

HOLBROOKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 506729

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1977-12-02

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF HOLBROOKS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURETIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 2 OF CONSTITUTION).

Activities: Community centre building for the use of local residents groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HOLBROOK
- Coventry City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£80,328	£76,278	-	-
2024-03-31	£109,936	£71,189	-	-
2023-03-31	£45,723	£50,360	-	-
2022-03-31	£54,694	£43,774	-	-
2021-03-31	£21,286	£16,948	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joseph Clifford	Chair	2021-12-05
Julie Joyce		2025-12-15
Kim Rawlings		2023-11-20
Louise Dixon Ms		2024-11-25
Virumati Kansara		2024-11-25

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Chair's Foreword – Joseph Clifford

Holbrooks Community Association continues to flourish, showing progress not only through ongoing upgrades to its facilities but also through the steadfast dedication and outstanding contributions of its committed staff and volunteers. The improvements made to the building have been impressive, with additional enhancements planned to ensure the centre remains a welcoming, comfortable, and well-equipped space for everyone who visits. It is truly uplifting to witness how these developments are shaping the centre into a lively and inclusive hub that meets a wide range of needs.

What stands out most is the remarkable variety of activities and events hosted here. From the vibrant and much-loved community café, offering a cheerful gathering spot for residents, to the Social Supermarket supporting those on lower incomes with affordable food, cleaning, and hygiene products, the centre is buzzing with life.

Alongside these, the lettings to diverse community and statutory groups provide opportunities for creativity, learning, and connection, reinforcing the centre's role as a vital cornerstone of the local area. These initiatives not only foster a strong sense of belonging but also unite people, creating chances for collaboration, mutual support, and shared experiences.

None of this would be achievable without the extraordinary effort and backing of our staff, volunteers, and the wider community. I want to express my sincere gratitude to every person who has contributed to HCA's success. From those working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly, to volunteers who give their time and energy so generously, and to community members who continue to engage, participate, and support the centre's activities – your commitment is deeply valued. It is this collective effort that has made HCA the thriving hub it is today, and I am truly thankful for all you do.

Of course, all of this requires significant work and financial investment. Maintenance, ongoing improvements, and the broad range of events demand resources, planning, and funding. This report offers an update on how these challenges are being addressed and the strategies in place to ensure the centre continues to prosper in the months and years ahead.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Clifford".

Joseph Clifford

Chair Of Holbrooks Community Association

Overview of 2024-2025

In response to the UK's ongoing cost-of-living crisis, Holbrooks Community Association (HCA) has taken proactive steps to engage with local residents, listening carefully to their concerns to identify and address the most pressing challenges. By working closely with the community, HCA has developed targeted services that not only provide immediate support but also empower individuals, reduce reliance on aid, and strengthen overall resilience.

One of our key priorities has been ensuring access to affordable essentials, particularly tackling food insecurity. Through the Social Supermarket, HCA offers low-cost food, cleaning products, and personal hygiene items, easing financial pressure for households. In 2024–2025 alone, the supermarket welcomed 174 members and distributed more than 500 food bags, providing a vital lifeline for families in need.

Equally important is fostering social connection and combating isolation. Our Community Café creates a warm, inclusive space where residents can share experiences, build friendships, and enjoy a hot meal on a pay-as-you-feel basis. This initiative not only supports mental well-being but also strengthens the sense of belonging within Holbrooks.

HCA's room hire service enables a wide range of organisations and groups to deliver activities and services at the heart of the community. Among these is Stay and Play, a group for preschool children and their parents, offering a safe environment for play, learning, and parental support. Regular NHS Health Visitor sessions also take place, providing accessible health advice and check-ups for young children.

HCA also recognises the importance of maintaining a safe, welcoming, and modern environment, and has therefore prioritised a programme of ongoing refurbishment across the centre. Recent improvements have included upgrades to key facilities, general repairs, and enhancements to accessibility, ensuring the building continues to meet the needs of all residents. These refurbishments not only improve the comfort and functionality of the space but also support the delivery of a wider range of services and activities. By investing in the centre's physical environment, HCA is creating a more vibrant, accessible, and future-proof community hub that can continue to serve Holbrooks for many years to come. Beyond these, HCA provides space for diverse activities such as fitness classes, arts and crafts, support groups, and skill-building workshops. These community-led initiatives create opportunities for learning, growth, and social interaction, fostering both personal development and community cohesion.

Through these services and activities, HCA continues to serve as a true community hub—connecting residents with essential resources, enriching experiences, and a strong support network. Every group and initiative contributes to a vibrant, resilient Holbrooks, empowering people of all ages and backgrounds to thrive despite economic challenges.



Our People

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Joseph Clifford – Chair Father Simon Oaks – Vice Chair. Debbie Jones – Treasurer

Kim Rawlings – Trustee Mark Pemberton – Trustee Louise Dixon – Trustee Viru Kansara - Trustee

Staff at HCA during 2024/2025.

Rachel Lancaster – Strategic Manager – Part Time - Contractor

Daniel Sabin – Site Services – Part Time

Kristy Chan – Community Café Coordinator

Tony Hourihan – Community Centre Coordinator

Volunteers at HCA gave freely of their time to help support the delivery of services:

Viru Kansara, Daniel Sabin, Susan Ryrie, Mick Duggan, Louise Dixon, Joseph Clifford, Pat Clifford, Meredith Womble-Lancaster, Lawrie Womble-Lancaster, David Womble, Ted Sutton, Sonja Dacre, Marcus Swinburn, Suman Gill, Pat Healy, Patsy Doig, Jane Bailey and a special mention to Evans Cash and Carry for picking up and dropping off many things for the centre.

We would also like to give a special mention to all of the Holbrooks residents who have supported and guided the organisation throughout the year.

A Tribute to our Trustee and Friend, Debbie Jones.



In this report we pay tribute to one of our trustees, Debbie Jones, who sadly passed away in January 2025.

A long-term resident of Holbrooks, Debbie became involved in the community centre about 15 years ago and supported it in every way that she could. Mainly it was her personal knowledge of people in Holbrooks who had skills and abilities to help out which she drew upon to the benefit of the centre, of always managing to find somebody to lift, carry, repair and donate items whenever it was needed.

She volunteered when at events, stood as the gateway on the door not letting people in and out, and the last time she helped out was at a Pottery session particularly supporting a young lad with learning difficulties who really appreciated her help.

Outwardly Debbie would seem to be quite loud and blustery, you could hear her coming from a mile off and knew to put the kettle on ready, but we all knew that that was a front and underneath that hard exterior was a kind person generous of spirit, a true friend. So as we have a minute silence let's remember Debbie and thank her for the work she did to support Holbrooks Community Centre.

Partnerships

During the last year the HCA has worked with the following partners:

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Coventry and District Credit Union, Coventry Independent Advice Services, Coventry Foodbank, Evans For You, Bookers Cash and Carry, Fairshare, Purple Planet Packaging, St Luke's Church, Coventry Food Network and The Right Honourable Taiwo Owatemi.

