stadium and coincided with the International Day of Peace. We had been approached by the International Children's Football Alliance to twin the Gallagher Stadium with the International Peace Field, located at Messines in Flanders, Belgium. This formed the theme for the tournament which involved 360 enthusiastic young footballers in 36 Maidstone Primary Schools.

Messines is one of the sites where, in the Great War 1914-1918, soldiers on both sides left their trenches in several local truces, joining together in 'No-mans land'

and play impromptu games of football. The Gallagher Stadium is built on the site of the old parade ground of the First Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment, who fought in one of the first significant engagements of the Great War at the Battle of Mons in Belgium. In nearby Tertre, a plinth is located to honour the bravery of the men of the RWK. All 36 schools taking part were allocated a country to represent each of the signatories to the International Peace Treaty. Having been presented with their country flag, they then paraded around the pitch with their flag before the tournament was officially opened by the Maidstone Mayor, Cllr John Perry.

The 36 schools were Allington, Archbishop Courtenay, Barming, Bredhurst CEP School, Brunswick House, Coxheath, East Peckham, Greenfields, Harrietsham, Holy Family, Hunton, King's Hill, Langley Park, Lenham, Loose, Madginford, Marden, North Borough, Oaks, Palace Wood, Park Way, Roseacre, Sandling, Senacre Wood, Snodland, South Borough, St Johns, St Katherine's, St Mark's CoE, St Michaels CEJ School, The Discovery School, Tunstall, VIPS Aylesford, VIPS East Borough, VIPS Leybourne Chase and West Borough.





## Projects continued

# Under 11 Boys Football Tournaments

At lunch surrounded by some young players, Maidstone and Malling MP Helen Grant, on behalf of the CFA, presented Maidstone United with a commemorative plaque, replicating that already in place in the Flanders field and a peace declaration was jointly signed by CFA and Maidstone United. “Twinning” the Gallagher with the Peace field in Flanders.

The finalists were Sandling Primary School representing Slovenia and Loose Primary School representing Greece. This was an extremely competitive match with skill and quality shown by both teams. The 4-0 final winning score gave Loose victory making them the International Day of Peace Champions. This tournament, part of the National League Trusts UK competition, offers the chance for Loose to go forward representing Maidstone United at the South East Regional Finals in January 2025.

Thanks to the students from Maidstone United Academy, Valley Park School and Aylesford who attended as helpers on the day.

SITC funded this year’s tournament but we wish to thank Morrisons Supermarkets for the donation of 360 bottles of water to keep young players hydrated during the event.

This tournament, part of the National League Trusts UK competition, offered the chance for Loose to go forward representing Maidstone United at the South East Regional Finals.

A huge well done to Loose Primary School, whose boys won the U11s National League Trust (NLT) South East Regional Tournament on 13 March 2025 and make their way to the Southern Regional Tournament.

Congratulations and commiserations to Loose Primary School who were beaten 2-1 in the final of the NLT Southern Finals Tournament on 1 April 2025 at Arbour Park, Slough FC. The boys were placed first in their group (out of 6) but came up against St Albans FC and lost 2-1, just missing out on the National Finals on the hallowed Wembley turf. Huge congratulations goes to the boys and their coach – Louis Corcoran.



U11 Boys International Day of Peace Tournament winners Loose Primary School.



Helen Grant MP OBE and Bob Gouldson, Operations Director, Maidstone United sign the twinning agreement.

[U11 Boys International Day of Peace Tournament - click to read more...](#)



[U11s NLT Regional Tournament - click to read more...](#)

[U11s NLT Southern Finals Tournament - click to read more...](#)



## Projects continued

# Under 11 Girls Football Tournament

### October 2023

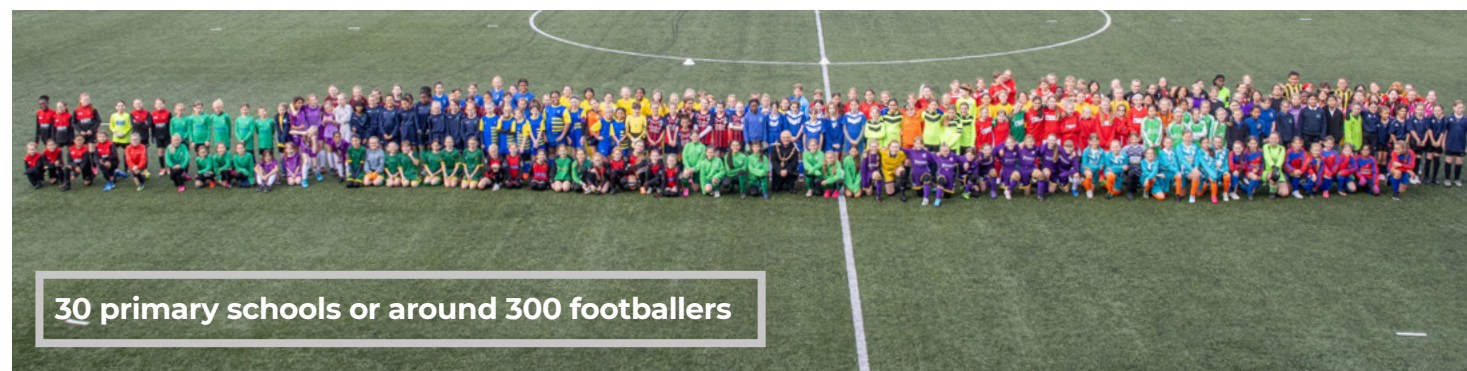
On Monday 16 October 2023, 30 of Maidstone's Primary School Teams (Allington, Boughton Monchelsea, Coxheath, Greenfields, Harrietsham, Holy Family, Hunton, King's Hill, Langley Park, Lenham, Loose, Marden, More Park, North Borough, Offham, Palace Wood, Park Way, Roseacre, Senacre, Snodland, South Borough, St Francis, St Johns, The Discovery School, Tiger, Tree Tops, VIPS Aylesford, VIPS East Borough, VIPS Leybourne Chase, West Borough) or around 300 female footballers took part in Under 11s Girls Champions League Tournament at The Gallagher Stadium.

South Borough Primary School (Barcelona) were crowned Champions beating The Discovery School (Paris FC) 3-2 in the final after extra time. They went on to represent Maidstone United in the U11 National League Cup 2024 South East Regional Finals.

South Borough Primary School progressed to the South East Regional Finals at Tonbridge Angels' Longmead Stadium on Thursday 25 January 2024. A great effort by the Girls from South Borough saw them finish 3rd in their Group missing out by only 1 point from getting to the South Regional Finals.

Thanks to the students from Valley Park School and Maplesden Noakes who attended as helpers on the day.

Funding for this Event was kindly provided by CSIS, Bellway, The National League Trust and Wellbeing People. Thanks also to our partners at Europa Sports, Burning Leaf and Urban Blue.



30 primary schools or around 300 footballers



The Discovery School (Boys) and South Borough Primary School (Girls).

[Put it on the fridge - NLT South East Regional Tournament- click to read more...](#)





## Projects continued

### Primary FitSTONES

SITC provided football and multi-sports coaching at 18 local primary schools during this financial year. These sessions took place at The Discovery School, Greenfields, Harrietsham, Hunton, Lenham, Maidstone and Malling Alternative Provision, North Borough, Oaks, Palace Wood, Park Way, Senacre, Snodland, South Borough, Swingate Primary, Tiger, Tree Tops, VIAT East Borough and Watringbury.

We also provided coaching and specialist kit and equipment at the special educational needs school Five Acre Wood and their 5 centres in and around Maidstone. Part funding of this initiative was provided by CSIS.

We also provided referees for various tournaments for Maidstone Borough primary schools, most of which took place at Greenfields Community Primary School. We even held and provided officials for the U11s Girls Maidstone Primary Schools Cup Final at The Gallagher Stadium in May 2024 and for the U11s Boys Maidstone Primary Schools Cup Final at The Gallagher Stadium in July 2024.

Funding for these sessions was either provided free of charge, from school funds and/or by parents. Maidstone United Academy via B&B Coaching helped us by providing some of the coaches for this programme.





## Projects continued

### Fit4Life @ Valley Park

From September 2023, we worked at VIAT Valley Park School delivering a Fit4Life programme offering educational teaching and football coaching for 2 and 3 days a week for disengaged youngsters, aged 11 to 16 years old. Over the duration of this course, all students who took part benefitted from attending. It has had a positive effect on their behaviour and overall school life.

Our programme included two student Year groups: Year 8 cohort consisting of 12 pupils on a Tuesday; and Year 9 cohort consisting of 13 pupils on a Thursday. From Term 5, we were also instructed to attend each Wednesday to carry out 1 to 1 reviews and class supervision of pupils involved in our programme. In the Year 8 cohort, students overall attendance was positively affected by 83% thanks to our programme. In the Year 9 cohort, 69% of the 13 students had an increase in attendance levels.

This was fully funded with thanks by VIAT Valley Park, Maidstone United Academy via B&B Coaching and Nathan Baker helped us with delivery of this particular programme.





## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club

We have been running this Programme during school holidays and half terms since our existence in 2018. The clubs are located in three locations across Maidstone; Shepway, Parkwood and Tovil.



Tovil location



Shepway location

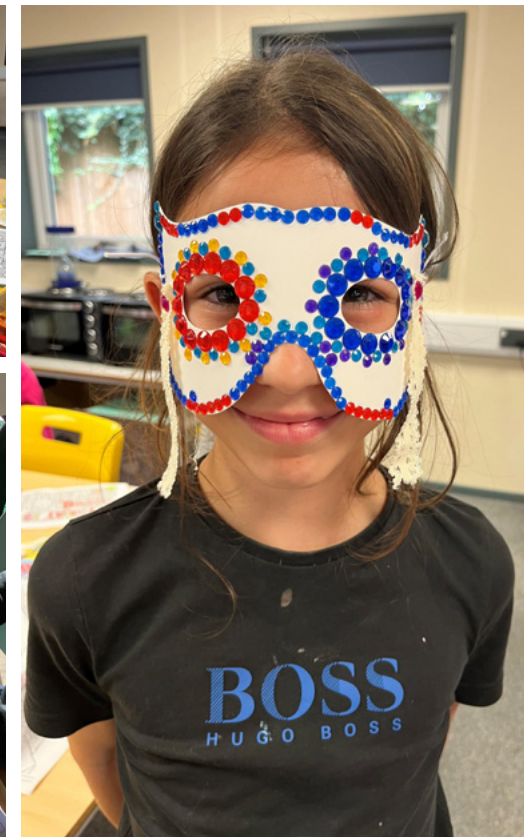


Parkwood location

### October 2023

Venue	Programme duration	Places provided
Greenfields Community Primary School	4 days	207 with free snacks
South Borough Primary School	4 days	96 with free snacks
VIPS @ East Borough Primary School	3 days	89 with free snacks

