

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

England & Wales · Charity number 520900

Details

Other names SPRINGWELL VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1967-07-31

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

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Activities

Objects: A VILLAGE HALL

Activities: We are a community centre that provides a programme of activities for all ages and abilities.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SPRINGWELL AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£326,542	£288,246	-	-
2024-03-31	£282,373	£296,061	-	-
2023-03-31	£183,911	£188,957	-	-
2022-03-31	£174,931	£162,952	-	-
2021-03-31	£79,006	£73,331	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLE SMILES	Chair	2012-10-10
AIMIE COBURN		2013-10-08
ANNIE BAIN		2017-09-04
Amy Gill		2022-09-28
DIANE ELLWOOD		2018-09-06
Daniel Joseph McIntyre		2025-10-02
Deborah Taylor		2023-09-21
JACQUELYN FOGGIN		
Judith Graham		2021-07-06
Julie Anne Carter		2025-10-02
KATHRYN READER		2017-09-04
NEIL FOGGIN		2017-09-04
Rachel Nesbitt		2022-09-28
Ryan Candlish		2023-09-21
SUZANNE SHAFTOE		2013-10-08
robert proctor		2017-09-06

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About Us

Springwell Village Community Venue (SVCV) is a registered charity managed by a voluntary board of trustees. Established in 1965, SVCV is a long established, successful, well-run community association that provides a wide range of services, activities and a meeting space for people of all ages and abilities within the community.

We provide resources for activities, groups, entertainment, events and projects that bring people together and help them develop social networks and support. We inspire and promote learning, creativity and participation through a variety of weekly groups and events throughout the year.

SVCV is the hub of village life and creates an important venue for services to be delivered and we believe that by providing and facilitating services and activities from the venue, local people of all ages and backgrounds have the chance to both benefit individually from our work, and importantly, contribute to their community, in terms of geography, identity and interest.

Vision

The charitable purpose of the organisation as per our CONSTITUTION is to further, or benefit the residents of Springwell Village and surrounding areas, by associating together, residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interest of health, education, employment, environmental and social welfare, for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for local people.

Mission

Improve the quality of life for the local community. Provide an accessible welcoming venue and focal point for the community. A place for people and local organisations to meet and socialise.

Sustain and develop activities that connect and engage people with their communities and each other to help tackle isolation and loneliness.

Provide educational, recreational, social, leisure and cultural activities that are accessible to all.

Provide a local resource which promotes and encourage learning and development.

Promote and advocate the needs of groups based in the centre and provide opportunities for more integration and inclusion between users.

To maintain and forge relations with partners, local authority and funding bodies.

Chair's Report

As Chair of Springwell Village Community Venue, it is a real pleasure to reflect on what has been another busy and inspiring year. With our 60th anniversary on the horizon in September 2025, this past year has reminded us of just how far we've come and how deeply rooted we are in the heart of this community.

SVCV continues to be a place where people of all ages feel welcome and supported. We've seen more families coming through the doors, more young people joining in with creative sessions, and new volunteers stepping forward to be part of something special. It is heartening to see new generations discovering the venue and making it their own.

Our drama groups, both junior and adult, have been a particular highlight this year. The performances have been packed with talent, enthusiasm and a strong sense of community pride. These productions don't just entertain, they build confidence, develop new skills, and bring people together. Behind the scenes, our backstage team continues to give their time and energy to make it all happen, from set building to costumes.

The café has truly flourished. It has become a warm, welcoming space where people drop in not just for food but for friendship and conversation. Offering affordable meals and a safe place to connect has been more important than ever this year. Our café coordinator Stephanie, supported by dedicated volunteers has created an atmosphere that people return to again and again.

Volunteers remain at the heart of everything we do. From event support to decorating, from admin tasks to simply being a listening ear and their efforts make a daily difference. I want to extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of them and welcome on board our new volunteers of all ages who have taken on various roles.

We are also immensely grateful for the grant funding we have received this year. It has enabled us to run inclusive, engaging and meaningful activities for people of all ages, as well as help with the cost of meals and refreshments during sessions. Our Community Development Manager, Suzanne, has worked tirelessly to secure this funding in what remains a very challenging climate. Her dedication and commitment continue to drive our work forward and open doors to new opportunities.

An extra special thanks first of all to Suzanne for coming up with so many brilliant ideas which have brought people in far and wide. We are seeing lots of new faces who come back after their first visit, joining in the community, spreading the word and embracing our venue as their own.

Well done to all of our committed staff who work extremely hard in their roles and we are very lucky to have such a strong staff team. To maintain our amazing community venue, takes a lot of behind the scenes organisation and I am grateful for the time and effort that our Trustees and team give.

This past year has shown us the power of community, of creativity, and of connection. As we begin to prepare for our 60th year, we do so with pride in our past and energy for the future. To everyone who has supported, volunteered, donated, attended, or simply cheered us on, I thank you all. This venue is what it is because of you.

Carole Smiles - Chair

Treasurer's Report

I was proud to step into the role of Treasurer in 2024, and I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to Marion for her outstanding contribution over many years. Since taking on the role, I have had the benefit of working closely with our accountant, whose support has been hugely appreciated. The introduction of clear monthly financial reports has already made a big difference, helping us stay on track with budgets, plan for the future, and understand how funds are being used across the organisation. We have continued to manage our finances carefully this year while also responding to the needs of our community. We are fortunate to have a mix of income from grant funding, donations, venue hire, café takings, and community events. Every grant and donation helps us to deliver free or low-cost activities, support those facing financial pressures, and maintain the venue as a welcoming space for all. I also want to recognise the huge amount of work involved in exploring and securing grants, and the ongoing administration required by funders. My thanks go to Suzanne for her dedication to this, which underpins so much of what we achieve.

