



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, Watlingbury** 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

	Totals	
Income		
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
Total Income	£	110,446.37

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
Total Expenditure	-£	91,304.75

2021/2022 Deficit/Surplus	£	19,141.62
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RECONCILE CASH POSITION

Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 1 October 2021	£	42,532.65
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Actual Cash Position at Bank as at 30 September 2022	£	61,674.27
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Less Monies Yet to be Paid	£	-
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Balance:	£	19,141.62
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The Stones Community Trust

Independent Examiner's Report

To The Trustees Of The Stones Community Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Stones Community Trust for the year ended 30 September 2022.

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.



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Dated: 23/06/23