Total places provided 392





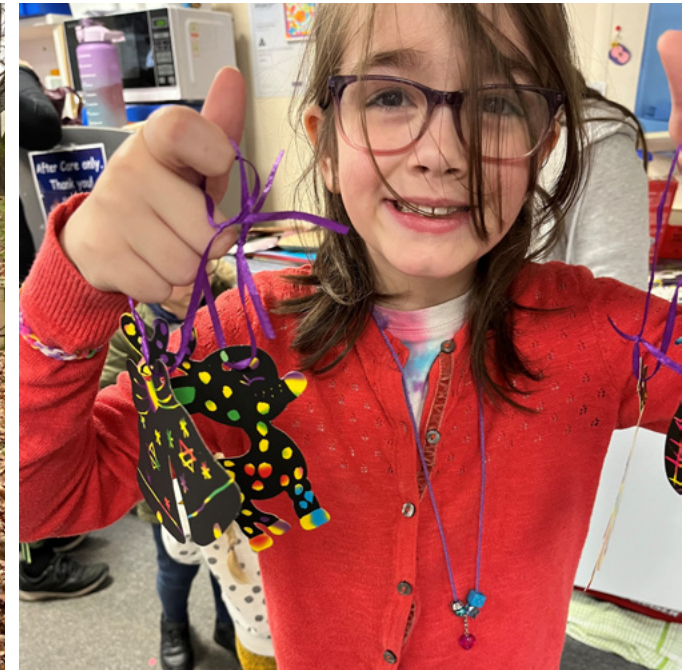
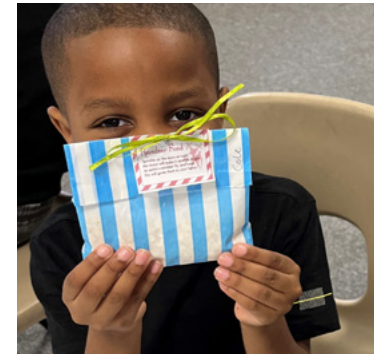
## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club

December 2023 - January 2024 (Christmas/New Year)

Venue	Programme duration	Places provided
Greenfields Community Primary School	4 days	99 with free hot meals and snacks
South Borough Primary School	4 days	70 with free hot meals and snacks
Tree Tops Primary Academy	2 days	127 with free hot meals and snacks

Total places provided 296





## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club

February 2024

Venue	Programme duration	Places provided
Greenfields Community Primary School	4 days	144 with free snacks
South Borough Primary School	3 days	114 with free snacks

Total places provided 258





## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club

April 2024 (Easter)

Venue	Programme duration	Places provided
Greenfields Community Primary School	4 days	161 with free hot meals and snacks
South Borough Primary School	4 days	141 with free hot meals and snacks

Total places provided 302

Due to building works, we were unable to run any courses at Tree Tops Primary Academy in Parkwood, Maidstone ME15 during Easter 2024.





## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club

May 2024

Venue	Programme duration	Places provided
Greenfields Community Primary School	3 days	143 with free snacks
South Borough Primary School	3 days	108 with free snacks

Total places provided 251





## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club

During Summer 2024, between and including 22 July 2024 to 22 August 2024, we ran 16 days (mostly 4 weeks; 4 days per week) at all our sites (Greenfields Community Primary School in Shepway, Tree Tops Primary Academy in Parkwood and at South Borough Primary School in Tovil) for our Schools Out Holiday Clubs.





## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club

July - August 2024 (Summer)

Venue	Programme duration	Places provided (HAF* and Non HAF)
Greenfields Community Primary School	4 weeks x 4 days (16)	1,092 with free hot meals and snacks
South Borough Primary School	4 weeks x 4 days (16)	774 with free hot meals and snacks
Tree Tops Primary Academy	4 weeks x 4 days (16)	639 with free hot meals and snacks

Total places provided 2,505



\* Holiday activities and food programme (HAF)



## Projects continued

# Schools Out free activities club



From October 2023 to end of August 2024, we provided around 4,004 registered places at our Schools Out programme.





## Projects continued

# Maidstone United Raiders FC

Maidstone United Raiders FC are part of the SCT/SITC. It has expanded and continues to grow. Celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2024, Raiders continues to offer football opportunities for children and adults who have a disability or mental health condition. With 20 teams across the junior and adult sections, over 200 players are given the opportunity to take part in monthly tournaments with other teams across the county in the Kent Disability Football League (KDFL). We have two all-female teams – we are the only club in the KDFL to have women’s teams playing in a predominantly male league.



SITC and in particular Raiders go beyond offering just football experiences by having a greater reach and impact across the local community:

- Raider’s Operations Manager, Lorraine Humm, was the winner of the FA’s National Grassroots Keeping Football Positive Award. She was given the opportunity to carry the Community Shield onto the pitch before Manchester City faced Manchester United in the traditional season curtain-raiser.
- Lorraine also won the FA’s National Diversity Award for Refereeing for the ongoing recruitment and help with championing disabled children and adults to take up the whistle for physical and mental health as well as to earn money as a form of self employment. It also promotes support and coaching at a suitable level with children and adults with learning difficulties.
- At the Kent FA Grassroots Football Awards, Raiders won Green Hero of The Year with Lorraine winning the Keeping Football Positive Award and Erin Jarvis-Baker winning the Young Volunteer of the Year. Lorraine and Michael Watts were both shortlisted for the Coach of the Year (Disability Player Pathway) award. Lorraine was further shortlisted for the Lioness Award and Bob Moore Award. Raiders won the Kent FA Green United award, the first club to do so! Lorraine Humm was credited with a Kent FA Volunteer Ambassador accreditation for disability football in Kent. She helped

[Raiders reach 20 - click to read more...](#)





## Projects continued

### Maidstone United Raiders FC

grow the game as well as another Club set up a disability team and mentoring them so they could join the Kent Disability Football League.

- Raiders offer work experience opportunities to players, both within the wider club and outside, to help them find employment opportunities.
- Raiders offer volunteer placements for teenagers who are completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- As part of the Kent Green United initiative, Raiders significant efforts to create a sustainable environment was recognised, including our litter picking, boot swap, kit donations and donations of first aid kits.
- Lorraine Humm was shortlisted for the Kent Mental Wellbeing Awards 2024 and the BBC Unsung Hero Award run by BBC Radio Kent.

- Every November, Raiders hold a Remembrance Day event with the local Royal British Legion.
- Raiders has offered social opportunities for players, including trips to watch the Lionesses at Wembley and watching Maidstone United's historic run in the FA Cup with matches at Ipswich and Coventry; the latter being partly funded with thanks by Maidstone United's Joint Owner Oliver Ash and Simon Gillham.
- Several players from the Raiders have completed their coaching qualifications and are now coaches within the team. They have further helped to coach at SITC's school holiday clubs.
- Raiders hosted our annual charity event to remember Raiders players – Charles Bolt and Reece van Sertima.

- Raiders have received sponsorship from several local businesses and families including Riveroak, iTech, Knapp, Europa Sport, CSSC Sports and Leisure, Burning Leaf Creatives and Reece van Sertima's family, iTech Lounge Season Ticket Holders, along with several smaller donations.
- And this year, following an idea from a player, we have launched an inhouse competition in the junior section to offer players an opportunity to play against each other in training for a shield which has been sponsored by G4S (the G4S Challenge Shield).

Overall, Raiders continues to grow and is being recognised locally, regionally and nationally as one of the best pan-disability clubs in England.





## Projects continued

# Walking Football

Maidstone United Walking Football Club (WalkingSTONES) are an active member of the SITC providing football for around 40 male players of advancing years who still have a love of the game. The section runs fun training sessions at the YMCA on a Friday evening along with having competitive teams in the 50+ and 60+ age groups in the Kent League. It also has a social side to the club where regular nights out are arranged for the players and their partners. Just the training sessions alone (not including League games) involve 2,080 participants over the year!

We have run a very popular 6-a-side Walking Football tournament for the last 3 years including one at The Gallagher on Saturday 27 April 2024 involving 23 teams (138 participants) from all over London, Surrey, Kent and Sussex. That's 2,218 participants over the year! WalkingSTONES used the funds raised to donate money to the SITC to help with the fantastic causes it supports in and around Maidstone.

WalkingSTONES have received sponsorship from Cohesion Design.



[WalkingSTONES Tournament 2024 - click to read more...](#)





## Projects continued

# FitSTONES



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HIGHLY COMMENDED 2023

FitSTONES is a weekly exercise and wellbeing course in partnership with Strictly Fitness, Energise Fitness and Wellbeing People. A total of 134 places were provided for our FitSTONES programme. The cohorts gained a combined total of 34 wellbeing years by completing our FitSTONES 6 course. Results for FitSTONES 7 are still to be determined.

### FitSTONES 6

We ran one complete 13-week programme in 2023/2024 aiming to improve men and women's wellbeing, fitness, provide lifestyle guidance, weight and nutritional guidance. FitSTONES 6 took place between September and December 2023 and involved 13 weeks' work for 8 participants, a total of 104 places provided. This cohort gained 34 wellbeing years by completing this course.

### FitSTONES 7

FitSTONES 7 commenced in September 2024 at Hermitage Park Community Centre and in December 2024 and involved 13 weeks' work for 10 participants who completed the course; a total of 30 places provided in this financial year.

FitSTONES 7 was partly supported by Maidstone Borough Council through their Community Resilience Fund. Thanks also to Swale Community Leisure for their help with venue hire at Hermitage Park Community Centre.



[Habits for Health, just what the doctor ordered](#) - click to read more...





## Projects continued

### WildCATS

Since Summer 2023, we have been running a 1 hour programme each Monday evening to encourage young girls (5 to 11 year old) to participate in football. This is a paid initiative and runs from The Gallagher. There were around 30 girls playing each week – this is for girls who don't belong to a team but just wish to come along and play football in a safe and secure environment with their friends. This is partnered with Maidstone United Women's and Girls section as well as Kent FA. It was important to ensure that we could cater for all girls to take part and join Maidstone United FC.

From September 2024, we continued for a second year of our 1 hour programme each Monday evening to encourage young girls to participate in football. This is a paid initiative and runs from The Gallagher. The Wildcats went on to form the new U10 and U12 Girls Maidstone United Women's and Girls teams for the 2024/25 season.

We also put through 5 young players through their coaching badges and 5 on their Duke of Edinburgh Award by volunteering in Wildcats so increasing female coaches in the game. Some players have now also gone on to manage teams within Maidstone United and also help out in the HAF holiday clubs coaching.

We also took the girls to Wembley on 5 April 2024 to see England v Sweden in the European Qualifiers, UEFA Women's EURO 2025.



WildCATS now are Maidstone United U10s in the Women's and Girls section



## Projects continued

# FAWrient Express

SITC were able to provide a 64ft 1970's first class buffet car to Five Acre Wood School (Special Needs) in Maidstone. At the end of September 2024, the Costa Coffee train carriage was officially opened by the CEO of Costa. The FAWrient Express is being used as an employability pathway for FAW's students. The FAWrient Express is open to the public, 5 days a week, from 9.30am to 4pm.



**September 2022:**

In the early stages, we discussed acquiring train carriages with Mike Littleboy (Chair of Trustees, Stones In The Community) and Jim Littleboy (Crawford & Company), in liaison with Eastern Railways.