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Heart of England Community foundation, National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund, Awards for All, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Coventry City Council Resilience Fund, Good things Foundation, Coventry City Council Device Bank, National Data Bank, Severn Trent Community Fund.



Activity Report

Social Supermarket

The Holbrooks Social Supermarket has remained a vital lifeline for local residents, continuing to offer around £20 worth of groceries each week for just £7 per visit. Every member visiting the store is also welcomed into the community café, where they can enjoy a hot meal and unlimited hot drinks as part of their experience.

Holbrooks has been an active member of the Coventry Food Network, working alongside Food Hubs across the city to strengthen the collective response to food insecurity. In partnership with GP surgeries, social care teams, and local schools, a referral system was introduced to ensure that support reaches those who need it most.

During the festive period, the Social Supermarket provided low-cost Christmas hampers, easing the pressure many families feel due to rising food prices — particularly for traditional Christmas dinner essentials. In 2024, 62 families received a hamper.

Since opening in September 2022, the Social Supermarket has supported 174 individuals and provided 554 bags of groceries. Including household members, the initiative has helped feed a total of 424 people.

Community Café

The Community Café opens its doors every Monday from 12:00 to 14:00, offering a freshly cooked hot meal on a pay-as-you-feel basis. Visitors can enjoy comforting dishes such as curry, chilli, Bolognese, cottage pie, baked potatoes, dessert, and unlimited hot drinks in a warm, welcoming setting.

The café was created in response to the increasing pressures of rising food and energy costs. Many local residents shared that they were skipping hot meals to manage household expenses. By providing an affordable option, the café ensures that people can rely on at least one hot meal each week, while also giving them a space to connect with others and reduce feelings of isolation.

Thanks to support from the Severn Trent Community Fund, which began in January 2024, this service has been made possible and continues to grow. Since opening, 76 individuals have visited the café, with a total of 324 hot meals served to the community.

Household Support Fund – Emergency Food Distribution

Holbrooks Community Centre continued providing emergency food parcels in partnership with Coventry City Council, supported by the government's Household Support Fund. This collaboration will continue for the full duration of the fund, ensuring that residents facing immediate hardship can access essential food support when they need it most.

Since the initiative began, **275** emergency food parcels have been distributed to **175** individuals. Including family members, this support has reached a total of **472** people through Holbrooks Community Centre.

Community Events

Throughout the year, we've delivered a wide mix of events and activities designed to bring people together, ease financial pressures, and strengthen the sense of community at the centre. Below is an overview of some of the much-loved events and initiatives that have become a regular part of what we offer.

- **Baby Sales**

These events give parents a welcoming space to buy and sell high-quality, gently used baby essentials—

from clothing and toys to prams and nursery furniture. Families not only find fantastic bargains, but also the chance to meet other parents and build connections within the community.

- **Rummage Sales**

A firm favourite with local residents, our rummage sales promote sustainable shopping by offering a wide variety of preloved items at low prices. Whether it's clothing, homeware or hidden treasures, these events help people save money while supporting the centre's ongoing services.

- **Halloween Celebrations**

Each year, our Halloween parties bring the community together for safe, family-friendly fun. With themed decorations, costumes, games, pumpkin carving and plenty of treats, these events offer an enjoyable way for families to celebrate without the added cost or worry.

- **Community Marketplace**

This showcase event brings local makers, crafters and small businesses together under one roof.

Residents can browse unique handmade goods, fresh produce, and affordable items while supporting local enterprise and encouraging community spirit.

- **Uniform Bank**

Our Uniform Bank ensures that families have access to good-quality school uniforms throughout the year.

By offering preloved school wear at no cost, we help reduce the financial strain of back-to-school preparation and make sure every child starts the school year with confidence.

- **Quiz Night**

Quiz Night has become a much-enjoyed social event, giving residents the chance to team up, test their knowledge, and have a great evening out at little to no cost. These nights encourage friendly competition, laughter and community bonding—proving that a simple quiz can bring people from all walks of life together.

- **Police Forum**

We have hosted two well attended police forum events. The police forum gives the community the chance to air their concerns, worries and questions regarding crime and antisocial behavior in the Holbrooks area community police officers.

Recruitment of a Community Centre Coordinator

In March 2025, we recruited Tony Hourihan as our Community Centre Coordinator. Tony will be responsible for increasing food support to the community, and maximising the usage of the centre, including community events and room hire. This post was funded by Awards for All.

Finance

The organisation has worked hard to secure external funding to support service delivery and activities for local residents, as reflected in the Statement of Financial Accounts below. The success of these funding opportunities has provided greater stability and has enabled the organisation to recruit staff, strengthen its operations, and focus resources more effectively. This improved financial position has allowed the centre to plan confidently for the long term and continue delivering valuable support to the community.

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Receipts and Payments Account 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

RECEIPTS

Room Hire, etc	19,461.50	
Donations	4,017.98	
Misc	1,462.86	
Restricted Funds	<u>55,385.77</u>	80,328.11

PAYMENTS

Rent, Rates & Services	-	
Repairs, Renewals, etc	5,209.82	
Wages (inc. Management Fees, Casual, etc)	24,732.14	
IT Costs	899.19	
Insurance	645.71	
Telephone & Broadband	-	
Accountancy	350.00	
Bank Commission & Charges	-	
Utilities	334.00	
Misc. (inc. Cleaning, stationery, training, travel, etc.)	2,408.79	
Restricted Funds	<u>41,698.99</u>	76,278.64

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)

4,049.47

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

ACCUMULATED FUND

Brought Forward	69,538.56	
Excess of Receipts / (Payments)	<u>4,049.47</u>	73,588.03

Represented by:-

CURRENT ASSETS

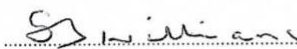
Cash at Bank	73,651.92
Cash in Hand	<u>63.89</u>
	<u>73,588.03</u>

Prepared from the books, records, and information supplied and certified to be in accordance therewith.

Note Please note Cash at Bank of £73,651.92, £46,831.00 is Restricted Funds

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Future Plans for Holbrooks Community Association (HCA)

Looking to the future, Holbrooks Community Association (HCA) is committed to strengthening its role as a vital resource for the Holbrooks community, expanding existing services, and ensuring a sustainable model that meets the evolving needs of residents. To support these aims, HCA has outlined several strategic plans focused on securing funding, enhancing community offerings, and maximising the potential of its facilities.

A key step forward has been the successful recruitment of a dedicated Community Centre Coordinator. This role is already making a significant difference by driving the development and delivery of services, managing day-to-day operations, and coordinating the wide range of community groups and activities that take place within the centre. With this position in place, HCA is now able to operate more efficiently, respond more effectively to community needs, and build stronger partnerships with local organisations. The coordinator also strengthens HCA's capacity to apply for grants, manage projects, and promote the centre's services—further increasing its impact within Holbrooks.