Beyond the numbers, volunteer time is absolutely priceless. From helping at events and sessions, to preparing food, running activities, maintaining the building and more, our volunteers play an essential role in keeping the venue running. We are also fortunate to have a strong and dedicated staff team, who work alongside volunteers to bring our projects to life, and the continued support of local families and partners helps us to thrive.

Thanks to careful management, new reporting tools, and strong teamwork, we are in a positive financial position. As we look ahead to our 60th anniversary in 2025, we do so with confidence and a renewed sense of purpose. I would like to thank our accountant, our funders, Suzanne, our volunteers, staff and everyone in the community who continues to support Springwell Village Community Venue.

Kathy Reader - Treasurer

GRANTS & DONATIONS - *Received in this financial year*

National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities Programme

Core costs. Capital costs - kitchen/cafe refurbishment project

Awards for All England National Lottery Grant - Project Costs

Sir James Knott Trust - Youth group support

The Ballinger Trust - Unrestricted funding support

Garfield Weston Foundation - Core costs

The Tiny Lives Trust - Support for Twins & Multiple Birth session

Sir John Priestman Charitable Trust -

Children's Activities Co-ordinator support costs

The Albert Hunt Trust - Core costs

The Barbour Foundation - Project costs

Sunderland City Council - Community Chest - Family Fest Seeds of Potential Fund - Project Costs

Arnold Clark Community Fund - Project costs

Sports England Movement Fund Programme -

School Holidays Sports Activities - commence July 2025



THANK YOU!

Community Development Manager Report

This year has been a period of growth, creativity, and connection at Springwell Village Community Venue. As Community Development Manager, I have had the privilege of working alongside our dedicated staff team, trustees, volunteers, and partners to deliver projects that respond to community need while also strengthening the fabric of village life.

Through careful planning and successful fundraising, we have been able to deliver a wide variety of activities from creative groups, to targeted family support, youth provision, and events that bring all generations together. Projects such as Together Time, Creative Wellness, The Tuesday Cupboard, and Our Disco have not only met practical needs but also reduced isolation, created opportunities to learn and share skills, and built strong social networks.

Much of this would not have been possible without the support of funders who continue to believe in the value of community-led activity. Securing funding in today's climate is increasingly competitive, yet through persistence we have been able to attract investment from local and national trusts and foundations, alongside statutory and community-based programmes. These funds have allowed us to support older people, children, families, and young people at a time when cost-of-living pressures and social challenges remain very real.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the year has been seeing new people come through our doors and quickly become part of the SVCV family. Whether attending a group, volunteering, or joining in at an event, the sense of belonging that develops here is something very special. We have also seen our partnerships grow stronger, particularly with local schools, artists, health providers, and youth organisations, widening the reach and impact of what we do.

Looking ahead, our focus will be on sustainability, both financial and environmental. We are committed to building on the strong foundations we have established, diversifying our income, and ensuring the venue continues to thrive as we approach our 60th anniversary in September 2025. Alongside this, we will continue to listen closely to our community, adapting our programmes to meet emerging needs and ensuring that SVCV remains a place where everyone feels welcome, supported, and valued. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the trustees, staff, volunteers, and community members who make all of this possible. It is your passion, generosity, and commitment that keep this venue alive and ensure it continues to be a vital hub at the heart of Springwell Village.

A Special Milestone ✨

This year was also a personal highlight for me, as I proudly celebrated 21 years of service at Springwell Village Community Venue during the Cozy Café's 10th birthday event.

I was deeply touched to be presented with flowers by Marion Parkin, who inspired and supported me in my early years as Centre Manager and who continues to volunteer today, 21 years after retiring from the role. It was a truly special moment that brought together so many memories, friendships, and achievements.

Reaching this milestone reminded me just how much this place means to me, and how lucky I am to have such a fantastic job that I truly love. I am incredibly grateful for the support I have received along the way from my family, friends, colleagues, and the wider community as their encouragement has made this journey possible and so rewarding.

Suzanne Shaftoe
Community Development Manager



Projects

Creative Wellness

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund's Awards For All Programme, our Crafts, Holistic Therapies, and Welfare Advice project has been a great success. Running two afternoons per week, the project gave community members a chance to participate in creative craft activities, benefit from holistic therapies, and access important welfare advice. These sessions have become a valuable resource, supporting both mental well-being and practical needs within the community.

Participants have enjoyed exploring their artistic side, creating everything from simple crafts to more intricate projects, fostering a sense of accomplishment and connection. Sessions have offered relaxing therapies such as massage, reflexology, and aromatherapy, helping attendees manage stress and improve overall well-being.

With expert guidance on a range of topics from benefits to housing, participants have been empowered to navigate challenges and improve their quality of life. Two afternoons per week of crafts, therapies, and advice have been delivered successfully. The project has reached a diverse group of individuals, from families to older community members, providing something for everyone. The positive feedback received highlights improved mental well-being, increased social connections, and a sense of community support.

The project has been a valuable resource for our community, thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund. By offering a combination of creative outlets, relaxation, and practical support, we've helped participants improve their well-being, build new connections, and gain confidence in managing life's challenges. A huge thank you to the National Lottery Community Fund for making this project possible, and we look forward to continuing to support our community through these sessions.