## Projects continued

## Miscellaneous

The SCT/SITC sponsored the **Maidstone & District Schools Girls U11s team** and provided some training kit.

We also donated funds to some of **Maidstone United's Academy** (supported by **Cornwallis Academy**) coaches to purchase SCT/SITC branded training kit and essential equipment so they could work in schools. We also put some of the coaches through an FA Level 1 coaching course. We also attended some School Fetes to widen the name of The SCT/SITC.

Thanks to **Safer Kent**, we were able to support KCC's Care Leavers event at Mote Park on 26 June 2024 where we ran some football activities for young adults who were leaving care and on to their next journey in life. It was a great opportunity to network with other people, with the chance of building more relationships. This is where we met people from KCC's Family Hubs. After invitation, we attended a number of KCC's Family Hub events in Shepway.

Thanks to **Involve Kent**, we were able to provide 1-2-1 coaching for one of our Raiders teams – which was really happy with the extra sessions.

We met with **Young Lives Foundation and One Maidstone BID** and are working on new programmes.

We also attended the Olympic Fair at **St Francis RC Primary School**.

We were invited to the **Five Acre Wood Festival** on 23 July 2024 known as Woodstock – a great day was had by all.

After the success of MUFC's Men's FA Cup run, we were able to attend assemblies in different primary schools around Maidstone, to promote the amazing

achievement the men's team accomplished. We also took different first team players and the Manager (George Elokobi) to speak about their personal journey throughout their FA cup run, as well as, showing the children the FA cup video about Maidstone United.

Maidstone United FC have an amazing stadium and facility. We have been able to bring many local primary schools down to the Gallagher, where they have been able to have a tour of the stadium. A few times, the men's first team have been training and the children were able to watch as well as have conversations and signed autographs from the players, George Elokobi and Craig Fagan.

MADM (Making A Difference to Maidstone) is a small Christian charity that supports and offers help to individuals and families who find themselves in crisis. We were asked if we could open their refurbished shop. We were able to take Bivesh Gurung and Lenny Holden from MUFC first team, who were more than happy to cut the ribbon and open the newly refurbished shop.

Lorraine Humm and Tori Campbell have worked together to provide and deliver food to the local food bank in Shepway, Maidstone. This is taking the goods which have been kindly donated at Maidstone United Men's home games. This was a successful programme and food was being donated a couple of times a month.

We even provided the Easter Bunny at the Men's Home Game on 1 April 2024 and handed out free eggs!!





# SITC development

## Staff and training

**Tori Campbell (Operations Manager)** joined SITC as our first full time employee in April 2024. Tori was chosen for Next Gen appointment - Stones Community Trust

**Harry Strike (Assistant Community Development Officer)** joined SITC as our second full time employee in September 2024. Lorraine Humm continues in her part time role as Community Development Officer.

In addition to these full-time appointments we also appointed Paul Bailes as Marketing Consultant, working on a volunteer basis, along with his company Cohesion Design (on a pro bono basis) to assist us with our marketing and digital communications. The team are tasked with developing and growing our Charity.

During the financial year, we continued to provide access to training for our delivery Partners as well as ensuring they had the appropriate DBS and safeguarding certificates in place.

A number of key personnel also took the Level 3 Designated Safeguarding Lead training to enable us to further help young people with the programmes that we deliver.

Schools Out summer staff completed courses in safeguarding as well as food allergy awareness, food hygiene, mental health awareness as well as first aid. We are now also 5\* according to MBC's Environmental Health Department at all of our 3 venues.

We have had numerous networking teams calls with those involved with the National League Trust in and around the South East. This has been a great opportunity to build a relationship and potential partnerships with other Club Community Trusts (CCT) including Tonbridge Angels, Ebbsfleet, Southend, Eastbourne, Sutton and Worthing. In July 2024, all CCT's attended an NLT conference day at Brentford FC to discuss development & growth, finances and other programme initiatives etc. This was a great opportunity to speak to other CCT's about some of the successful programmes/projects they currently run, to see if we at SITC can do something similar.

The Trustees wish to thank each and every staff member and all the many volunteers for all your help in developing The SCT/SITC into what it is today and what it will be in the future.



*Tori Campbell, Stones Community Trust Operations Manager*



*Harry Strike, Assistant Community Development Officer.*

[Tori chosen for Next Gen appointment - click to read more...](#)





# SITC development continued

## Branding and communications

During this financial year, SITC having reviewed our branding and communications identified a need to improved our communications, especially digitally on social media. In looking to do this we realised that our brand also needed a refresh in order to speak directly to our audience.

To undertake this work we engaged Cohesion Design who agreed to work on a pro bono basis. They refreshed our identity while ensuring there was a direct link back to the club and then went on to redesign and build us a new website and begin work trying to improve our reach and presence on social media.

There is so much work especially behind the scenes, that goes into marketing a charity these days and thanks to Paul and Suzanna at Cohesion Design, most of that work is on an unpaid volunteer basis. The Trustees offer a huge thanks to Cohesion Design.

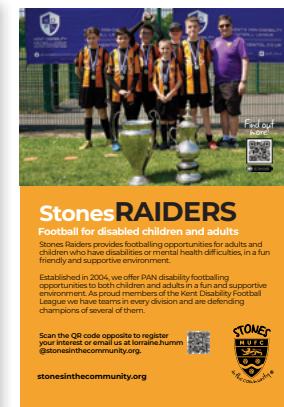


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### Organisation



### Community engagement





## SITC development continued

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We had numerous Maidstone United Academy players (supported by Cornwallis Academy) working with us to assist delivery of our programmes; we want to continue to develop this relationship over the next financial year.





# Summary

We are extremely pleased with all the activities that The SCT/SITC has undertaken to Year Ending 30 September 2024. We helped and made positive changes to so many people from the Maidstone Community.

The change in personnel in April/September 2024 has re-energised to develop and grow The SCT/SITC to be the premier provider in Maidstone.

For the latest information on the SCT/SITC, please click the link: [stonesinthecommunity.org](https://stonesinthecommunity.org)

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The Trustees of The Stones Community Trust  
For Year Ending 30 September 2024  
End of Activity Report.





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## The Stones Community Trust

### Profit and Loss Accounts from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

#### Profit and Loss Account as at 30 September 2024

	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Income</b>	
National League Trust	£ 20,000.00
The Education People (HAF)	£ 52,498.72
Bellway Homes	£ 2,000.00
Safer Kent	£ 360.00
Waitrose	£ 1,250.00
CSIS	£ 2,100.00
Maidstone Borough Council (FitStones 7)	£ 1,691.00
Maidstone Borough Council (Schools Out)	£ 2,500.00
Golding Homes	£ 3,000.00
Snack Bar (Tournaments)	£ 842.99
FitStones 6	£ 236.95
Primary FitStones	£ 20,862.50
VP Fit4Life	£ 10,600.00
Involve Kent	£ 720.00
Wildcats	£ 4,391.00
Schools Out Donations	£ 70.00
Donations	£ 2,533.88
HITG Legacy/MindStones	£ 309.04
Walking Football	£ 1,640.00
MU Raiders FC	£ 10,185.37
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 137,791.45</b>

#### Expenditure

Staff Costs inc Payroll, HMRC	-£ 32,983.97
Office Costs	-£ 1,997.86
Facility Hire	-£ 7,337.00
IT/Auditors/KCFA	-£ 4,687.91
Coaching incl FitStones	-£ 26,603.00
Schools Out Helpers	-£ 39,372.56
Refereeing	-£ 1,660.00
Kit, Certificates, Equipment & Medals	-£ 5,714.97
Resources inc Schools Out Food	-£ 14,570.11
Walking Football	-£ 1,620.00
MU Raiders FC	-£ 9,179.86
HITG Legacy/MindStones	-£ 4,560.57
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-£ 150,287.81</b>

**2023/2024 Deficit -£ 12,496.36**

#### RECONCILE CASH POSITION

Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 1 October 2023	£ 37,472.43
Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 30 September 2024	£ 24,976.07
Less Monies Yet to be Paid	£ -
	£ 24,976.07

**Balance: -£ 12,496.36**

# The Stones Community Trust

## Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of The Stones Community Trust

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Stones Community Trust for the year ended 30 September 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Loucas*

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The Carriage House  
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Kent  
ME15 6YE

Dated: 25 November 2024

**THE STONES COMMUNITY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1184274

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# Accounts

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# Activity Report


01 October 2022 - 30 September 2023



**STONES** in the community

The Stones Community Trust: Official charity of Maidstone United Football Club

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# Foreword

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*I am delighted to write a few words to introduce this report into the activities of The Stones Community Trust in 2023.*

*We set up this charity some six years ago in order to formalise the club's community activities and give us an avenue to further funding in order to enable our presence and usefulness to grow.*

*We knew there was a real need for support in so many different areas of the local community and that the football club could be used as an effective base for this.*

*It has not been an easy ride but now after many years of hard work from Chairman Mike Littleboy, Mike Cogger and the rest of the team the Trust is in an excellent place, delivering valuable community projects and underlining the fact that Maidstone United is a force for good that goes way beyond a Saturday matchday.*

*I am immensely proud of what the Trust is achieving through its thoughtful and steady management. Long may it continue to serve the local community in a truly meaningful way.*

**Oliver Ash**

Joint-Owner Maidstone United  
Trustee

**The Stones Community Trust (SCT) is the non-profit making charity of Maidstone United Football Club, delivering various community projects in the Maidstone area. The SCT is a CIO, has seven trustees and is registered at The Charity Commission under registration number 1184274. From 01 October 2023, we created a forward facing campaign brand, Stones In The Community (SITC).**

The SCT has been in existence since 2018. It is financially and operationally independent from the Club. The Trust is funded solely by Grants from various bodies and sponsorship from community partners. It also governs disabled sport within Maidstone United Raiders (more than 150 junior and adult members) as well as Walking Football (more than 60 members aged over 50).

Our objective: to provide activity and interventions in support of the people of Maidstone in areas of Wellbeing and Health; Sporting development activity and social interaction. We also provide or assist in the provision

of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.



# Funding

Funding for our Activities during this financial year was received from numerous organisations including:

- Maidstone United FC
- The National League Trust
- The Education People (HAF)
- Kent County Council
- Golding Homes
- Safer Kent,
- Civil Service Insurance Society (CSIS)
- Wellbeing People
- Maidstone Borough Council
- Sibley Pares
- Costco
- Charities Trust (Barclays)
- Charlton Athletic
- T&L Pickett
- Charitable Giving
- Cohesion Design
- Clock House Farm

as well as funds from many Schools (for coaching) and from membership and training fees from Maidstone United Raiders, Stones Wildcats and WalkingSTONES Football.

The Trustees offer huge thanks to all organisations who supported our activities this year.

# Projects

## FitStones



**Funding for these sessions was either provided free of charge, from school funds and/or by parents. B&B Coaching helped us by providing some of the coaches for this programme.**

### Primary FitStones

The SCT/SITC provided football and multi-sports coaching at 17 local Primary Schools during this financial year. These sessions took place at Allington, The Discovery School, Greenfields, Harrietsham, Hunton, Lenham, Mole Hill, North Borough, Oaks, Palace Wood, Park Way, Snodland, South Borough, Tiger, Tree Tops, VIAT East Borough and Wateringbury.