Building on the success of the Social Supermarket, HCA plans to expand this essential service to support even more residents. With the rising cost of living and continued food insecurity, HCA recognises the importance of affordable food access. Future developments include broadening the range of products available and increasing the supermarket's capacity to serve additional households. By improving access to low-cost food, HCA aims to ease financial pressures and provide a dependable resource for local families.

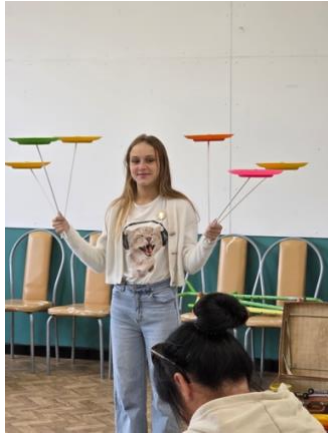
HCA also intends to further develop the Community Café, which has already become a popular social space within the area. Over the coming year, the café will continue to grow to welcome more visitors and provide a wider selection of affordable meals and refreshments. This expansion will create additional opportunities for social interaction, reduce isolation, and support wellbeing. The café may also host themed events—such as family days, community lunches, or cultural celebrations—to strengthen social connection across the neighbourhood.

Another important focus for the future is maximising the room booking potential of the centre. By promoting HCA's flexible spaces to a broader audience and ensuring they are used to their full capacity, the centre can generate additional income while supporting a wider range of community activities. Increased room bookings will enable HCA to welcome more local groups, social enterprises, and service providers, creating a lively hub that caters to varied needs. HCA aims to attract organisations offering services that reflect community priorities, including health and wellbeing programmes, training workshops, and youth activities. Making full use of the centre's spaces will help maintain a vibrant, multi-purpose environment that truly anchors the community.

HCA is also exploring opportunities to strengthen its community outreach work, ensuring that support reaches residents who may not currently engage with the centre or who face barriers to accessing services. This includes developing partnerships with local schools, health providers, faith groups, and neighbourhood organisations to deliver activities directly where people are. By taking services out into the wider community, HCA hopes to build trust, raise awareness of available support, and connect with individuals who could benefit from its programmes. This outreach-focused approach will help ensure that no resident feels overlooked and that the benefits of HCA's work extend across the whole of Holbrooks.

Above all, HCA remains committed to working in partnership with residents to ensure that all future developments reflect their needs and aspirations. By seeking regular feedback and adapting services based on community input, HCA will continue to operate in a responsive, inclusive, and meaningful way—ensuring its impact remains strong for years to come.

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Chair's Foreword – Joseph Clifford

Holbrooks Community Association continues to go from strength to strength, demonstrating growth not only through the ongoing improvements to its facilities but also through the unwavering commitment and exceptional efforts of its dedicated staff and volunteers. The strides made in enhancing the building have been remarkable, with further upgrades planned to ensure the community centre remains a warm, welcoming, and well-equipped hub for all who visit. It is truly inspiring to see how these changes are transforming the centre into a vibrant and engaging space that serves a wide variety of needs.

What impresses me most is the incredible breadth of activities and events that take place here. From the lively and well-loved community café, which provides a cheerful meeting space for residents, to the Social Supermarket providing those on low incomes with affordable food, cleaning and hygiene products. The centre is a hive of activity.

In addition to these, the lettings to various community and statutory groups offer a platform for creativity, education, and connection, highlighting the centre's role as a cornerstone of the local area. These activities not only adopt a strong sense of community but also bring people together, creating opportunities for collaboration, support, and shared experiences.

None of this would be possible without the incredible hard work and support of our staff, volunteers, and the wider community. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every individual who has contributed to HCA's success. From those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly, to the volunteers who give their time and energy with such enthusiasm, and to the community members who continue to engage, participate, and support the centre's activities – your efforts are deeply appreciated. It is this collective commitment that has made HCA the thriving hub it is today, and I am truly grateful for all that you do.

Of course, all of this does not happen without significant effort and financial investment. The upkeep, ongoing improvements, and wide range of events require resources, planning, and funding. This report provides us with an update on how these challenges are being met and the strategies in place to ensure the centre continues to thrive in the months and years to come.



Chair Of Holbrooks Community Association



Overview of 2023-2024

In response to the ongoing cost of living crisis in the UK, Holbrooks Community Association (HCA) has actively engaged with the local community, listening to their concerns to understand and address key challenges. By connecting with residents, HCA has identified areas where support is needed and developed services to empower individuals, reduce dependency on aid, and build community resilience.

A major focus has been ensuring access to affordable essentials, especially tackling food insecurity. Through the Social Supermarket, HCA provides affordable food, cleaning and personal hygiene items, helping to reduce financial strain. With 127 members in 2023-2024, the supermarket distributed over 780 food bags to those in need, offering a lifeline to struggling households.

HCA has also prioritised building social connections, understanding the importance of community and companionship. The Community Café offers a welcoming space for residents to share experiences and build mutual support, while offering a hot meal on a pay as you feel basis. By combating isolation, the café supports mental well-being and strengthens bonds within the Holbrooks community.

Room bookings at HCA allow organisations and groups to host activities and services at the heart of Holbrooks. Among these is *Stay and Play*, a group for preschool children and their parents, providing a safe space for play, learning, and parent connection. Regular NHS Health Visitor sessions are also held, offering health check-ups and advice for young children in an accessible setting.

Diabetes Awareness sessions provide vital information for those managing or seeking to prevent diabetes, with insights on health management and lifestyle tips. HCA also hosts prayer and church groups, offering spiritual support and a welcoming space for reflection and community connection.

In addition to these specific groups, HCA offers space for a range of other activities, including fitness classes, arts and crafts, support groups, and skill-building workshops. These community-led activities provide residents with opportunities for learning, growth, and connection, while fostering social cohesion and personal development.

Through its initiatives and room booking services, HCA serves as a true community hub, providing residents access to essential services, enriching activities, and a supportive network. Each group and activity contributes to a vibrant and resilient Holbrooks community, supporting residents of all ages and backgrounds and empowering them to be more self-sufficient amid economic challenges.



Our People

Without the support of the below, the work of Holbrooks Community Association would not have been possible.

Trustees

Joseph Clifford – Chair	Father Simon Oaks – Vice Chair
Katrina Price– Secretary	Debbie Jones – Treasurer
Kim Rawlings – Trustee	Mark Pemberton – Trustee
Louise Dixon – Trustee	

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Rachel Lancaster – Strategic Manager – Part Time - Contractor
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Activity Report

Social Supermarket

Holbrooks Social Supermarket continued to offer the community approximately £20 of grocery items per week for just £5 per visit.