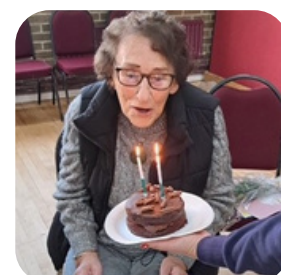
Together Time Community Foundation

Thanks to funding from the Prime Fund at The Community Foundation, this fun-filled weekly session has become a lifeline for older people in our community, offering a welcoming space for connection, creativity, and well-being.

Every Thursday morning, laughter, chatter, and the crackle of a vinyl record fill the air at Together Time. We mix things up with games, music, and hands-on activities, plus special guests from fire safety officers to gardening experts sharing useful tips and engaging talks. There's always something new to enjoy, whether it's a bit of holistic therapy, a police Q&A, or a little bit of reminiscing. We make sure to celebrate everyone's birthday with a cake, candles and a happy birthday sing a long. This is something that is relished especially as the majority of attendees are single older people.

For many attendees, Together Time is more than just a social drop in group, it's a weekly highlight, helping to combat loneliness and improve confidence. Regular participants have told us how much they look forward to coming, with some forming new friendships and even taking up hobbies they never thought they would. The sessions encourage independence, laughter, and a real sense of belonging, making a huge difference to well-being.

Looking ahead, with continued support, we can ensure Together Time remains a warm, welcoming space where older people feel valued, supported, and connected. A huge thank you to the Community Foundation for making this possible, we couldn't do it without your support.



Community Café & Bar

This year has been another positive one for our Community Café, which remains a welcoming space for all ages to enjoy affordable meals, warm conversations, and a sense of connection.

New volunteers have joined the team, and we've proudly supported young people on work placements and NEET students, giving them valuable skills and confidence.

A standout moment was the Cozy Café's 10th birthday, celebrated with an open day that showcased our newly refurbished kitchen, funded by the National Lottery. Guests enjoyed photos, activities, cupcakes, and plenty of community memories, while the new facilities promise even more opportunities ahead.

Other highlights included the launch of our popular doggy menu, continued support from FareShare North East to keep meals fresh and affordable, and the tireless efforts of "The A-Team" Alan, Clem, and Jim who are always on hand to fix and improve the space.

The café remains at the heart of our work, supporting community events and daily activities. Whether it's a cup of tea, a slice of cake, or simply a friendly face, the café continues to play a vital role in village life.



The Tuesday Cupboard

The Tuesday Cupboard was launched in January 2025 to help support the local community by offering affordable essentials and making good use of surplus products that might otherwise go to waste. It is managed by a dedicated member of staff and supported by a hardworking team of local volunteers, whose commitment has been vital in establishing and running the project.

Each week, we receive a donation list a few days in advance of our scheduled collection. Using a hired van, two volunteers collect the items and bring them back to the venue. Once the van arrives, the full volunteer team works together to unload, unpack, clean, price, and store the items. This process has been refined over time, and volunteers have even taken on the task of building shelving and clearing space within the venue to create more effective storage solutions.

Deliveries are sorted into useful categories so that we can ensure nothing goes to waste. Some products are set aside for raffles and fundraising events, while others directly benefit our wider community groups. The café, stationery supplies, youth groups, and other regular activities all make use of the items we receive. For goods that we cannot store or have limited demand for, we maintain strong links with other organisations and charities. For example, we regularly donate suitable items to Bryson's animal shelter and others in the surrounding area.

The Tuesday Cupboard is open for a few hours each week, providing the local community with access to affordable goods in a friendly, welcoming environment. The project continues to grow in popularity and impact, and we are proud of the way it brings people together, reduces waste, and offers practical support to local residents in a time of rising living costs.

Our Disco

Our Disco has quickly become one of the most loved monthly events in the community. Run by fantastic volunteers and supported by our youth workers, it offers a safe, welcoming, and inclusive night out for all. It is much more than music and dancing, it's about connection, laughter, and belonging.

For families with a disabled member, single parents, and those on low incomes, opportunities to socialise can be limited. Adults with disabilities often tell us they simply want a place to enjoy bingo, dancing, and a drink with friends without judgement. Our Disco makes that possible, creating a space where everyone feels respected and free to have fun.

The nights are lively and varied with bingo, games, dancing, spaces for children, affordable food and drinks, and a community tombola. Volunteers are at the heart of it, while our youth workers provide safeguarding and gentle support. This year we also welcomed families from a Gateshead school, strengthening links with children who have additional needs and their staff.

The impact is clear: Our Disco reduces isolation, supports wellbeing, and brings people together in a safe, friendly, and stigma-free way. With the energy of our volunteers and the backing of our staff team, it will continue to shine as a space full of joy, connection, and community spirit.

Children & Young People

As the Children's Activity Coordinator, my role involves planning, delivering, and evaluating a wide range of activities for children aged 0 to 17, ensuring sessions are inclusive, age-appropriate, and supportive of children's social, emotional, and physical development, from weekly after-school clubs to school holiday sessions and special events such as our Family Fest and 1940s Weekend.

Our activities have offered local children safe and engaging opportunities to play, learn, and connect with others. I work closely with families, staff, and partners to ensure each child feels welcome and supported, with safeguarding at the heart of everything we do. I also collaborate with local schools, our youth workers, artists and sports providers to offer a varied programme and bring in new skills and experiences that benefit the children we serve.

This year has seen continued growth and strong engagement across our children's programmes with a dip in under 5s attendance mainly due to the government increasing free nursery provision.

A key part of my role is building relationships and not just with children, but also with parents, colleagues, and partners. I regularly gather feedback to evaluate our work, understand what families value most, and identify areas where we can improve. This feedback helps us demonstrate the impact of our work while ensuring that our programmes remain relevant and responsive to local needs. Feedback from families has been overwhelmingly positive, with many reporting increased confidence and wellbeing in their children.