We also provided coaching and specialist kit and equipment at the special educational needs school, Five Acre Wood.

Referees were provided by us for various tournaments for Maidstone Borough primary schools, most of which took place at Greenfields Community Primary School; we also provided referees at Langley Park and Valley Park.

Coaching also took place at some local Secondary Schools including Valley Park and Maplesden Noakes.

## Projects continued

### FitStones

#### FitStones @ VIPS East Borough

During late 2022 and early 2023, and in conjunction with Strictly Fitness, Energise Fitness and Wellbeing People we delivered a wellbeing programme to around 20 children and parents over a 4 week period as a trial for a future wider programme. This was received well but some tweaks were needed to the course materials and delivery to make it more engaging for 5 – 11 year olds. Those who attended all the sessions were then invited to undertake a stadium tour of The Gallagher and had a really great time.

#### FitStones at the Gallagher

Weekly exercise and wellbeing course at the Gallagher Stadium in partnership with Strictly Fitness, Energise Fitness and Wellbeing People.

We ran two x 13-week programmes during 2023 aiming to improve men and women's wellbeing, fitness, provide lifestyle guidance, weight and nutritional guidance.

This programme was supported by Maidstone Borough Council as part of their



**A total of 208 places have been provided on our FitStones programme. The cohorts gained a combined total of 119 wellbeing years by completing our courses.**

Health Inequalities initiative. Partial funding was also obtained from The National League Trust.

FitStones 4 took place between April and July 2023 and involved 13 weeks' work for 13 participants, a total of 169 places provided. This cohort gained 102 wellbeing years by completing this course.

FitStones 5 took place on Wednesday lunchtimes between March and June 2023 and involved 13 weeks' work for only 3 participants who completed the course, a total of 39 places provided. This cohort gained 17 wellbeing years by completing this course.

## Projects continued

### Under 11 boys football tournament



On Wednesday 12 October 2022, 36 of Maidstone's Primary School Teams (Allington, Archbishop Courtenay, Barming, Boughton Monchelsea, Bredhurst, Brunswick House, Coxheath, The Discovery School, East Farleigh, Greenfields, Harrietsham, Hunton, Kings Hill, Kingswood/Platts Heath, Laddingford, Langley Park, Lenham, Loose, Marden, Molehill, More Park, North Borough, Oaks, Palace Wood, Park Way, Roseacre,

Senacre Wood, South Borough, St Johns, St Marks, Tiger, Tree Tops, Ulcombe/Leeds and Bromfield, Valley Invicta Aylesford, Valley Invicta East Borough and West Borough) or around 360 male footballers took part in a Mini World Cup tournament at The Gallagher Stadium with a chance of representing Maidstone United at the South-East Regional finals.

Despite finishing third in their group, The Discovery School, representing Morocco, were crowned champions after a 3-0 win in the final against Loose Primary School, representing Spain, who were runners-up. They progressed to the South East Regional Finals at Bromley on 16 March 2023 but were unlucky not to make it to the South Regional Finals at Slough Town.

## Projects continued

### Under 11 girls football tournament



On Monday 27 February 2023, 34 of Maidstone's Primary School Teams (Allington, Archbishop Courtenay, Barming, Boughton Monchelsea, Brunswick House, Coxheath, Greenfields, Harrietsham, Hunton, Kings Hill, Langley Park, Leeds and Bromfield & Kingswood, Lenham, Loose, More Park, North Borough, Palace Wood, Park Way, Roseacre, Senacre Wood, Snodland, South Borough, St Francis, The Discovery School, Tiger, Tree Tops, Trottiscliffe, Tunstall, Ulcombe & Platts Heath, VIPS at Aylesford, VIPS at East Borough, VIPS at Leybourne Chase, Wateringbury and West Borough) or

around 340 female footballers took part in a Mini World Cup tournament at The Gallagher Stadium with a chance of representing Maidstone United at the South-East Regional finals. It was a great success and we even got some screen time on BBC South East Today!

A special mention and thanks goes to the girls and boys who joined us from both Maplesden Noakes and Valley Park Schools as helpers. Thanks also to The Mayor and other representatives of Maidstone Borough Council who kindly provided their free time on the day to help with giving out medals, certificates etc. Equally, to the

helpers who attended from sponsors CSIS (who also kindly provided their free time on the day to help with giving out medals, certificates), Golding Homes and Wellbeing People. Thank you also to another funding partner, The National League Trust for their support. Palace Wood Primary School (Paraguay) won in the final 2-0 against a strong Coxheath (Australia) side.

The South East Regional Finals were held at Bromley FC on 16 March 2023 and Palace Wood finished second overall which meant they were through to the Southern Regional Finals at Slough Town. On Tuesday 18 April 2023, Palace Wood attended the

## Projects continued

### Under 11 girls football tournament

Southern Regional Finals at Slough Town and won the Tournament! Playing as Maidstone United in Stones colours, they defeated Bromley Girls 2-1 after extra Time.

On 13 May 2023, Palace Wood Primary School wearing Maidstone United kit played the National League Trust U11 Girls final at Wembley Stadium and National League Play Off day beating Scarborough Athletic on Penalties after 3-3 draw. What a day for all concerned especially the Girls!



## Projects continued

### Fit4Life



#### Fit4Life @ Valley Park

From January 2023 and for the remainder of the Academic Year ending in July 2023, we worked at VIAT Valley Park School delivering a Fit4Life programme offering football coaching and educational teaching 1 or 2 days a week for disengaged youngsters, aged 11 to 16 years old. Over the duration of this course, all students who took part benefitted from attending. It has had a positive effect on their behaviour and overall school life. During Terms 3 to 6, 92 students attended our Sports Leadership course. In addition, 14 Students attended our 6th Form Open Careers Forum. There were also 15 students from Year 7 attending our practical football session(s). That's a total of 121 students attending our courses.



#### Fit4Life

Working with Safer Kent, The Young Lives Foundation and Kent Police; our courses were held over 12 weeks offering Football Coaching and an Educational Qualification in Football as well as some Social Activity for disengaged youngsters from Maidstone Secondary Schools, aged 11 to 16 years old. This was fully funded by Safer Kent (Kent Police Charity).

Fit4Life 3 started in September 2022 and eventually completed in December 2022. We were able to provide 55 free places to Participants. Sports Connect, a local Kent business, helped us with delivery of some of this particular programme.

**This was fully funded with thanks by VIAT Valley Park. B&B Coaching and Nathan Baker helped us with delivery of this particular programme.**

## Projects continued

### Schools Out Holiday Club



**A total of 529 places were provided at our October 2022 clubs.**

We have been running this Programme during school holidays and half terms since our existence in 2018 in Shepway and Parkwood, Maidstone and in Tovil, Maidstone since Easter 2022.

#### October 2022

In October 2022, we ran a 4 day programme at Greenfields Community Primary School in Shepway, Maidstone ME15. We provided 102 places with free snacks etc over the half term.

In October 2022, we ran a 4 day programme at South Borough Primary School in Tovil, Maidstone, ME15. We provided 319 places with free snacks etc over the half term.

In October 2022, we ran a 3 day programme at VIPS @ East Borough Primary School in Maidstone ME14. We provided 108 places with free snacks etc over the half term.

#### Christmas/new Year 2022

At Christmas/New Year 2022, we ran a 4 day programme at Greenfields Community Primary School in Shepway, Maidstone ME15. We provided around 96 places with free hot meals and snacks over that period.



**A total of 148 places were provided at our Christmas/New Year 2022 clubs.**

At Christmas/New Year 2022, we ran a 2 day programme at Tree Tops Primary Academy in Parkwood, Maidstone ME15. We provided around 52 places with free hot meals and snacks over that period.

## Projects continued

### Schools Out Holiday Club



#### February 2023

In February 2023, we ran a 4 day programme at Greenfields Community Primary School in Shepway, Maidstone ME15. We provided 146 places with free snacks etc over the half term.

In February 2023, we ran a 3 day programme at South Borough Primary School in Tovil,

Maidstone, ME15. We provided 96 places with free snacks etc over the half term.

In February 2023, we ran a 4 day programme at Tree Tops Primary Academy in Parkwood, Maidstone ME15. We provided 132 places with free snacks etc over the half term.

Due to personnel changes, we didn't run a schools out programme over Easter 2023.



#### May/June 2023

In May/June 2023, we ran a 4 day programme at Greenfields Community Primary School in Shepway, Maidstone ME15. We provided around 191 places with free snacks over that period.

In May/June 2023, we ran a 4 day programme at South Borough Primary School in Tovil, Maidstone ME15. We provided around 112 places with free snacks over that period.

Clock House Farm kindly provided free fruit and vegetables for both the above clubs.

## Projects continued

### Schools Out Holiday Club



A total of 1,028 places were provided at our summer 2023 clubs.

#### Summer 2023

During Summer 2023, we ran a four week, four days a week programme at Greenfields Community Primary School in Shepway, Maidstone, ME15. We provided 742 HAF and non-HAF registered places with free hot meals and snacks over that period.

We were also able to use South Borough Primary School in Tovil, Maidstone, ME15.

We ran a four week, four days a week programme and provided 286 HAF and non-HAF registered places with free hot meals and snacks over that period.

Due to building works, we were unable to run any courses at Tree Tops Primary Academy in Parkwood, Maidstone ME15.

In summary, from October 2022 to end of the Summer 2023, we provided around 2,382 registered places at our Schools Out programme funded partly by Kent County Council via The Education People (HAF), The National League Trust and **Golding Homes.**

## Projects continued

### MindSTONES



#### A Head In The Game legacy project

Prior to November 2022, The SCT/SITC were approached by another local Organisation (now a Registered Charity) known as Head In The Game (HITG) about taking over their Men's Mental Health and Wellbeing programme. To the end of September 2023 (around 43 weeks), we have been funding and providing football for around 20 players

each week in order to benefit their mental health. That's 860 places during the current financial period! Initially, the crop of players didn't want any new members but recently, this programme has expanded with new players attending each week training out of Valley Park School.



## Projects continued

### Maidstone United Raiders



Maidstone United Raiders FC are part of the SCT/SITC. With more than 150 pan-disability players registered from ages youth to adult, they are the largest pan disability club in Kent.

The Raiders continue to break records and setting new milestones in disability football; the Club has grown in teams and numbers every year by proactive recruitment in the community and signposting players to local teams.

Some Raiders players are also taking the Duke of Edinburgh award, some work experience and employment at Maidstone United Men's First Team games to help them find jobs in the wider community.

Raiders also have a mental health champion to support players and parents and have an in-house network to support players, identify and assist with ongoing issues to support the Raiders families.

2024 will see 20 years of Maidstone United disability football.

## Projects continued

### WalkingSTONES



Maidstone United Walking Football FC are part of the SCT/SITC catering for Men over 50 years old. There are around 60 members playing matches in a Kent League, friendlies and Tournaments as well as training at The YMCA in Maidstone.