As part of their supermarket experience, all members are provided with a hot meal and unlimited hot drinks during their visit to the community café. The service has since expanded to offer more tailored packages, as need was identified through feedback, including not only a food package, but a personal hygiene package, and a cleaning product package, also at £5 each per visit.

The organisation also became a member of the Coventry Food Network, which brings together various Food Hubs from across the city to coordinate efforts in tackling food insecurity.

The referral system was established in partnership with GP surgeries, social care services, and local schools to ensure that those in need could register as members. It has also provided low-cost Christmas hampers to members over the festive period, taking away the anxiety brought on by the increasing costs of groceries, especially those used to make the traditional Christmas dinner. **62** families received a Christmas hamper in 2023

The Social Supermarket has supported **127** individuals and has provided **554** grocery bags since it opened in September 2022. Including family members, the initiative has helped feed **374** individual people in total.

Community Café

The community café operates every Monday from 12:00 to 14:00. The café provides a home-cooked hot meal consisting of dishes like curry, chilli, Bolognese, cottage pie, baked potatoes, dessert, and unlimited hot drinks on a pay as you feel basis.

The café was established in response to growing concerns about the rising cost of energy and food. Many community members reported that they were forgoing hot meals to save on expenses. By providing affordable meals, the café helps ensure people get at least one hot meal a week and serves as a social hub where isolated individuals can form meaningful connections. We were successful in sourcing funding from the Severn Trent Community Fund, which started in January 2024, to enable us to offer this service. **76** individuals accessed the Community Café distributing **324** hot meals to the community.

Household Support Fund Food Distribution

In April 2023, the organisation began distributing emergency food parcels at Holbrooks Community Centre in partnership with Coventry City Council, supported by the government's Household Support Fund. The partnership with Coventry City Council is set to continue throughout the lifespan of the Household Support Fund, ensuring that emergency food support is available for those who need it most.

Since its inception, the initiative has **174** food parcels to **97** individuals, feeding a total of **272** people, including family members through Holbrooks Community Centre.

Stay and Play

Based on feedback from community consultations, there was a clear demand for parent and toddler support groups. While the centre already hosted baby clinics in partnership with the NHS, there was a need for a space where parents and young children could meet and play. The Stay and Play sessions began on Tuesday mornings during term time in collaboration with the Pathway Family Hub.

"Stay and Play" at Holbrooks Community Centre in Coventry is a welcoming and inclusive playgroup designed for children from infancy to preschool age, accompanied by their parents, grandparents, or caregivers. It provides a fun, supportive environment where children can explore, play, and learn in a structured setting. Activities are thoughtfully planned to stimulate young minds, promote motor skills, and nurture creativity and social development.

The group provides fun activities for children while offering parents a chance to form supportive friendships. **164** Children and their parents have accessed the Stay and Play over **734** visits.

Community Events

We have offered a diverse range of community events and activities throughout the year, all aimed at bringing people together and providing valuable resources for families and individuals. Here's an overview of some popular events and activities that have become staples at the centre.

- Baby Sales provided a fantastic opportunity for parents to buy and sell gently used baby items, from clothes and toys to strollers and furniture. These sales not only offer a chance to find great deals but also create a space for parents to connect with others in the local area.
- Rummage Sales are a well-loved event in the community where people can find preloved goods at affordable prices. From household items to clothing, these sales encourage sustainable shopping and provide a great way for residents to support the services offered by the centre while finding bargains.
- Halloween Parties have been hosted that are packed with fun and frights for all ages. With spooky decorations, costumes, games, pumpkin carving and treats, these parties provide a safe and enjoyable environment for children and families to celebrate Halloween together.
- The Community Marketplace was an event where local vendors, crafters and community members came together to showcase their products. It provided an opportunity to support local enterprise and allows residents to shop for unique goods, handmade items, and fresh produce at affordable prices. .
- The Uniform Bank is an initiative that supplies gently used school uniforms to families in need, ensuring that every child has access to necessary school wear. This resource helps to reduce the financial burden of back-to-school shopping and supports families across the community.

Finance

The organisation has worked hard to source external funding to enable service delivery and activities for local residents and this is evidenced in Statement of financial accounts below. Since the its closure due to the Pandemic and virtually no income for two years , the centre had to rely solely on external funding opportunities. With the success of external funding giving extra security and enabling the organisation to recruit staff, the organisation has been able to focus resources and better manage finance on a long term footing.

Holbrooks Community Association

Receipts and Payments Account 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

RECEIPTS

Room Hire, etc	25,041.06	
Grants and Funding	79,520.46	
Restricted Funds	<u>5,375.30</u>	
		109,936.82

PAYMENTS

Rent, Rates & Services	149.94	
Repairs, Renewals, etc	484.66	
Wages (inc. Management Fees, Casual, etc)	15,211.36	
IT Costs	1,483.13	
Insurance	3,936.51	
Telephone & Broadband	-	
Accountancy	350.00	
Bank Commission & Charges	-	
Utilities	7,084.00	
Misc. (inc. Cleaning, stationery, training, travel, etc.)	3,455.09	
Restricted Funds	<u>39,034.25</u>	
		71,188.94

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)

38,747.88

Holbrooks Community Association

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

ACCUMULATED FUND

Brought Forward	30,790.68	
Excess of Receipts / (Payments)	<u>38,747.88</u>	
		<u>69,538.56</u>

Represented by:-

CURRENT ASSETS

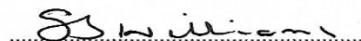
Cash at Bank	69,506.60
Cash in Hand	<u>31.96</u>
	<u>69,538.56</u>

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Note Please note Cash at Bank of £69,506.60, £50,835.00 is Restricted Funds

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Future Plans for Holbrooks Community Association (HCA)

Looking to the future, Holbrooks Community Association (HCA) is committed to strengthening its role as a vital resource for the Holbrooks community, expanding existing services and ensuring a sustainable model that meets the evolving needs of residents. To achieve these goals, HCA has outlined several strategic plans that focus on securing funding, enhancing community offerings, and maximising the potential of its facilities.

A key priority for HCA is to secure funding for a dedicated Community Centre Coordinator. This role will be essential in driving the development and delivery of services, managing day-to-day operations, and coordinating the various community groups and activities that take place within the centre. With a Community Centre Coordinator in place, HCA will be able to operate more efficiently, respond more effectively to community needs, and build stronger partnerships with local organisations. This dedicated position will also enhance HCA's ability to apply for grants, manage projects, and promote the centre's offerings, ultimately increasing its impact within Holbrooks.

Building on the success of the Social Supermarket, HCA plans to expand this essential service to support even more residents. With the rising cost of living, food insecurity remains a significant issue, and HCA recognises the importance of making affordable food available to those who need it. Future plans include broadening the range of products offered, and increasing the supermarket's capacity to serve more members. By improving access to affordable food, HCA aims to reduce financial strain on households and provide a stable resource that community members can rely on.