I look forward to building on this success in the year ahead by expanding our offer and strengthening community partnerships.

As the Children's Activity Coordinator I play a vital role in not only engaging with the children to maximise their experience but also in being a support to parents. Parents often confide in me with lots of different issues from relationship advice, to marriage break ups, cost of living advice and support. Our Community Cupboard has also played a vital role in helping out our families in this cost-of-living crisis.

I am proud of the role I play within the community venue and remain committed to creating positive, lasting experiences for every child who walks through our doors.

Melissa Oliver - Children's Activities Coordinator

Early Years - Under 5s

Our Under 5s sessions provide a fun, safe, and stimulating space for children from birth to age five, supporting their physical, emotional, and social development while offering valuable peer support for parents and carers. Each week, children enjoy a mix of sensory play, music and movement, creative arts, and imaginative play, all designed to encourage confidence, communication, and school readiness.

Parents regularly tell us how welcoming the sessions are and how they have helped reduce isolation by creating new friendship groups. To support families further, we provide a dedicated baby area with colourful toys, bouncy chairs, and weighing scales.

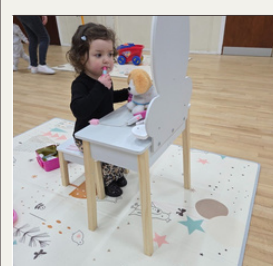
A special highlight is our Friday group, Twinfinity and Beyond, supported by Tiny Lives, which offers a safe and friendly environment for neonatal babies and their families.



Best of friends and so are parent's



Mmmm cake celebrating our friends Birthday



Dress up imaginary play



Enjoying sensory time

Children & Young People

After School Clubs

Mini Monkeys Club - Reception to Year 3 (Age 5-7years)

This club continues to thrive. It provides a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where children can relax, have fun, and continue learning through engaging, play-based activities after the school day ends. The pick-up service is a fantastic addition where we pick up children from Springwell Village Primary School, children are picked up at 3:15 pm and brought back to the venue, where they enjoy a healthy snack before the main session begins at 4:00 pm. We have had financial support from Barbour Foundation to help keep this cost low and thank them for their support.

This session is a term time only activity and the children are always excited to return after the school holidays, it's lovely to see children from different school form lovely friendships. We plan a wide variety of sessions from cookery to trips to the local park. We rotate our toys to help keep children engaged in a variety of play. We try to celebrate end of each terms with different themed parties, from bouncy castle fun, to a pyjama disco, with lots of party games and fun.

We are always continually developing this club to met the evolving needs of children, we currently have a little girl who has autism and doesn't speak very much but the children have learnt to communicate with her and make her feel welcome and a valued member of the group.



Do you like my picture



Bouncy Castle FUN!!!



Scavenger Hunt in our local park



In this photo is our young volunteer Gracie who is currently in year and 6 and Alex who is doing her Duke of Edinburgh Award and they both used to attend Mini Monkeys.

Dynamite Junior Youth Club - Year 4 - Year 6

Our Dynamite Club is very popular with currently 40 children each week attending. Like our Mini Monkey's club we offer our pick up service for this club with the same structure we currently have a pick up waiting list. This session a natural step up from Mini Monkey's.

The session is carefully planned with fun, engaging activities for this age group from arts and crafts, to sports games, dance competitions, and lots more. We really encourage the children to make it "their" group so we often have group discussions on what activities they would like to do and make a timetable so every child can have a say, we have seen by doing this it gives the children a great boost in self confidence and participation level. Like our Mini Monkey's club we have an end of term party from Glow in the dark, crocs and pyjamas, and a disco led by the children with singing and dance competitions.

Music, dance and arts and crafts remain firm favourites within this group. We sometimes split the group so some can enjoy an arts and crafts activities and others can enjoy a sports activities we feel working in this way helps to the children to build stronger relationships

with each other and the qualified staff members it also encourages positive peer support, and ensures that every child feels heard and valued. We're incredibly proud of how the club is developing and excited to see where the next year takes us.



After School Clubs

YOUTH IMPACT

This year, our youth provision at Springwell Village Community Venue has continued to thrive, thanks to the invaluable support of the Sir James Knott Trust and other funders. Our youth programs provide safe, inclusive spaces where young people aged 10-16 can build relationships, develop new skills, and engage in meaningful activities free of charge, ensuring accessibility for all.

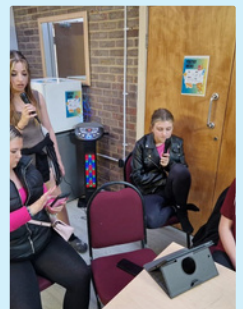
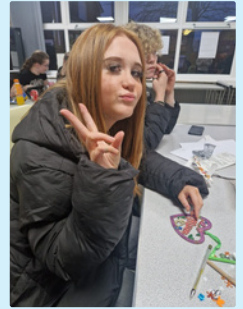
Our weekly youth drop-in sessions, held every Friday evening, continue to attract many young people each week. Sessions are youth-driven, with young people actively shaping the activities they enjoy, such as music, sports, arts, crafts, and more. The Youth Impact senior club has also seen steady attendance, providing a natural progression for young people from earlier groups like Mini Monkeys and Dynamite Club.

In addition to weekly sessions, we have delivered enriching activities and trips, including a Halloween visit to Beamish Museum, Bowes Railway Museum and to a Pantomime. These opportunities help build cultural and social capital while providing young people with new experiences and strengthening their sense of community. We've also maintained strong partnerships with organisations such as Oxclose District Youth People's Project (ODYPP). One standout collaboration involved delivering a Fun with Finance session, where young people explored budgeting within a household, the realities of living on minimum wage etc. These partnerships strengthen our offer and expand opportunities for young people.