On Sunday 30 April 2023, we delivered a Walking Football Tournament with teams from all over London, Kent and Sussex held at The Gallagher Stadium. This was also a huge success.



## Projects continued

### Wildcats



On 7 August 2023, we started a 1 hour programme each Monday evening to encourage young girls to participate in football. This is a paid initiative and runs from The Gallagher. There are currently around 20 to 30 girls playing each week – this is for girls who don't belong to a team but just wish to come along and play football in a safe and secure environment with their friends. This is partnered with Maidstone United Women's and Girls section as well as Kent FA and Weetabix.

### FAWrient Express

Using our various contacts and at no cost to the SCT/SITC, we were able to provide a 64ft 1970's first class buffet car to Five Acre Wood School (Special Needs) in Maidstone. This was for a pathway for their students via

a café to be run on behalf of Costa. We also assisted with purchase (at no cost to the SCT/SITC) some Railwayana for the new Café which will be open in Autumn 2024.



## Projects continued

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### Miscellaneous

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#### Sponsorship

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We funded Referee course for 11 Valley Park Students in January 2023 and around 10 MUFC Academy students in March 2023.

We provided some new nets at VIPS East Borough.

We provided some new School kits for Tree Tops Primary Academy and Lenham Primary School.

Students from some schools including Maplesden Noakes given free entry

to Maidstone United Men's First Team home games.

We hosted and delivered a girls only sporting event day at The Gallagher during March 2023.

During Spring and Summer 2023, we assisted Charlton Athletic Community Trust with their football and sports delivery every day for around 12 weeks around the Borough but specifically Marden, Shepway, Parkwood and Tovil.

And much more!

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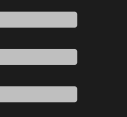
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Walking Football	£	1,430.00
MU Raiders FC	£	5,515.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>80,515.21</b>

**Expenditure**

Staff	-£	11,970.00
Pitch/Room Hire	-£	5,581.80
IT/Auditors/KCFA	-£	4,994.95
Coaching	-£	60,366.00
Refereeing	-£	1,825.00
Kit, Equipment & Medals	-£	6,873.77
Resources	-£	5,611.55
Walking Football	-£	1,814.00
MU Raiders FC	-£	4,005.00
HITG Legacy	-£	1,674.98
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-£</b>	<b>104,717.05</b>

**2022/2023 Deficit** **-£ 24,201.84**

**RECONCILE CASH POSITION**

Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 1 October 2022	£	61,674.27
Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 30 September 2023	£	37,472.43
Less Monies Yet to be Paid	£	-
	£	37,472.43
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>-£</b>	<b>24,201.84</b>

# The Stones Community Trust

## Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of The Stones Community Trust

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Stones Community Trust for the year ended 30 September 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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Dated: 24 April 2024

**THE STONES COMMUNITY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1184274

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# Accounts

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# The Stones Community Trust **Activity Report**



>>> The official charity of Maidstone United Football Club <<<

# Activity Report

**The Stones Community Trust (SCT)** is Maidstone United FC's non-profit making charity for delivering various community projects in the Maidstone area. The SCT is a CIO, has seven trustees and is registered at The Charity Commission under registration number 1184274.

It has been in existence since 2018. It is independent financially and operationally from the Club. The Trust has no paid employees and is funded solely by Grants from various bodies and Sponsorship from community partners. It also governs disabled sport within Maidstone United Raiders (more than 150 junior and adult members) as well as Walking Football (more than 60 members aged over 50).

**Our objective:** to provide activity and interventions in support of the people of Maidstone in areas of Wellbeing and Health; Sporting development activity and social interaction. We also provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

## Projects from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

### Schools Out Free Activities Club

We have been running this Programme during school holidays and half terms since our existence in 2018 in Shepway and Parkwood, Maidstone.

In October 2021, we ran a five-day programme at **Greenfields Community Primary School** in Shepway, Maidstone ME15. We provided around **200** places with free hot meals over the half term.

At Christmas/New Year 2021, we ran a five-day programme at **Greenfields Community Primary School** in Shepway, Maidstone ME15. We provided around **200** places with free hot meals over that period.

In February 2022, we ran a five-day programme at **Greenfields Community Primary School** in Shepway, Maidstone ME15. We provided around **200** places with free hot meals over that period.



>>> Greenfields – Easter 2022 <<<

At Easter (April) 2022, we ran a four-day programme at **Greenfields Community Primary School** in Shepway, Maidstone, ME15. We provided **232** registered places with free hot meals over that period.

In addition, we secured another venue at **Tree Tops Primary Academy** in Parkwood, Maidstone, ME15, ran a four-day programme and provided **168** registered places with free hot meals. A total of 400 registered places were provided at Easter 2022.

During Summer 2022, we ran a three week, four days a week programme at **Greenfields Community Primary School** in Shepway, Maidstone, ME15. We provided **576** registered places with free hot meals over that period.



>>> Greenfields – Summer 2022 <<<

Having secured another venue at Easter 2022, we were able to continue at this location at **Tree Tops Primary Academy** in Parkwood, Maidstone, ME15. We ran a three week, five-days a week programme and provided **930** registered places with free hot meals.



>>> Tree Tops – Summer 2022 <<<

In addition, we were able to secure another venue at **South Borough Primary School** in Tovil, Maidstone, ME15. We ran a four week, four days a week programme and provided **880** registered places with free hot meals.

A total of **2,386** registered places were provided during Summer 2022.



>>> South Borough – Summer 2022 <<<

In summary, from October 2021 to end of the Summer 2022, we provided around **3,386** registered places at our Schools Out programme funded partly by **Kent County Council via The Education People (HAF), The National League Trust, Golding Homes and Waitrose.**

## Fit For Life

Working with **Safer Kent, The Young Lives Foundation and Kent Police**; our courses were held over 12 weeks offering Football Coaching and an Educational Qualification in Football as well as some Social Activity for disengaged youngsters from Maidstone Secondary Schools, aged 11 to 16 years old. This was fully funded by **Safer Kent** (Kent Police Charity).

**Fit4Life 1** took place from February to April 2022 and involved 12 weeks work for 14 Participants, a total of **168** places provided.

**Fit4Life 2** took place from May to August 2022 and involved 12 weeks work for 30 Participants, a total of **360** places provided.

**Fit4Life 3** started in September 2022 and eventually completed in December 2022. Only the first week was covered during this Financial Period where we provided **26** places. Sports Connect, a local Kent business, helped us with delivery of this particular programme.

A total of **554** places were provided for our Fit4Life programme.

## FitStones at the Gallagher

Weekly exercise and wellbeing course at the Gallagher Stadium in partnership with **Strictly Fitness, Energise Fitness and Wellbeing People.**

We ran three x 13-week programmes during 2022 aiming to improve men and women's wellbeing, fitness, provide lifestyle guidance, weight and nutritional guidance.

This programme was supported by **Maidstone Borough Council** as part of their Health Inequalities initiative. Partial funding was also obtained from **The National League Trust.**

**FitStones 1 (men only)** took place between March and May 2022 and involved 13 weeks' work for 15 participants, a total of **195** places provided. This cohort gained **112 wellbeing years** by completing this course.

**FitStones 2 (men only)** took place between June and September 2022 and involved 13 weeks' work for 17 participants, a total of **221** places provided. This cohort gained **109 wellbeing years** by completing this course.



>>> FitStones 2 – September 2022 <<<

**FitStones 3 (women only)** took place between September and December 2022 and involved 13 weeks' work for 22 participants. Only the first three weeks were covered during this financial period, a total of **39** places provided. Eventually, this cohort gained **69 wellbeing years** by completing this course.



>>> FitStones 3 – September 2022 <<<

A total of **455** places were provided for our FitStones programme. The cohorts gained a combined total of **290 wellbeing years** by completing our courses.

### Under 11 Girls Football Tournament

On Monday 28 March 2022, 16 of Maidstone's Primary School Teams (**Allington, Archbishop Courtenay, Brunswick House, Greenfields (x2), Harrietsham, Hunton, Laddingford, Marden, More Park, North Borough, Roseacre, St Johns, Tiger, VIPS @ Aylesford and West Borough**) or around **160** female footballers took part in a tournament at The Gallagher Stadium with a chance of representing Maidstone United at south-east regional and national finals.

Allington beat Archbishop Courtenay 2-0 in the final. They went onto win the regional finals at Bromley on 25 May 2022; the National Finals beckoned. On Thursday 7 July 2022, **Allington Primary School** representing **Maidstone United FC** were crowned **national winners** of the National League Trust U11s Girls Finals by beating Darlington on penalties! Partial funding was obtained from **Safer Kent**.



>>> National Champions (and SCT Coaches) Allington Primary School – July 2022 <<<

## Primary FitStones

The SCT provided some football coaching, mostly for free, at various Maidstone primary schools during this financial year, starting only in May 2022. This coaching took place at **Allington, Hunton, Oaks, Tree Tops, Harrietsham, South Borough, Lenham, Watringbury** and at the special educational needs school: **Five Acre Wood**.

We also provided referees for various tournaments for the primary schools, most of which took place at **Greenfields Community Primary School**.

## Maidstone United Raiders FC

On 1 August 2021, **Maidstone United Raiders FC** became part of the SCT. With more than 120 pan-disability players registered from ages youth to adult, the section expanded and developed to over **150** participants during 2022.



>>> Maidstone United Raiders FC – June 2022 <<<

On Saturday 4 June 2022, **Maidstone United Raiders FC** delivered a Pan-Disability Tournament at the Gallagher Stadium with teams taking part from all over Kent. This was a huge success.

## Walking Football

On 1 March 2022, **Maidstone United Walking Football FC** joined the SCT. There are around **60** members each over 50 years old playing matches and training at The YMCA in Maidstone.



>>> Walking Football Team – April 2022 <<<

On Saturday 18 June 2022, we delivered a Walking Football Tournament with teams from all over Kent and Sussex held at The Gallagher Stadium. This was also a huge success.

## Miscellaneous

In addition to the above, The SCT sponsored the **Maidstone & District Schools Girls U12s** team and provided some training kit.



>>> MDSFA Under 12's Girls Training Kit – sponsored by The SCT <<<

We also donated funds to some of **Maidstone United's Academy** (supported by **Cornwallis Academy**) coaches to purchase SCT branded training kit and essential equipment so they could work in schools. We also put some of the coaches through an FA Level 1 coaching course. We also attended some School Fetes to widen the name of The SCT including at **Tree Tops Primary Academy** and **Bower Grove Special Needs School**.

## Training

During the financial year, we continued to provide access to training for our Delivery Partners as well as ensuring they had the appropriate DBS and Safeguarding certificates in place.

A number of key personnel also took the Level 3 Designated Safeguarding Lead training to enable us to further help young people with the programmes that we deliver.

Schools Out summer staff completed courses in Safeguarding as well as Food Allergy Awareness, Food hygiene, mental health awareness as well as First Aid.