Similarly, HCA envisions expanding the Community Café, which has already become a valuable social space within Holbrooks. In the coming year, the café will be developed to accommodate more visitors and offer a wider variety of affordable meals and refreshments. This expansion will create further opportunities for social connection and mutual support, reducing isolation and promoting mental well-being. The café could also host regular themed events, such as family-friendly gatherings or cultural celebrations, encouraging community members to engage more deeply with one another.

Another central aspect of HCA's future plans is to maximise the room booking potential of the centre. By promoting HCA's versatile spaces to a wider audience and ensuring they are used to their full potential, the centre can generate additional income and support a broader range of activities. Expanding room bookings will allow HCA to welcome more community groups, social enterprises, and service providers, creating a hub of activity that meets diverse needs. The association aims to attract organisations that offer services aligned with community priorities, such as health and wellness sessions, skill-building workshops, and youth activities. By ensuring that the centre's spaces are well-utilised, HCA will offer a vibrant, multi-functional environment that serves as a true community anchor.

Finally, HCA is committed to working closely with the Holbrooks community to ensure that all future developments align with their needs. Regular feedback will be sought from residents, and HCA will continue to adapt its offerings based on community input. This collaborative approach will ensure that HCA remains responsive and inclusive, providing services and activities that have a meaningful, positive impact.

Photos



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Chairman's foreword - Rajinder Dhaliwal

Our year has seen the organisation thrive, with new partnerships with Diabetes awareness groups, Pathways Family Hub with their stay and play sessions, and the opening of our Social Supermarket and Community Café amongst many other community activities, including the Holiday, activity and Food (HAF) program, rummage sales and baby events.



Sadly, this year, I have decided that due to other commitments, I am no longer able to act as Chair for this wonderful organisation, so will be stepping down as of the AGM

I wish Holbrooks Community Association the best for the future and I look forward to seeing it develop more great services to support the Holbrooks Community over the next few years.

Rajinder Dhaliwal

Introduction

This year Holbrooks Community Association is back on track after COVID-19 closed down.

Partnerships have thrived with new groups hiring the building, including sessions and the Pathways Family Hub Stay and Play sessions, and had regular users rehire the centre including, the Sri Lankan Prayer Group, CATS Dance and the Sunday church groups.

It has also been an exciting year for new service developments including The Awards for all funded Breakfast Club, providing before school provision for the pupils of John Shelton Primary School. The Social Supermarket's opening enables the community to access £15-£20 worth of groceries for just £5 per week. Alongside the Social Supermarket, we also opened the Community Café providing the community with a healthy home cooked hot meal and hot drinks at affordable prices.

Centre users

Partnerships have continued to thrive at Holbrooks Community Association with a host of new groups using the centre.

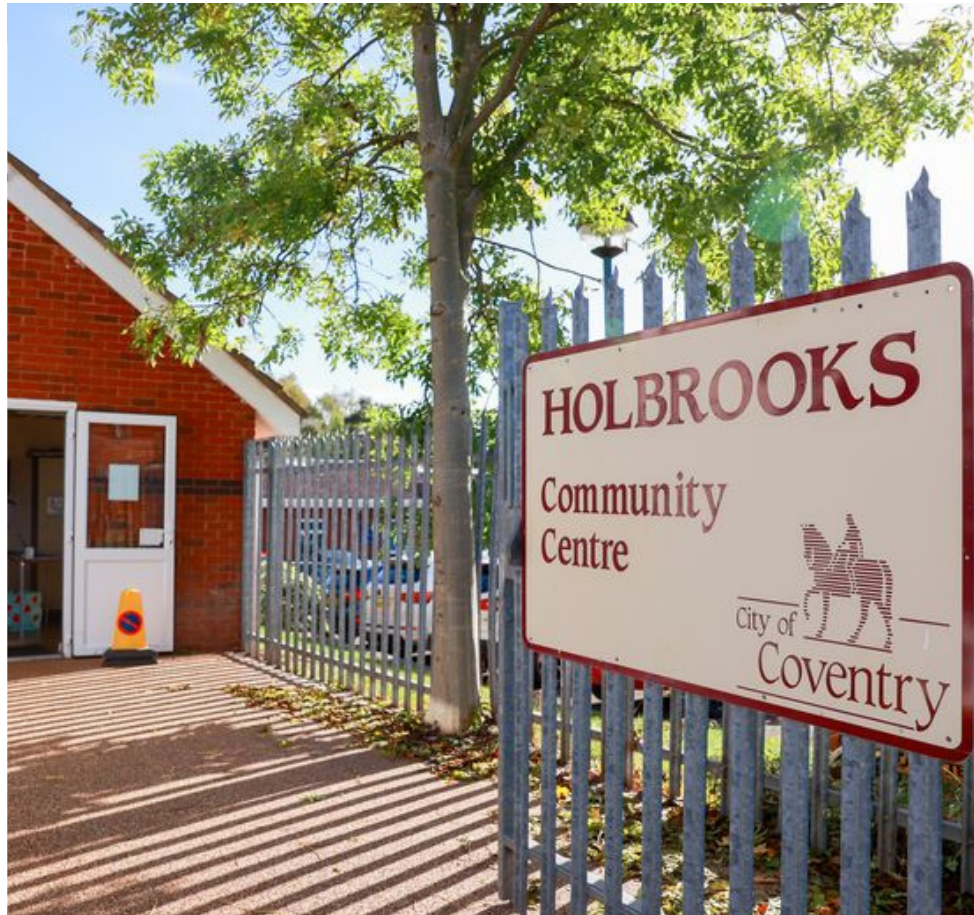
In September, XYLA Diabetes Awareness started using the centre to provide those at risk of diabetes with information and advice on living with and controlling diabetes. They run 3 sessions per week with 20 participants per group over a 6 week period.

In January, Pathways Family Hub began to provide Stay and Play sessions for pre school children at the Community Centre on a Tuesday morning. These sessions provide fun activities to support children's communication, physical development and personal, social and emotional skills. These sessions run weekly and are attended by an average of 25 people per session.

The baby weighing clinic, delivered by South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, have continued to use the centre each Tuesday. Health visitors deliver babies and children developmental checks, and looking to extend hours next year, they also provide an afternoon pre school health visitor service on Tuesdays.

Coventry City Council Adult education service continued to deliver ESOL courses twice a week from the centre providing English Language courses to those who do not have English as a first language. Central Academy of dance, who have performed at both Euro Disney and in the West End, continued to deliver classes on a Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

We continue to host four different religious groups, two African and one Sri Lankan Christian group on a Saturday and Sunday, and a Sri Lankan Muslim prayer group each Friday.



Activities

Holidays, Activities and Food (HAF)

The community centre again partnered with HCCA to deliver the City Council's HAF program for the first time this summer. This focused on supporting free school meal families to access activities and events at no cost and also provided a balanced meal for the children who attended each session.