Understanding the challenges young people face, including mental health concerns, we've partnered with Good Vibes Counselling to offer quicker access to mental health support. Our youth workers also provide informal education on issues such as well-being, drugs, and positive relationships. Additionally, we've introduced free period products and hygiene bags, supporting young people's health and well-being.

The impact of our work extends far beyond recreation, our programs foster personal growth, resilience, and lasting friendships. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our funders, which enables us to provide these vital services. We invite prospective funders to visit our project and see first hand the difference their support makes.

Emma Naisby – Youth Worker



Social & Leisure

TEA DANCE

Our Monday Afternoon Tea Dance continues to thrive each week. It offers an opportunity for local people to come together, enjoy dancing, and forge new friendships in a warm, relaxed atmosphere. It brings together seasoned dancers and newcomers alike, providing a space for everyone to enjoy music, movement, and companionship.

We are fortunate to have two talented dance tutors, Jean and Caroline, who keep the energy lively with a mix of classic and modern hits that inspire everyone to get on their feet and have fun. Their dedication and expertise are at the heart of the event's success, and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing commitment.

We would also like to take a moment to thank Vicky for her time and dedication as a volunteer. Her support over the years has been invaluable, and we are deeply appreciative of the positive impact she made on this event. While Vicky has had to step down from her voluntary role this year, we are grateful for all the time and energy she gave to our community.

Many thanks to Steph, who ensures that everyone enjoys a nice, hot cuppa from the cafe each week.

LADYBIRDS

Our Ladies Social Group continues to be a much-loved monthly gathering, bringing friendship, laughter, and connection to our longstanding members. With bingo, engaging talks, and plenty of time for chat, each session offers something to look forward to.

As the group looks ahead to celebrating its 60th anniversary in late 2025, we are proud of its incredible legacy and the strong bonds it has created over the years. We'd be delighted to welcome new members to join this warm and supportive space.

Audrey Miller

FELL MEN

Our Men's Group comes together on Thursday evenings for a drink, and a catch up. Members also take part in regular volunteer sessions on Mondays and Fridays, getting stuck into a wide range of community projects. Over the past year, we've proudly supported annual events, building imaginative props for the Curtain Call Junior Drama show, pantomime, preparing for Family Fest, and lending a hand at other community activities. We've also carried out various maintenance tasks indoors and out. There's never a shortage of jobs, and we're always happy to help. The projects often carry over into our Thursday evening catch-ups, sparking conversations around that best way to tackle projects, how we can make them the most cost effective and who is going to take on certain "jobs". Looking ahead, we're excited to continue helping to making a difference and we're always open to new faces. Join us in the café area from 9 PM on Thursdays, you'll be warmly welcomed. Allan Hartridge

CHATTERBOX

Our Bingo Social group has thrived this year, with more people coming along to enjoy the company of others. The friendly, welcoming atmosphere keeps people coming back, and many make use of our cosy café for lunch before joining the bingo. The group brings together people of all ages, helping to build friendships and tackle loneliness in our community. A rota has been introduced so that everyone takes a turn calling out the bingo numbers making sure everyone gets the chance to both play and take part in running the sessions. The group is entirely volunteer-led, and we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful ladies who take turns calling the numbers and helping the sessions run so smoothly. It is going from strength to strength each week and is a lifeline for regular social interaction for many. We introduced small prizes for special occasions e.g. Christmas and this is welcomed by members.

Susan Masters - Volunteer

Dance & Drama

Senior Drama Group

The group was delighted to be able to perform the pantomime 'JACK AND THE BEANSTALK' in February, 2025. The production was enjoyed by all involved and our audiences were enthusiastic in their praise of the production. Lots of fun and laughter during rehearsals and the week of performances. Our cow Daisy was also a huge success and the two boys inside the costume (Joshua & Luke) were as brilliant as the previous year when in horse costume. All of our team were great in their performances and backstage. A special 'thank you' to our Backstage Crew (Allen, Jim, Rob, Steve & Neil) who designed and made our scenery. A tremendous amount of work by all volunteers goes into producing a polished production and I am very proud of everyone in the team for their sacrifices and dedication in ensuring this was another success for SVCV annual pantomime.

We are planning to start rehearsals for 2026 pantomime in October due to the fact that we are going to rehearse for a show in September to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the venue. The pantomime will be Mother Goose and should be as funny and successful as previous productions. I look forward to the start of rehearsals and seeing what the group can do with the next script.

It is a privilege to have our group within this setting. The venue is so well run and attended and it's a credit to Suzanne, Joanne, Management Committee and ALL volunteers who work so hard (especially the COZY CAFÉ!) for the benefit of the community and the groups involved but especially our Senior Drama Group.

PAULINE CLARK - PRODUCER

Curtain Call Youth Drama Group

This year, our talented young performers (ages 8–16) wowed audiences with a two-night production of *This Is The Greatest Show*. From dazzling choreography and powerful vocals to breath taking stage presence, the cast brought the magic of the big top to life in a truly unforgettable performance. The hard work of our performers, backstage crew, and volunteers shone through in every moment. Being part of this group is about more than performing, it's a chance for young people to grow in confidence, teamwork, and creativity. Many discovered new talents, built resilience, and formed lasting friendships in a supportive environment.

We ended the year with a heartwarming Christmas concert, filled with carols, holiday favourites, and special performances from local choirs and young talent. Families and friends came together to celebrate the season, rounding off the year in festive style.