## Academy Partnership

We had numerous **Maidstone United Academy** players (supported by **Cornwallis Academy**) working with us to assist delivery of our Programmes; we want to develop this relationship over the next financial year.

## Summary

We are extremely pleased with all the activities that **The SCT** has undertaken to Year Ending 30 September 2022. We helped and made positive changes to so many people from the Maidstone Community.

The change in personnel in January 2022 took some transition but we are now excited and re-energised to try to develop and grow **The SCT** to be the premier provider in Maidstone.

**The Trustees of The Stones Community Trust**  
**For Year Ending 30 September 2022**

**End of Activity Report**  
**25 October 2022**

The Stones Community Trust

Profit and Loss Accounts from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

**Profit and Loss Account as at 30 September 2022**

	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Income</b>	
National League Trust	£ 20,251.20
The Education People (HAF)	£ 65,880.00
Goldings	£ 1,000.00
Safer Kent	£ 1,330.00
Movo/Goldstone	£ 600.00
Waitrose	£ 1,500.00
CSIS	£ 2,500.00
Snack Bar (Tournament)	£ 117.97
Donations	£ 21.96
Walking Football	£ 1,673.44
MU Raiders FC	£ 15,571.80
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 110,446.37</b>

**Expenditure**

Community Development Officer	-£ 4,500.00
Pitch/Room Hire	-£ 6,638.00
IT/Auditors	-£ 3,506.45
Coaching	-£ 48,052.43
Kit/Medals	-£ 5,756.15
Resources	-£ 7,376.81
Walking Football	-£ 580.00
MU Raiders FC	-£ 14,894.91
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-£ 91,304.75</b>

**2021/2022 Deficit/Surplus** **£ 19,141.62**

**RECONCILE CASH POSITION**

Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 1 October 2021 **£ 42,532.65**

Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 30 September 2022 **£ 61,674.27**

Less Monies Yet to be Paid **£ -**

**£ 61,674.27**

**Balance: £ 19,141.62**

# The Stones Community Trust

Independent Examiner's Report

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# Accounts

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# The Stones Community Trust

## Activity Report



30 September 2021

# 2020-2021

**3360**

**People Supported**

**73%**

**of users rely on  
Foodbanks**

**97%**

**felt they had improved after  
our support**

**92%**

**Of children on  
Free School Meals**

**89%**

**Of Schools Out users were  
Goldings Residents**

**Age Range of  
those  
Supported  
6mths to  
91yrs**



# Report of Projects

## Food Deliveries and Social Isolation Programme

### Stones Feed Maidstone Programme

120 Prepared Meals and 80 food parcels were delivered in November 2021. This prompted us to look at ways of extending this offering particularly in the lead up to Christmas.

### Covid-19 Response programme

We were successful in obtaining funding of £4,000 from Kent Community Foundation. However, Government changed the lockdown guidelines so the Christmas Schools Out programme was not allowed to go ahead. Our funding from KCF was therefore reduced to £2,600 which enabled us to provide activities and food for those families that would have taken part in the cancelled Schools Out programme. We also delivered a social isolation programme for families and older people during December 2020 and January 2021.



When we originally applied for funding from KCF, we wanted to ensure everyone had a meal and offer some relief to isolation and loneliness. The KCF funding enabled us to do that in much greater amounts than planned and support those thrown into crisis and desperation as a result of Covid -19.

The beneficiaries of our programme were mostly families and individuals who already struggled to make ends meet. The families we worked with relied on free school meals to feed their children and with schools closed, this just put extreme pressure on them.

Some families said they had to choose between heating the house or buying food; many already had exhausted food bank vouchers and didn't know where to turn.

This Project took the pressure away, relieved stress and allowed parents/carers to relax and be sure that the whole family would all get a meal. This also helped the children to become more settled in a changing environment.

We were also able to ensure that people living alone or just lonely, saw a friendly face once a week or a voice, text at the end of a phone. This was, for some, a vital part of the project, to know that they could reach out if they needed help or support or just a chat.

Most of the interaction was socially distanced on doorsteps as this was what people were missing the most; personal contact with people and not through technology.

We saw a difference in the families and young people each time we dropped off a parcel. The children were telling us about what they had done with the activities and shown us their work. Parents/carers told us that we have changed their lives particularly around Christmas, where we added some Christmas treats and made sure every child got a wrapped present. Many were facing a bleak Christmas and said that the SCT hampers really made a difference and gave them hope.

The Impact this project had was evident in the feedback and messages we received. We were also delighted to see how it impacted the wider community, with many people on our deliveries asking what we were doing and then donating food items to us to add to the hampers.

Many of the local community volunteered to help and we will be keeping in touch with these people for future projects.

It was amazing to see how the community came together and enabled us to extend our offering for a few extra weeks after the planned end date.

### **Personal Story:**

*We visited a 90 year old lady who lived alone whom we had been asked to visit by a concerned neighbour. When we arrived, she was overwhelmed with joy and was so grateful. She said that the food parcel would mean she could have a hot meal that day and we spent 30 minutes in the cold on the path chatting to her through a window. She said that we were the only people she had actually seen and spoken to in months apart from neighbours checking in on her. She didn't want us to leave!! She talked about her life and the changes she had seen over the years and was looking forward to COVID being over so she could have a walk out to the shops and see local people again. She said we had given her hope and put a smile on her face.*

We worked with local volunteers to deliver food to those who needed it outside of School Holiday periods.

We delivered approximately 410 Food & Activity Hampers throughout December 2020 and January 2021 and into February 2021 impacting about 745 people.

The MUFC fans donated a great deal of food to support this programme. It meant that the funding could go further and help more people. Local people also donated food as we travelled around.

We are looking at ways to fund a regular food hamper service, specifically for older people.

## Schools Out

We were successful in obtaining grants from the National League Trust (NLT), The Education People and from Golding Homes to support our Schools Out Programme for 2021. This started from February Half Term.

### February Half Term

We made the decision to run a Feb half term programme, despite many others cancelling activities we felt that the families we work with really needed our help and we could do this in a Covid safe environment.

On day 1 it was evident that many children missed breakfast so we, provided breakfast and a hot drink every morning.



Day 2 was pancake day so as part of our activities we made pancakes with the children, which provided a fun session and the children loved making them and eating them!!



Every day all children took part in physical activities ranging from football to athletics and tradition sports day games. We also did an arts and craft session daily. We also made cards for mums/dads or carers to thank them and for mothers' days.

As with every camp Friday was Maidstone's Got Talent with each child showing us a talent, which included singing, gymnastics, football skills, etc. We did consider cancelling this as many of the children at the start of the week were very different to how we have seen them before and were very much as the parents had described, but by the time we got to Friday the children had really started to come out of their shell again and back to the children we knew!!

### Easter Break

As the pandemic restrictions were starting to be lifted, we planned our Schools Out Programme for the rest of the 2021 holidays, next up was Easter Holidays.

We delivered 9 days of activities, every day as always, the children took part in physical activity and we ensured every child did at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day, as we found some children wanted to spend more time on arts and crafts or on less active projects. This enabled us to support them with physical wellbeing and talk about our mental health and how a healthy lifestyle can help us to feel better all round. We also spent some



time talking about how we feel and how to keep ourselves fit and healthy outside of the schools out sessions.



We couldn't let Easter go by without making some Easter Hats and the children were delighted to take them home and show them off to their friends and families.

## June Half Term

This programme was our healthy eating focus, we did projects throughout the week on healthy plates and how we can make changes in our snacks to stay fit and healthy. We also looked at ways we could help families plan healthy meals on a budget by referring them to support websites and providing a printed meal planner.



The staff team took part, and everyone learnt about the foods eaten in different cultures and the children helped in making a picnic lunch for their families on the Friday (although the weather let us down, but we didn't let that dampen our spirits and had the picnic indoors !!)



Next comes the big one!!

## The Summer Holidays

Summer is a key time for many families, worried about not only occupying their children but finding additional food for so many weeks can be a real problem for Many. We were delighted therefore to be able to add a 2nd venue for the summer period. We were now able to deliver at Greenfields and Tovil Youth Centre.



As with all our programmes we are fully inclusive and try to support children with a range of needs, our stats for the summer included children with ADHD, Asperger's, Autism, Diabetes, and a child that was mute. We made some key adjustments to ensure we could cater for everyone.





We spoke to the parents/carers to find out what interested the children the most and set up activities that they could relate to. We also organised a quiet corner for those that needed to take time out and provided reading books, colouring and snacks so they could take themselves off without judgement or explanation. This was set up within full view of everything else that was

going on so the staff were always aware. We also provided a report for a parent whose child has some additional needs that were not yet fully diagnosed so that she could take it to his assessment with her.

We worked with the mute child to encourage him to draw or use basic sign language to help us communicate with him. Some of the staff team had a basic level of sign language so we were able to make his time enjoyable and inclusive. His mum said we were the only ones willing to take him on a programme. She said the progress he had made was amazing with eating things he would never try at home and saying Dani (our Camp Managers Name!)

We provided a mix of hot and cold lunches and worked with a local community café who made us healthy pack lunches following the school food standards. This included a range of fruit and vegetables with a sandwich and yoghurt or jelly. We had a fruit and veg table set up throughout the day for children to help themselves. We provided biscuits and cakes on some days and also had flapjacks. We also had regular barbecues serving burgers and hot dogs with a range of salad and locally sourced salt and sugar free ketchup.



We managed to arrange for Kent Police to come in and meet the children, all the children enjoyed dressing up in police clothing and sitting in the police car, we also had a soft play day with bouncy castles, music and dance sessions as well as weekly healthy eating and mental health sessions and Water Splash days.



We also surveyed the children in a fun art session and 92% of the children expressed sadness, isolation and were scared at home in lockdown. 100% of the children surveyed said that being at Camp made them happy, enjoyed playing with others and made them forget about COVID!! This session was a real eye opener and the children wanted to discuss the current Pandemic and how it made them feel.

We also surveyed the parents but once again, many were reluctant to complete forms so much of the information was gathered informally.

***Parent A - Two boys aged 10 – I am a single parent and have really struggled with depression and anxiety during lockdown. These sessions have been great for my boys and given me some time to myself and we all feel much better, thank you all so much.***

***Parent B – Girl and a Boy aged 9 and 10 – My children have not been out at all unless it is to go to school, these sessions have been amazing as it has given them chance to play again outside and the staff are lovely, they really make them feel at home. They loved the pancake day, and I can't thank you all enough.***

All staff had full PPE and the children knew that we would have regular sanitiser breaks that just became the “norm”. They also understood that the usual high five to the staff and hugging their friends was not allowed. The children used “air hugs” and “fist bumps” and were amazing at supporting each other. They showed true resilience which became a topic for the week. Just because things are not great now it WILL get better!!

We were successful with funding for a Summer Programme to match fund the support from the NLT and Golding Homes. The Education People provided a programme known as Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) for 2021 which was a government initiative for children after the pandemic. This enabled us to run the programme across 2 centres for July 2021 and August 2021.

We had 2247 attendances across both venues with each child getting a full lunch and whole day of activities ranging from arts and crafts to sport, bouncy castle days, emergency services days, BBQ fun days and much more. Many children had never experienced these activities or had access to these kinds of programme in the past.