Easter activities

We hosted an Easter arts and crafts session at the Community Centre, where children made Easter bonnets, and Easter cards and decorated eggs. This activity was attended by 29 children, and a theatre production of the Grimm Sisters was attended by 22 children plus family members. Each child who attended received an Easter egg, which were donated by Smart Learner Driving School, based in Holbrooks.

Christmas activities

Chaplin's Pantomimes performed Aladdin at the centre to 32 excited children plus their family members. As well as the Pantomime, the children all sat down to a hot Christmas Buffet prepared by Urban Goodies CIC, adhering to Department for Education guidelines on healthy meals, of course, there were a few treats throughout the day too. The food was very well received. Father Christmas also paid a visit to the centre to hand out presents to the children which were donated by Evans Cash and Carry, Morrisons Holbrooks, John Shelton School and local residents.

Representatives from the HAF team visited the events and took photos and videos of the children enjoying themselves. All administration and project management for these activities were undertaken by HCCA

City of Culture

Animals

In April we hosted 2 productions of the show Animals, one of which was British Sign Language interpreted. Animals is a fun, interactive and featuring original songs, Animals! was an empowering and uplifting performance about animals, humans and nature. It celebrated the amazing wildlife around us and makes big things feel possible. These shows were attended by 30 people



Dangerous Dave

In October we hosted Dangerous Dave, a live theatre performance for children and young people and their parents. Dangerous Dave is a puppet who performed stunts including fighting his way out of a wet paper bag, climbing the slippery pole of peril to plunge into a domestic food processor, escaping from the pickled egg jar of DOOM and becoming the fearless inhuman Cannon Ball!! He was accompanied by his sidekick Herbert Lemon. This hilarious show was loved by all in attendance, young and old!. There were 46 people in attendance.



Services

Social Supermarket

In August, the Social Supermarket opened its doors for the first time. The social Supermarket runs on Mondays between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm. It is available to anybody who is on means-tested benefits, or on a low income.

Members pay a £5 annual membership fee, and then £5 per visit for £20 worth of groceries including Fresh fruit and vegetables, Milk, Cheese, Tinned food, Cereals, Fresh meat/fish/vegan protein, bread, Pasta/rice/lentils, personal hygiene products and home cleaning products. It also provides one-off shopping bags to those in need who do not want to become members. Paying a small amount gives people dignity.

Food Network

We are now members of the Coventry Food Network (CFN), which is a group of Social Supermarket and food hub facilitators across the City. CFN meet monthly to share good practice, information and guidance on hosting a food hub. CFN also funded the Turkey's for our Christmas Hampers.

Community Café

Alongside the Social Supermarket, we opened a Community Café in August, providing healthy, homemade and affordable meals to the community. The Community Café is run by Urban Goodies CiC who cook meals including, pasta dishes, chilli con carne and soups. While there is a small fee for a meal, those who cannot afford this are not turned away. Members of the social supermarket are given a meal for free as part of their Social Supermarket membership while funding allows us to do so.

Hampers

The centre hosted the Christmas Hamper handout giving out a total of 50. 28 of these were to members of the Social Supermarket who requested one and the others were nominated by schools, Councillors, and other professionals. Thank you to those who helped to collect food, parcel up bags and deliver hampers the time you all volunteer is much appreciated.

Warm Safe Space

During the winter months, the Community Café incorporated our Warm Safe Space initiative which provided those in the community who were worried about the costs of using their heating at home a warm safe space, with unlimited hot drinks and activities such as cards, crafts, jigsaws and books amongst other things.

Breakfast Club

In September, Breakfast Club started to provide before-school provision to the pupils of John Shelton Primary School. This service is funded by Awards for All, which funds two staff members to run the sessions. There is a cost of £2.50 per child per session. Breakfast Club has been used by 24 individual children.

Finally The Management Committee would like to recognise the commitment and hard work of the staff and volunteers without whom the centre would not thrive



Aspirations for the next year.

We are looking to expand the membership of the Social Supermarket and the services it offers to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community. We are also hoping to securing funding to ensure the longevity of the service.

We are currently applying for funding to update the windows in the hall to double glazing to make the centre more eco-friendly and to save costs on heating. We aim to have this work completed in the next financial year. We are also looking to refurbish the centre as a whole

Committee

Rajinder Dhaliwal – Chair
Cllr Joseph Clifford – vice chair
Tawakalitu Karimu
Geraldine Bratt
Danielle Garside
Katrina Price
Father Simon Oakes
Debbie Jones
Isabelle Osbourne

Staff (contracted and supplied through Service Level Agreement with HCCA)

Garry Booth, site services, 16 hrs per week (Retired August 2022)
Daniel Sabin - Site Services - 16 Hours Per week (From September 2022)
Liz Twynham - Breakfast Club Supervisor
Ewa Grzywacz - Breakfast Club Assistant

Volunteers

Rachel Lancaster	Emma Shiers	Meridith Womble-Lancaster
Lawrie Womble-Lancaster	David Womble	Susan Ryrie
Luke Shires	TT	Clare Allington - Dixon
Carlton Dixon	Raj and Gughan Dhaliwal	Sapna Patel
Kat Price	Mick Duggan	Viru Kansara

Management

Management and all Human Resource functions including staff development and training Services are provided by HCCA.

Partnerships During the last year.

HCA has been funded and supported by:

National Lottery Awards for All
Heart of England Charitable Trust
Tesco Groundwork

HCA has worked with the following partners:

Holbrooks Community Care Association
Holbrooks Ward Councillors
MP Coventry North West Taiwo Owatemi
Evans Cash and Carry
Urban Goodies CiC
St Luke's Church
John Shelton School
Parkgate School
Holbrooks School
Holy Family School
Cardinal Newman School
President Kennedy School
Cannon enterprise
Fresh Dessert Company
Feeding Coventry
Coventry Food Network
Morrisons Supermarket
Tesco Arena Park
Fairshare
Bookers Nuneaton
Smart Learner

Coventry City Council's

Culture and Leisure
City Development Directorate
Coventry City Council's Community Development Team
Adult Education Services

And most importantly our local residents.

Finance:- The centre has remained solvent over the last 12 months and has continued to source funding to support the projects and activities with a carry forward of £30,753.39 as of 1st April 2023. Accounts are audited by PJ Williams and Sons every year. A full set of audited accounts can be seen on Appendix 1

2022-2023

A YEAR IN PICTURES



Appendix 1

Holbrooks Community Association

Receipts and Payments Account 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

RECEIPTS

Room Hire, etc	17,958.95	
Grants and Funding	26,417.66	
Donations	<u>1,347.16</u>	
		45,723.77

PAYMENTS

Rent, Rates & Services	143.12	
Repairs, Renewals, etc	2,122.72	
Wages (inc. Management Fees, Casual, etc)	19,983.83	
IT Costs	2,881.25	
Insurance	650.00	
Telephone & Broadband	504.60	
Accountancy	150.00	
Bank Commission & Charges		
Utilities	2,472.00	
Misc. (inc. Cleaning, stationery, training, travel, etc.)	1,205.05	
Restricted Funds	<u>20,247.57</u>	
		50,360.14

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)

(4,636.37)

Holbrooks Community Association

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

ACCUMULATED FUND

Brought Forward	35,427.05	
Excess of Receipts / (Payments)	<u>(4,636.37)</u>	
		<u>30,790.68</u>

Represented by:-

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	30,753.39	
Cash in Hand	<u>37.29</u>	
		<u>30,790.68</u>

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Chairman's foreword - Rajinder Dhaliwal

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending the AGM of Holbrooks Community Association.