A huge thank you to everyone - our performers, crew, volunteers, and audiences for making this year such a success. We can't wait to see what next year brings.

Amy Gill – Producer



The Rocky Horror Show

In September our venue transported audiences into the weird and wonderful world of *The Rocky Horror Show* with an amateur production that proved anything but ordinary. From the moment the curtain rose, the performers brought charisma, humour, and high energy to the stage, capturing the spirit of the cult classic with confidence and flair.

The audience joined in the fun, embracing the interactive nature of the show with cheers, callbacks, and plenty of laughter, getting everyone up on their feet for the "Time Warp"

Adding to the atmosphere, the venue offered a themed café menu specially created for the occasion. Making the café just as much part of the experience as the stage.

Overall, the evening was a triumph of community spirit, creativity, and sheer fun, a reminder that when local talent and imagination come together, the result is a show worth remembering.

Dance & Drama

Romero School of Dance

to everyone at Springwell Village Community Venue for another fantastic year.

My dance school loves being part of such a wonderful community and having their lessons at the hall. We have had a busy year with competitions as well as working towards another show.

Our competition team have been travelling the country competing at both local and national competitions with lots of success including NCDTA Champions, British Championship finalists, All England finalists and some of my dancers were selected to represent England at the British Championships and were the winning team.

We have also been fortunate to have been nominated for Le Classique de Danse awards as well as NCDTA awards with Miranda winning the Juvenile section with partner Martha and I was fortunate to win the Competitive teacher category for 2025.

It's a very busy time for us as we head to the Winter Gardens in Blackpool for the Sequence British Championships. Everyone has worked very hard so I am hoping that translates in the results.

I am hoping I can increase numbers in my 3-4 year old class to hopefully bring through the next generation of talent.

It is incredible to think that so many children from the village have had so much success and have become British Champions.

I am very proud of them all and will continue to work hard to help them achieve their dreams.

Lindsay Romero



Sport & Fitness

Yoshino Karate

Yoshino Karate (originally Kan Shu Karate Club) has proudly operated at Springwell Village Community Venue for over 34 years. Throughout this time, we've been grateful for the continued support of the venue, which has enabled us to provide a consistent and welcoming home for our club. Run entirely on a not-for-profit basis, the club's funds go directly toward venue rental and reinvestment into the students our instructors receive no payment. This model allows us to keep fees exceptionally affordable, ensuring access to high-quality Shotokan Karate instruction for all.

Our inclusive, ability-friendly club offers far more than physical fitness. Students develop resilience, self-confidence, focus, and discipline, all while learning the traditions and techniques of a respected martial art. We work closely with individuals of all abilities, making sure everyone feels supported and able to thrive regardless of age, skill level, or experience.

We're also pleased to report that attendance has increased quite considerably over the past year. This encouraging growth gives us fresh energy as we continue to build the club and offer even more young people the opportunity to benefit from everything Karate has to offer.

Peter Lind & JP Cooper

Mini Divas

Mini Divas continues to be a vibrant exercise-to-dance class for children aged 5 to 16, combining fitness, fun, and friendship. This year, we saw some of our older members move on to their next chapter, and we were delighted to welcome new younger dancers who bring enthusiasm in abundance.

A standout moment was our Annual Show, where the Mini Divas lit up the stage with energy, talent, and teamwork. The show is the result of months of dedication, and it offers a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their progress, build confidence, and celebrate their achievements in front of family and friends.

We're proud of the hard work that goes into each performance and look forward to another exciting year of dancing, learning, and growing together.

Caroline Barker

Fierce Dance & Fitness

After 9 years of delivering classes at Springwell Village Community Venue, it remains one of my favourite places to teach. The welcoming community, supportive team, and fantastic facilities make it a truly special space. The venue team have consistently supported me, enabling me to keep delivering classes that get people in and around the village dancing, stretching, and moving. The spacious hall allows everyone to enjoy the sessions comfortably, and we always feel part of what's happening, especially when working together around the venue's annual events.

More than just dancing, these classes give people a chance to switch off from daily pressures, move their bodies, and boost their wellbeing. I'm so grateful to be part of this vibrant community and to have the continued opportunity to help keep our local area active and connected.

Many thanks, Fi

Little Kickers

Little Kickers is a fun, play-based football programme designed especially for pre-school children.

Through a structured yet engaging approach, children are introduced to the fundamentals of football, such as dribbling, striking, and goal scoring, using child-friendly but realistic equipment.

Each session encourages children to develop their skills at their own pace while enjoying the benefits of being part of a group environment. It's a fantastic way to build confidence, coordination, and teamwork from an early age, all while having plenty of fun. We have a great working relationship with Springwell Village Community Venue, and while our numbers have dropped slightly, we've made small adjustments to our time slot to ensure we can continue making use of this valued space and maintain our regular hire. It's a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop new skills, make friends, and enjoy being active in a positive environment. Join us every Tuesday morning, find out more on our website: www.littlekickers.co.uk.

Sport & Fitness

The Life Programme

As a self-employed instructor specialising in community and over 50s exercise, I'm proud to deliver a weekly class at Springwell Village Community Venue. With the continued support of the staff and the welcoming atmosphere of the venue, the session remains a valued part of the weekly routine for the local community.

We regularly welcome between 15 and 20 participants, which is a fantastic number for any group, especially one aimed at older adults. While attendance has fluctuated a little recently, due to the natural changes that come with the demographic I work with, the class remains a highlight of my week and continues to provide real benefit to those who attend.

The class offers more than just physical activity, it's also an important social space. Many participants stay afterwards for a drink, lunch, and a chat in the community cafe, which helps reduce social isolation and promotes positive mental health. The venue itself plays a key role in this, offering a friendly, accessible space where everyone feels welcome.