We catered for children with a range of needs including ADHD, Aspergers, Autism, and a child that was mute.

We spoke to the parents/carers to find out what interested the children the most and set up activities that they could relate to. We also organised a quiet corner for those that needed to take time out and provided reading books, colouring and snacks so they could take themselves off without judgement or explanation. This was set up within full view of everything else that was going on so the staff were always aware. We also provided a report for a parent whose child has some additional needs that were not yet fully diagnosed so that she could take it to assessments.

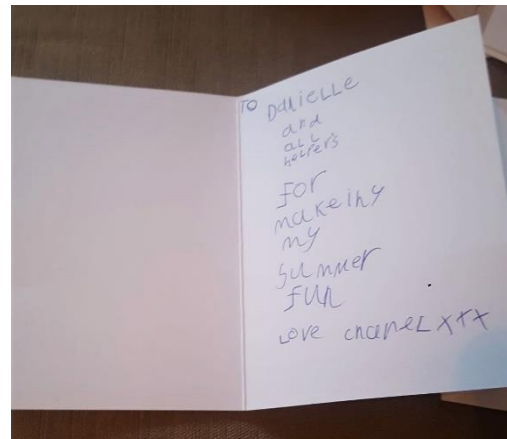
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provided biscuits and cakes on some days and also had flap jacks. We also had regular barbeques serving burgers and hot dogs with a range of salad and locally sourced salt and sugar free ketchup.

Our offering also included breakfast which consisted of breakfast bars and toast and some days we had brioche.

Parent A said “you do not know what you have done for me this summer, its been such a challenge during covid and this has been a real experience for the children and given me some much needed support and time to myself, thank you so much !!”



Parent B said: “I would have been totally lost this summer if it wasn’t for camp, trying to feed 4 growing boys is always a challenge so you have really helped me”

Staff Member 1: “Thank you for this opportunity, I wasn’t too sure what I was going to be doing when I applied, but I can honestly say helping the families and children and delivering such fun activities has honestly taught me so much, I thought I was going to be coaching sport but found myself, serving lunches, making arts and crafts and generally doing anything that was needed. I have loved every minute!”

Staff Member 2; “What can I say, it’s the best summer I have ever had, and for such worthy and amazing families, hope I can come back at the next school holiday !”

We invited the parent’s and carers each Friday to take part in some activities with the children and share a lunch. We also gave the parents some games and equipment to take home to play with their children after camp had ended.

Funding has been granted by the NLT and Goldings to deliver our Schools Out programme in October 2021. We will also be applying to HAF for additional funding for a Christmas Programme.

## **Fit4Life**

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to run the Fit4Life programme during our 2020/2021 year. However, we have plans to start a new programme in 2022

## **Training**

Kay Skelton and Katy Skelton completed a Youth Mental Health course to able us to further help young people with the programmes that we deliver.

All summer staff have completed course in Safeguarding, Food Allergy Awareness, Food hygiene and some have completed mental health training as well as First Aid.

More and more funding applications are asking for evidence of training.

## **Academy Partnership**

We had 4 academy players working with us through the summer Schools Out Programme and want to develop this relationship next year.

## **Maidstone United Raiders FC**

On 1 August 2021, the Raiders became part of the SCT. With over 100 pan-disability players registered from ages youth to adult, we are planning on expanding and developing this section during 2022.

## **Summary**

Given that the year was during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are extremely pleased with the activities that the SCT has undertaken. This has spurred on to develop and grow the SCT, part of Maidstone United FC.

## **The Trustees of the Stones Community Trust**

**For Year Ending 30 September 2021**

**END OF REPORT**

**The Stones Community Trust**

**Profit and Loss Accounts to 30 September 2021**

**Profit and Loss Account as at 30 September 2021**

	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Income</b>	
National League Trust	£20,000.00
Kent Community Foundation	£2,600.00
Mask Sales	£338.00
Donation from Clear MPW	£250.00
Donation from Allianz	£100.00
Donation from MUFC	£1,000.00
Golding Homes	£10,000.00
The Education People (HAF)	£29,280.00
CSIS	£1,500.00
Donations	£100.00
MU Raiders FC	£8,531.19
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£73,699.19</b>

**Expenditure**

Community Development Officer	-£11,192.65
Pitch/Room Hire	-£4,750.00
IT/Auditors	-£416.80
Coaching	-£14,170.00
Kit/Medals	£0.00
Resources	-£5,023.60
MU Raiders FC	-£1,895.39
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-£37,448.44</b>

**2020/2021 Surplus            £36,250.75**

**RECONCILE CASH POSITION**

Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 1 October 2020	£	6,281.90
Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 30 September 2021	£	42,532.65
Less Monies Yet to be Paid	£	-
	£	42,532.65
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>36,250.75</b>

# The Stones Community Trust

## Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of The Stones Community Trust

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Stones Community Trust for the year ended 30 September 2021.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Loucas

Loucas  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
The Carriage House  
Mill Street  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME15 6YE

Dated: 04/02/2022

**THE STONES COMMUNITY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1184274

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 4 July 2019 Period start date To 30 September 2020 Period end date

Charity name: The Stones Community Trust

Charity registration number: 1184274

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Object(s) of the CIO are: a) The promotion of Community participation in healthy recreation within Maidstone and Kent by the provision of facilities for playing football and other sports capable of improving physical health and fitness. b) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	See attached Activity Reports for ye September 2019 and ye September 2020
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, we have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>See attached Activity Reports for ye September 2019 and ye September 2020</p> <p>The benefits of our organisation include supporting local people in Maidstone to become more healthy in all aspects including <i>physical and mental health as well as</i> educational attainment, enabling people to feel more included in society, providing opportunities for people to take part regardless of background or ability, giving access to those who would not normally have means to take part in paid activities, creating saving, stronger more integrated communities. Supporting those most in need using the unique power that sport has to get people together and involved in activities.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Considering this was the SCT's first full year of trading especially during a national COVID pandemic, the Trustees are very pleased with the grants and financial assistance provided and activity outcomes. The SCT remain in profit which will be used for additional activities that may not achieve complete funding
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Whilst the Accounts show some Profit, these funds are planned to be used in full to undertake other non-funded or partial funded activities such as food for families and the elderly
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,281.90
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The SCT have no Employees, Accommodation etc so other than Annual Insurance premiums, there is no requirement to keep a Reserve
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We do not undertake any activities without careful budgeting. If we have any un-used profit, we will use these sums for non-funded activities. If possible however, we always try and obtain funding either from a recognised funding body or by Corporate donations. We have no issues with the Charity continuing as a going concern

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Bespoke Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Every Charity Trustee must be a natural person. No individual may be appointed as a Charity Trustee of the CIO:</p> <p>(i) if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or</p> <p>(ii) if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of Clause 12.1(e).</p> <p>No one is entitled to act as a Charity Trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the Charity Trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of Charity Trustee.</p> <p>There must be at least 3 Charity Trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining Trustee or Trustees may act only to call a meeting of the Charity Trustees or appoint a new Charity Trustee.</p> <p>The maximum number of Charity Trustees is 12. The Charity Trustees may not appoint any Charity Trustee if as a result, the number of Charity Trustees would exceed the maximum.</p> <p>Every Charity Trustee can only be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Charity Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	Para 1.51	
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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees		
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Stones Community Trust
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1184274
Charity's principal address	The Gallagher Stadium James Whatman Way Maidstone Kent. ME14 1LQ

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael Andrew Littleboy	Chair		
2	Oliver Nicholas Jeremy Ash			
3	Michael Frederick Cogger			
4	Arthur Blair Gulland			
5	William Thomas Williams			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
n/a		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
n/a	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not Applicable
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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael Andrew Littleboy	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	26 July 2021	



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# Annual Report

2018-2019

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# 2018-2019



**3920**

Attendances

**22**

Projects/Events

**1380**

Individual Participants

**35**

Volunteers Used

**1600 +**

Hours of Delivery

## The Stones Community Trust

The Stones Community Trust is the charitable arm of Maidstone Utd Football Club that is founded on the principles of hard work, determination, passion and integrity.

The Trust has delivered a range of programmes since its formation in October 2018 ,that reflect its commitment to improving the education, health and well- being of its local communities.

Through our multi-sports programmes, we are opening doors for the excluded and fighting for a healthier and more cohesive community.

We rely on funding and sponsorship support to keep us going and enable us to really make a difference.

We deliver a range of initiatives that inspire people from all walks of life to make positive change happen for themselves and their community. The following report shows the activities this year and the Projects we have delivered.

### What have we done this year?

#### Governance

We started the year focusing on recruiting and completing the trustee's information as well as developing all policies and procedures , an ambitious business plan and ensuring we had everything in place to operate and allow us to start the process of becoming a registered Charity. We also realised quite early on that funding was more accessible if we had the charity registration.



We also designed a Trust Logo, to help us start to establish a brand of our own .

We looked at areas of the community that needed our support the most, whilst also ensuring we delivered some of the traditional activities carried out by the football club previously.

#### Marketing / Media

We designed a website and also started a twitter page to let people know about our programmes and what the Trust was doing



Website: [www.stonesct.org.uk](http://www.stonesct.org.uk)

Twitter: @StonesTrust

## Fit 4 Life Programme

This programme is in partnership Kent Community Safety Charity.

The Programme is designed to help young people who are deemed 'at risk' of entering the Criminal Justice System or being excluded from their peer group as victims. We also supported those young people who agencies and partners believe would benefit and change the direction of their current behaviour. It is important to note that the programme also supported those young people who have 'risk factors' such as siblings in prison as well as those living in poverty and would otherwise be unable to participate in this sport.

The programme is aimed at young people aged **11-16 years** who participate for a total of **8 weeks**. They took part in Football sessions, mindset workshops as well as completing a newly introduced ASDAN qualification in Football.



The programme was based at the Gallagher Stadium and was delivered by trust staff and Safer Kent staff.

## Street Soccer

This programme is in partnership with Street Soccer Foundation.



The '**Street Soccer Academy**' provides a 10-week learning and development course (or as many refer to it as 'experience') for 16-25 year olds (male and female) delivered at The Gallagher Stadium, offering selected young participants a fusion of: **1) Professional Football Coaching; 2) Growth/Positive Mindset Training; and 3) Skills & Employability Workshops:** a specially crafted 'hat-trick' to enable course participants to fundamentally

improve their mindset and be ready and able to move into Work, Education or Further Training on successful graduation. The Trust staff provide the coaching and support the young people with reading and writing during the workshop sessions



We have worked with 30 young people this year who have reported "life changing" differences in their mindset and future prospects as a result of the course. Maidstone Utd First Team players also supported the young people by joining in the sessions and hosting a Q&A session to help inspire the participants



## Schools Out Summer Programme

This programme was funded by Golding Vision and Cllr Gary Cooke – via the members grant

We identified an area of Maidstone that needed our help, Parkwood, an area with one of the highest levels of deprivation, 28.6% are low income families, with two thirds of the children in those families being aged under 10years.