Our year began with the centre doors still closed and the country in lockdown, our staff members furloughed and the committee worrying about finances; Without the ability to rent the rooms at the centre very little income was available and the centres future was uncertain.



I'm pleased to say that a lot of hard work has taken place to raise the funds to ensure the centre could remain open.

During this year our long term chair, Margaret Lancaster, stepped down from the role she had held for 15 years due to ill health. Margaret had championed the centre, volunteered for events, sourced funding and collected donations.

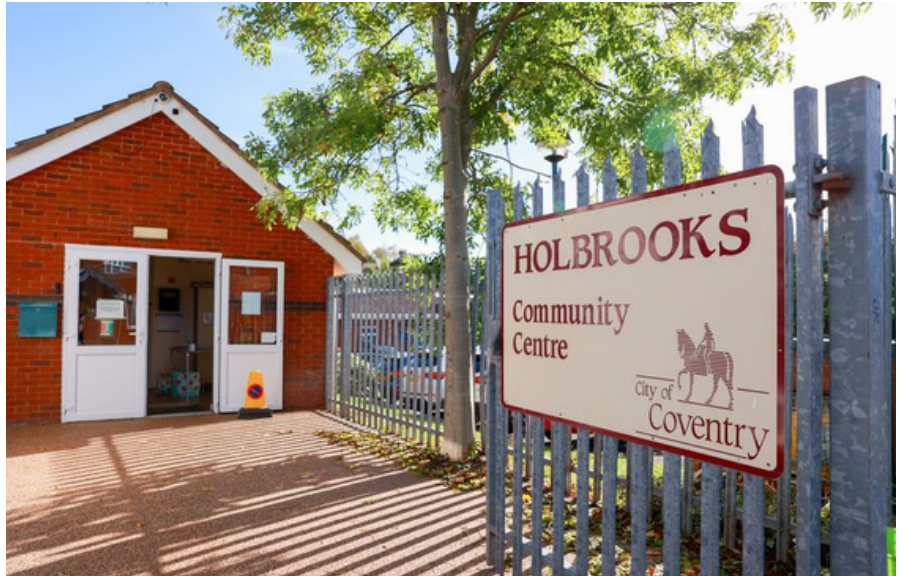
Sadly Margaret passed away in February. She will be remembered for her kindness, dedication, and unwavering support for Holbrooks and its community. The centre will continue supporting the community, helping residents and making Holbrooks a better place in her memory.

Rajinder Dhaliwal

Introduction

This year the Community Centre had to close its doors, for pretty much all of the year, as a place for social events, service delivery and recreational activities, only returning to normal in September. This has had a significant impact on the finances of the centre as it has been unable to generate income from room hire for half of the year.

We continued to look for funding this in itself has been difficult due to the economic downturn and the pandemic meaning that funding for Community initiatives was greatly reduced. We are focussing on capital funding for the Kitchen refurbishment.



Partnership working with Hcca ensured we were able to secure discretionary grants from Coventry city council and The government Furlough scheme and support for paid staff provided a lifeline to the centre.

Centre users

After an absence of eighteen months the centre users returned to the centre cautiously, still complying with the Covid regulations in place.

Coventry City Council Adult education service returned in September to deliver ESOL courses twice a week but will not be having a creche.

Central Academy of dance, who have performed at both Euro Disney and in the West End, came back to deliver classes on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Archery sessions on a Monday night run by Coventry Activity club have returned and are well attended. A Sri Lankan group interested rented the room on a Friday for children's activities, British cycling have delivered two full Saturdays for Cycle trainer training.

The baby weighing clinic, delivered by South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust. have returned to the centre each Tuesday with Health visitors giving babies and children developmental checks, and will look to extend hours next year.

Marta from the family Hub used the centre for 4 weeks, however due to majority of her clientele being polish she has decided to use a centre near the Polish Club. She has decided she wants to stay in touch as she has a clerical background and was a qualified Early Years teacher in Poland. She is now on file as volunteer.

We accepted the offer from John Shelton Primary school to Pay £6000 for 12 month sole usage of the third room. The school has used the rooms since after Easter for teaching staff as a breakout room given the challenges with space given the need to still social distance.

We continue to host four different religious groups, three two African and one Sri Lankan Christian group on a Saturday and Sunday, and a Muslim prayer group each Friday.

HAF

The community centre partnered with HCCA to deliver the City Council's Holiday and food activities for the first time this summer. This focused on supporting free school meal families to access activities and events at no cost and also provided a balanced meal for the children who attended each session.

Children's summer activities

The centre was used for three sessions per week; cookery was delivered by Emma and Alisha on a Tuesday afternoon, Yoga on a Wednesday by and the Wriggle Dance company led dance sessions on a Thursday morning.

As part of the HAF summer scheme we gave out breakfast parcels to all of the children who attended , in addition to that we are still giving our food parcels out to families that come into the centre every Thursday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

<https://vimeo.com/613390575/638c7a8fcb>

Christmas activities

Given the success of the summer activities the community centre receive grant funding to deliver further events during the Christmas break.

Arts and crafts – two full sessions making Christmas Cards, making, cooking, decorating gingerbread figures, Painting Christmas mini stained glass decorations and making gonks from wool and felt. Hosting a full afternoon Christmas party with a Christmas quiz, Bingo, and many party games finishing with a disco and a visit from Father Christmas, who gave out the presents donated by John Shelton school and selection boxes to every child in attendance.

The final event was little Red Riding Hood Christmas panto performed by Chaplains theatre group, thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, and after that performance Father Christmas visited again. Everyday hot food was served to the children adhering to department for Education guidelines on healthy meals, of course there were a few treats throughout the day too. The food provided by the Fresh desserts company was very well received, predominantly vegan and vegetarian, and all dietary requirements were known before hand and catered for.

Representatives from the city council visited the events and took photos and videos of the children enjoying themselves. All administration and project management for these activities were undertaken by HCCA

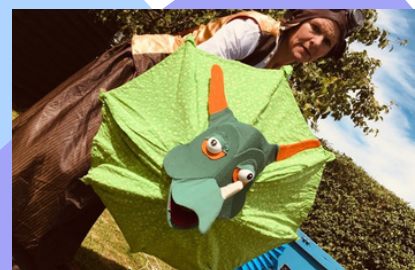
Easter

Following on from the successes of the previous HAF activities delivered at the centre the centre bid for and was successful in securing funding to run activities during the Easter holidays.