Some members are also involved in other groups at the community centre, making the class a great place to share information and connect people with wider activities and support.

The team at Springwell Village Community Venue are always warm, helpful, and community-minded. It's a pleasure to be part of the delivery team offering activities that support both the physical and emotional wellbeing of our local community.

Yoga

Springwell Village Community Venue provides an excellent space for yoga spacious, peaceful, and with a high-quality floor that enhances the overall experience. The class has continued to grow steadily, and I look forward to running sessions here for many years to come.

Over time, we've developed a respectful and positive relationship with the band that rehearses after our session. While our schedules overlap slightly, we now work well together. I'd like to thank the band members for entering quietly and being mindful of our relaxation time at the end of class.

It's a pleasure to teach such a lovely group of ladies each week, and I continue to thoroughly enjoy delivering this session in a venue that supports calm, connection, and mutual respect.

Sara Jobling

Sports King Coaching

Sports King Coaching continues to deliver a weekly dance and cheerleading session at the venue. The course runs for 6 weeks and Dannika who delivers the sessions brings energy, creativity, and connection with the children, which keeps them engaged and excited to return week after week.

Both Dannika and the Sports King team love being part of the Springwell Village Community Venue family, and they truly value the supportive, friendly environment and strong sense of community the venue provides.

We also proudly deliver Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) funded sessions during school holidays. These full-day camps are free to eligible children, those receiving free school meals or from families facing financial hardship. All sessions held at Springwell Village Community Venue are always fully booked, reflecting the high demand and the value these activities bring to local families.

Our holiday programme is intentionally varied to appeal to a wide range of interests, not just sports, we also run S.T.E.A.M. Camps (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths), again funded by HAF. These camps provide valuable learning experiences in a fun, supportive environment.

Art & Creativity

GAP Group

Golden Aged People group meets every Friday and is a much loved weekly highlight for its regular members. It's a warm, welcoming space where older adults come together to chat, create, and enjoy each other's company.

The group enjoys a variety of creative craft projects and the occasional fun game of bingo. More than just an activity session, GAP offers valuable social connection, helping to reduce feelings of loneliness, boost mental wellbeing, and provide a real sense of belonging.

Many members stay on for lunch in the café afterwards, extending the social time and enjoying a relaxed meal with friends who share similar interests. We're always happy to welcome new members to the group. Whether you're crafty, chatty, or just curious, you'll find a friendly face at our GAP group.

Audrey Miller

Art Group

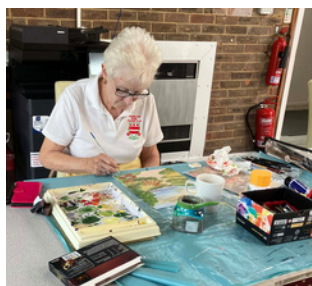
This year has been a time of both change and continued strength for our Art Group. Numbers have remained consistently strong, and we've received heartening feedback from members who describe the group as a warm, welcoming, and supportive space. Many value the small, intimate setting, where friendships flourish, and mutual encouragement is central, not only in developing artistic skills but also in setting up the room and maintaining a positive group environment. Our more experienced members step into mentoring roles, supporting newer artists with tips, techniques, and encouragement. This peer-to-peer approach has fostered a strong sense of community and shared learning, enabling the group to thrive without the need for external tutors. The strength of our Art Group lies not just in its creativity, but in the kindness, camaraderie, and mutual support that each member brings. It remains a truly special group to be part of it.

Keith

Sandra Taylor Art Classes

As a self employed artist and tutor I have taught a wide range of age groups with different abilities and skills, either freelance or for various organisations, however the majority of my age group is nearly retired onwards. After almost 20 years I can see the benefits it affords the (quite often neglected) older generation...none of them would thank you for calling them elderly!! What they want is to learn, produce something they're proud of and to have a chat and a cuppa at the same time! My classes are relaxed and I offer anything from beginner step by step demonstrations to being there for advice, inspiration and direction for those who are more experienced. Without being 'back to school rigid' my classes are at the same time structured, giving a sense of improvement and pride in their finished work. The benefits from the class, be it physical or mental health and well being, are evident and Spring well Community space provides the perfect setting, not just a room for hire, it has a busy cafe, friendly hard working staff which makes it a pleasant and relaxing space to come to. I hope to be able to expand my classes in the Autumn and tutor some new people.

Sandra Taylor



Community Events

Family Fest

Family Fest 2024 was one of the highlights in our annual calendar of events. With the sun shining down, families, friends, and neighbours came together for a fantastic day filled with music, games, animal encounters and activities. The kids danced their hearts out to the DJs and disco, while traders served up unique goodies and tasty treats.

The real magic of the day was the incredible community spirit. Whether catching up with old friends or making new ones, everyone came together to celebrate what makes our community so special.

A huge shoutout to our amazing volunteers who kept everything running smoothly with smiles all around.

We're also incredibly grateful to Sunderland Council's Community Chest Grant for helping to make Family Fest 2024 extra special. A big thank you to the Washington Area Committee and the West Ward Councillors for their support.



Pop Up Shopping Evening

In December, we hosted a well-attended Christmas Shopping Night, designed to support local businesses and provide the community with a seasonal shopping experience. The event featured over 20 stalls, showcasing a diverse range of products including handmade gifts, ceramics, jewellery, handbags, scarves, and other high-quality items. Local independent traders were given the opportunity to display and sell their work in a welcoming, community-focused setting.