Holiday Hunger has been a topic in national and local media and can push families into food poverty and insecurity. Whilst many children from low income families are entitled to free school meals, there is very little support for provision during the holidays



These families were mostly single parent households; Having spoken to some of these parents we identified that many do not have access to school holiday provision, with many children also not receiving a healthy lunch during school holidays due to relying on free school meals.

Our Schools Out programme aimed to address this.

The Programme ran at Heather House in Parkwood on 5th – 16th August 2019, we delivered a range of sports, games and activities and every child got to try, cricket, tennis, football, as well as rounders ,football tennis, Athletics and much more. Each day had a different Arts and Craft theme, ranging from Making masks, creating rockets, making keyrings and designing artwork ,painting superheroes, glitter dolls and using creative minds.

We provided lunch for each child that included a range of healthy food and snacks.

We had 60 children registered with 218 attendances throughout the two weeks. Having highlighted Parkwood as an area of need we established the following:



Of all the children registered 86% of them lived in ME15 ( Parkwood), this supports our initial research of need in that area. The parents/carers feedback was that the need in other areas was equally as great and if we had targeted our promotion wider the take up could easily have doubled !



## Walking Football

This project runs weekly and all year round, it is for men over 50yrs old, we currently have 30 regular players and they take part in a range of competitions and social events every year. The average age of participant is 60years old !



## Readers Utd

This project was funded by Cllr Matt Boughton from the Members Community Grant



Our Readers Utd Programme supported children that were not reaching the required levels of Literacy in class or were disengaged in reading in writing. We worked with Greenfields Primary School to Pilot this programme.

We provided 12 weeks of Reading and Sport for 60 children, the Trust staff read with the children and discussed the book and then went on to play a range of sports. We also supported the children to write letters to the Maidstone Utd FC players. At the End of the Programme MUFC Players visited the children and presented the school with some books for the school library.

## National League Trust Cup



The SCT hosted two tournaments for this annual competition, one each for boys and girls from local primary schools. We had a total of 176 young people take part across the two days. The Two winning schools took part in the Regional Heats held at Sutton Utd and was also given some valuable coaching prior to the

Regional Heats from the Trust Coaches, who went into their schools to provide some tactic advice and



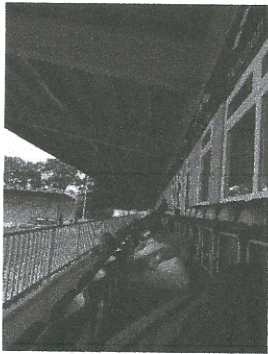


## Maidstone Utd FC - "World Cup Tournament"

We hosted our annual Club Tournament and themed it around the women's world cup, each school were given a team and they made flags to represent the country they were.

The Trust added a new age range this year as schools had asked us to include year's 3/4 in the event. So, we had two tournaments running alongside each other for all children in school years 3/4 and 5/6.

We had a total of 180 children take part.



## Sleep Out - Homeless Awareness

We teamed up with Street Soccer Foundation to sleep out at the Maidstone Utd FC Stadium to raise awareness of homelessness and to promote a bigger event in November 20 people slept out in the stands all night.

## Remembrance November 2019

We invited local children to come and be part of our remembrance match and they made poppies for all players and a poppy wreath for each team to keep. The children were mascots for the day and walked out with the players for the minute silence.



## Disability Teams



The Stones Community Trust teamed up with Gulland's Solicitors and The Gallagher Group to provide kit for the Maidstone Utd Raiders FC. The teams were invited to parade their new kit around the pitch at a MUFC home match.

## School Visits

The trust visited local schools throughout the season to support PE lessons and other school events including Careers week and Sports Week. We took players into the schools to support the initiatives and talk to the children



## Easter Hospital Visit

The trust provided Easter treats for children in Maidstone Hospital, trust staff and an MUFC player presented the gifts to the children on the ward.

## Sports Introduction Day

This is an annual event where children from Primary Schools in Maidstone try out a range of different sports. Over 220 young people took part and tried 12 different activities.



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# The Stones Community Trust

## Trustee Board Pack



Trustee Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> October 2020



# Report of Projects

1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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## Street Soccer Academy

Our Partnership with SS continued with only one of the three planned academies for the year – due to Covid-19 .We do have one scheduled for Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 2020, subject to funding being confirmed. 14 young people took part in the programme in Oct 19 we delivered football and mindset/mentoring sessions over the 10 weeks. As a result of the course all the young people were in temporary or permanent accommodation and went on to either employment, Training, or further education – Players took part in the graduation day at the Stadium



## Fit 4 Life

Fit 4 Life started on 17<sup>th</sup> October for 10 weeks, 12 young people took part and for the first time we had 3 females take part. This project targets the hours between leaving school and getting home as this has been evidenced as the key offending time for young people, all those that attended showed a positive turnaround at the end of the course - reports from the referral partners

demonstrated the change and success of this programme, we also added an ASDAN qualification.

We intended to put have our 2<sup>nd</sup> programme in March 2020 but due to government restrictions this was put back until October 2020.

## National League Trust Tournaments

Two days 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - 135 Boys and 1217 Girls took part over the two days. The tournaments were well attended with 5 NEW schools taking part. The numbers were slightly less this year due to date clashes with other school commitments. We had booked dates for 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, however we have had to defer this probably until early 2021.



The winning schools were Roseacre Primary for the Girls and Loose Primary for the Boys, both schools went on to

represent MUFC at the regional finals in Feb 2020 held at Bromley football club they came 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Each school was also presented with MUFC playing kit at a school assembly beforehand by our sponsor Kevin Holliday of CSIS.



Both Teams also got to do a lap of honour at a MUFC home match and meet the players.

## Sleep Out

The sleep out took place on 24th January 2020 and was well attended with approximately 65 people taking part. We raised of £6,000 which we shared with the Street Soccer Foundation. We also had a £500 donation to provide refreshments.

George Elokobi also visited the Event along with the Mayor of Maidstone

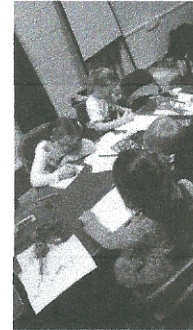


## Schools Out

The Feb half Term Programme was held at Heather House in Parkwood. The children that attended were at risk of holiday



hunger, as parents/carers rely on free school meals and many on food banks. We provided a range of activities including sport, arts and crafts, games as



well as a healthy lunch and snacks. 175 Children took part over the week and we had visits from Cllr Gary Cooke, who helped launch the programme in August 2019 and from George Elokobi.

We had plans to run again at Easter, but this was cancelled due to the social isolation rules.



We delivered our 2<sup>nd</sup> programme over May Half Term and adapted to adhere to the Social Isolation Rules and gave our food and activity packs in the park located outside Heather House in Parkwood. We handed out over 250 lunches and packs over the



week and the families stayed in the park to picnic and play with the equipment

provided. Staff were on hand to demonstrate! We had Water and Snacks donated by South Eastern Trains and Footballs donated by Street Soccer Foundation. Golding Homes funded the lunches and staff.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Programme started in July, when it would have been the school Holidays. We delivered a normal

programme with extra safety measures in place and was based at Greenfields Primary School. We planned for 30 children per day, but demand was so high and exceeded all our expectations and on one day we 78



children. We quickly adjusted the staffing and programme so that did not turn people away that really needed support. We delivered to 1274 young people throughout the summer.



This course was funded by CSIS, Kent Community Foundation, Safer Kent, The FA and SCT Masks sales.

We also submitted a bid to Children in Need to support Schools Out for every school holiday, but this was

put on hold due to the pandemic and we can revisit for 2021

## Greenfields Mentoring Programme

This was a weekly programme of Football and mentoring support for Greenfields primary school children to encourage more regular attendance in school and interact with their peers. The young people we worked with were disengaged in school and were regularly absent. We worked with 20 children per week over a 10-week period.

## Sport Relief

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March Trust staff support the Kent Police and Crime Commissioners Penalty Shoot Out Challenge we teamed up with the staff from the Street Soccer Foundation and our team won on the day – scoring penalties against the Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott. Over £2,000 was raised for Sport Relief on the day



## The Last Mile

We helped launch an initiative in partnership with MUFC, Wellbeing People and The Mason Foundation to encourage fans to walk the last mile to the stadium, this is to help families get fitter and part of our Healthy Stadia plans for the future. The First Mile was on 7<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by approximately 58 Fans



– George Elokobi and Noah Chesmain helped us to launch the initiative and walked with us on the day.

## Player Visits

We have had player visits to Schools, Schools Out Holiday Camps, Meet and Greet at Stadium, Tournaments, The Last Mile and had many more scheduled from March which have been cancelled due to Social Isolation rules



## Covid-19 Support Work



**PPE for Key Workers** – The Trustees agreed in April that the trust should try and support the demand for PPE.

We agreed to look into ways of making and distributing to those that needed it the most. The response on Social Media requests for help were overwhelming and we managed to harness the community spirit and really provide the much-needed items.



Recipients included, Care homes, hospitals, emergency response units and hospices.

The distribution is ongoing but at time of writing we have:

- Donated Over 2000 pieces of PPE
- Had Over 50 people donate materials

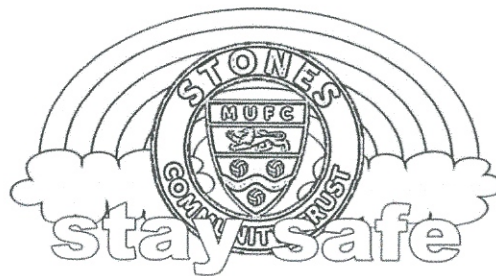


- 80 sewers and inventors making masks, visors, and scrub bags
- We have also been able to provide Child Friendly visors for staff in children wards with Disney and Cartoon Characters



### Colouring Packs

We distributed on- line colouring packs for children to do during lockdown and display in their windows



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**The Stones Community Trust**

**P and L for Charity Commission Audit from 4 July 2019 to 30 September 2020**

**Profit and Loss Account as at 30 September 2020**

	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Income</b>	
National League Trust	£28,185.00
Street Soccer Academy	£1,000.00
Street Soccer Sleep Out	£5,370.38
CSIS	£2,400.00
Golding Homes	£6,585.00
Safer Kent	£3,456.00
National Pride	£500.00
Kent Community Foundation	£5,000.00
Mask Sales	£2,253.00
Kent County Council	£1,500.00
Funds from Disability Section	£1,000.00
Donations	£1,418.95
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£58,668.33</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Community Development Officer	-£23,625.00
Pitch/Room Hire	-£3,425.00
Street Soccer	-£2,250.19
IT costs	-£515.40
Coaching	-£15,882.50
Kit/Medals	-£4,130.00
Resources	-£2,558.34
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-£52,386.43</b>
	<b>2019/2020 Profit</b>
	<b>£6,281.90</b>
<b>RECONCILE CASH POSITION</b>	
Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 4 July 2019	£ -
Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 30 September 2020	£ 6,281.90
Less Monies Yet to be Paid	£ -
	£ 6,281.90
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>£ 6,281.90</b>