City of Culture

We hosted a Rhubarb Theatre Production the Time Machine aimed at primary school children in the February half term. The event was shared widely on social media and with all local schools, places of worship, clubs and associations.

Irene the Inventor is lost in space and her time machine is ticking her off. Every second counts, so can you help her in her hour of need? But watch out, once she clocks you, she will whisk you off to a Victorian school room, a Roman invasion and even take you as far back as the time of the dinosaurs. Hold onto your pants. This performance was followed by a fun drama workshop led by Rhubarb Theatre. From finding weird and wacky characters to exploring the where and what, they inspired the children to create their own performance. The performance lasted 30 minutes, followed by the 30 minute workshop. The event was loved by everyone.



Kitchen Project and centre refurbishment

Following our procurement policy the centre appointed a builder to commence work in September. A full schedule of works has been submitted to the City Council along with copies of the builder's insurances. We have had the kitchen floor donated: A whole new bonded floor was fitted by Axiom Group LTD and £100 of paint from the Coventry Wickes store. We purchased fridges and freezers, racking to store the food and kitchen equipment.

Sadly, the refurbishment work took far longer than expected and we have had to use other contractors to finish the job, as there were a few issues remaining. The Kitchen was completed in time to be used to provide food for the HAF Christmas activities.

Total amount raised for the kitchen was **£18,911.00**

Breakfast Club consultation

The consultation ran for six weeks from the end of November until 18th January.

There were 36 responses in total and a total of 44 children, although a couple of people didn't give this information.

We are planning to begin the service in the new academic year, giving us plenty of time to advertise the service, and by which time there will be two members of staff recruited to run the sessions.

Food Network

We have met with food network to understand the procedures of running a social supermarket and visiting other centres in the city gained knowledge to start to develop our service

We have developed a booking form for application to social supermarket and the membership criteria . Exploring the possibility of also providing a cooked meal at affordable prices.

Hampers

The centre hosted the Christmas Hamper handout giving out a total of 88. Recipients were nominated by schools, Councillors, and other professionals.

At the end of the week we had some fresh vegetables and mince pies left over once all families who attended the activities had received a bag, this was donated to Queens road Baptist church who were cooking hot meals all through Christmas and new year for the vulnerable. Nothing was wasted.

Thank you to those who helped to collect food, parcel up bags and deliver hampers the time you all volunteer is much appreciated.

Finally The Management Committee would like to recognise the commitment and hard work of the staff and volunteers without whom the centre would not thrive



Aspirations for the next year.

With the lifting of Covid restrictions our focus will be maximising the hire of the centre to increase income.

We are working towards expanding the use of the kitchen to deliver a weekly lunch club, Breakfast club for John Shelton School children, ensuring all staff and volunteers are qualified to Food Hygiene level 2.

We are also hoping to begin the Social supermarket and have submitted bids to the National lottery fund and other funders.

Committee

Margaret Lancaster – chair – retired December 2021

Rajinder Dhaliwal – chair – From December 2021

Cllr Joseph Clifford – vice chair

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Gerladine Bratt

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Luke Shires

Carlton Dixon

Kat Price

Emma Shiers

David Womble

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Mick Duggan

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Management

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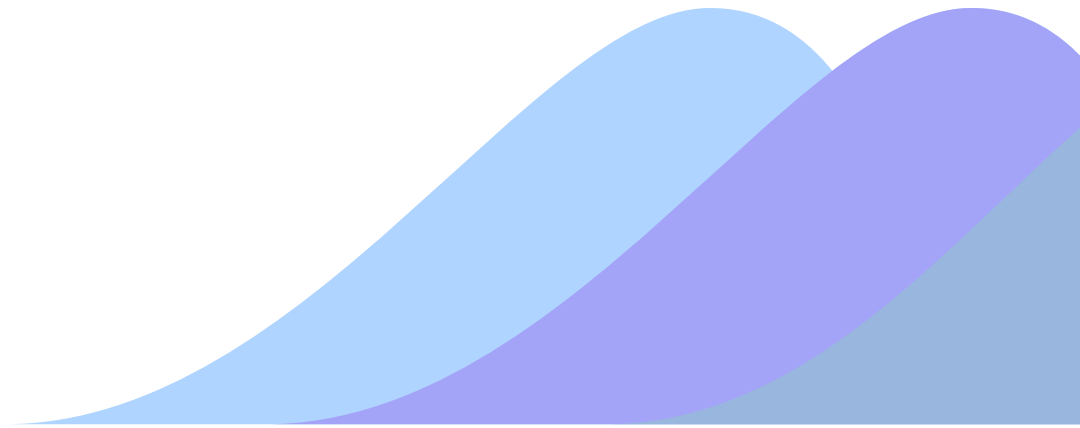
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Coventry Carers centre
St Lukes Church
John Shelton School
Parkgate School
Holbrooks School
Holy Family School
Cardinal Newman School
President Kennedy School
Cannon enterprise
Fresh Dessert Company
Feeding Coventry
Coventry Food bank Morrisons Supermarket
ASDA

Coventry City Council's
· Culture and Leisure
· City Development Directorate
· Coventry City Council's Community Development Team
· Adult Education Services

And most importantly our local residents.



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RECEIPTS

Room Hire, etc	6,442.99	
Grants and Funding	48,251.00	
Donations	-	
		54,693.99

PAYMENTS

Rent, Rates & Services	1,465.74	✕	
Repairs, Renewals, etc	12,955.70	✕	
Wages (inc. Management Fees, Casual, etc)	17,260.00	✕	
IT Costs	1,460.00	✕	
Insurance	1,692.60	✕	
Telephone & Broadband	521.98	✓	
Accountancy	150.00	✕	
Bank Commission & Charges			
Utilities	2,472.00	✕	
Professional Services/Fees	5,056.84	✕	
Misc. (inc. Cleaning, stationery, training, travel, etc.)	709.36	✕	
			43,744.22

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)

10,949.77

Holbrooks Community Association

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ACCUMULATED FUND

Brought Forward	24,477.28	
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		35,427.05

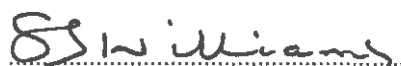
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CURRENT ASSETS

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July 2022

Holbrooks Community Association

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

ACCUMULATED FUND

Brought Forward	24,477.28	
Excess of Receipts / (Payments)	10,949.77	
		35,427.05

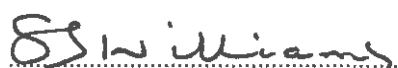
Represented by:-

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	35,389.76
Cash in Hand	37.29
	<u>35,427.05</u>

Prepared from the books, records, and information supplied and certified to be in accordance therewith.

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