The event was open to the wider community and generated a positive response from both stallholders and attendees. Our on-site Cozy Café complemented the evening by serving homemade treats and refreshments, further enhancing the visitor experience. The success of the event highlights both the demand for local shopping opportunities and the venue's ability to host inclusive, well-organised community events.

Christmas Meal

Our annual Christmas Meal brought together members of the community for a delicious traditional Christmas dinner, good company, and plenty of laughter. The venue was beautifully decorated, creating a welcoming atmosphere, and everyone enjoyed roast turkey with all the trimmings, followed by festive dessert, sweet mince pie and a hot drink. After the meal was served, a live singer sang lots of well known tunes as well as Christmas songs and many people got up to dance, making it an enjoyable day for all.

For many, it was a chance to connect, have fun, and an enjoy affordable Christmas celebration in a welcoming and inclusive setting. A big thank you goes to our volunteers, who helped prepare and serve the meal.



Community Events

1940s Weekend



This year's 1940s Weekend was another unforgettable celebration, bringing history to life with music, fashion and community spirit. With fantastic support from Sunderland Council, the village was transformed as was our venue, into a step back in time, welcoming visitors from near and far including many who travelled in style, staying in their caravans, camper vans, and local B&Bs.

Building on past success, we introduced some exciting new features to 2024s event:

A Multi-Period Living History Area which was hosted at the local primary school. This transported visitors through different eras, featuring reenactors from the East India Company, Vikings, and many more. Inside Springwell Chapel, guests admired an elegant showcase of period wedding gowns, vintage dressing tables, and romantic nostalgia, capturing the charm of wartime weddings.

We had Alpacas visit which was a delight that had visitors smiling. These friendly animals quickly became a crowd favourite, adding a unique touch to the weekend. We held a Best Dressed Competition including a Best Dressed Pets category which was so popular, and the 1940s Fashion Show was a fabulous addition this year, where local people and reenactors took to the stage to showcase vintage outfits.



Back by popular demand we had Afternoon Tea with the lovely Miss Marina Mae performing, Blitz Bingo, Youth Visits to Bowes Railway Museum, Saturday Evening Dance, Fun Family Dog Competition and Kid's Party.

It was a joy to collaborate with Bowes Railway Museum, the local primary school, Springwell Club, and the Chapel, ensuring an incredible experience for all. The dedication and teamwork of everyone involved made this event truly special.

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers, whose enthusiasm and hard work kept everything running smoothly. Whether setting up, helping guests, or keeping the tea flowing, your efforts made all the difference!

As always, it was heartwarming to see families, history buffs, and reenactors come together to celebrate, learn, and create lasting memories. We can't wait to do it all again next year.



Community Events

Seasonal Events

Throughout the year, our community venue played host to a variety of seasonal events designed to bring people together, foster community spirit, and create memorable experiences for local families. In October, we delivered a well-attended Halloween Extravaganza, combining spooky fun with light-hearted entertainment. A flash comedy and magic show provided by a professional entertainer brought laughter and excitement to the day, while families took part in themed games and activities that created a lively and inclusive atmosphere.

We held a festive Boogie Wonderland Christmas Party, a day filled with music, dancing and games. Our Cozy Café team provided specially prepared themed food boxes, which were very well received by attendees. A special visit from Santa Claus delighted children and added a magical finishing touch to the event. For both the Halloween and Boogie Wonderland events, the table décor was designed and created by members of our Senior Youth Club during their Friday evening sessions. This creative contribution not only added a special, personal touch to the celebrations but also offered the young people a meaningful way to be involved in the wider life of the centre.

These seasonal celebrations not only offered enjoyment and entertainment, but also played an important role in strengthening local connections, supporting community wellbeing, and fostering a sense of belonging. We extend our sincere thanks to the staff, volunteers, entertainers, and all who attended and contributed to the success of these events.

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair was once again a fantastic success, drawing in families and visitors from across the local community for a fun-filled, festive day. With over 30 stalls both indoors and outside, we transformed the venue into a warm, welcoming winter wonderland. A wide range of traders offered seasonal gifts, crafts, festive decorations, and locally made produce, helping to create a lively market atmosphere and supporting small businesses in the process. This year, stallholders were also invited to participate in a Best Dressed Stall competition. Everyone who attended the fair received a paper star and was encouraged to leave it with their favourite stall. This simple but engaging activity proved to be a great way to encourage interaction between visitors and traders, and it added an extra layer of fun to the day.

The day was packed with activities for children, including a festive scavenger hunt, “Nerf the Elf” challenge, and other engaging games. Competitions added an extra layer of excitement, with prizes awarded for the Best Christmas Jumper and Best Dressed Dog.

A highlight of the event was our ever-popular Santa’s Grotto, which once again proved to be a major attraction for families. Children were thrilled to meet Santa and receive a small gift. We were also delighted to welcome a special guest Stan Yanatta and his festive Santa Sleigh Car which added a magical touch and plenty of photo opportunities throughout the day.

The Christmas Fair not only brought festive cheer to the venue but also showcased our capacity to host large-scale community events that are inclusive, accessible, and well-received by people of all ages.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time to help run the fair. From setting up stalls and assisting with children’s activities to managing the grotto and keeping everything running smoothly throughout the day, their energy, commitment, and festive spirit were invaluable. Events like this simply wouldn’t be possible without their continued support.



Weekend Hire

Our venue continues to be a popular choice for weekend bookings, with children's birthday parties filling many of our time slots. Families make great use of our spacious main hall and facilities. We also host a wide range of other events, including school leavers' parties, anniversary celebrations, christenings, and other special occasions.

Regular bookings include the Gateshead Owld Farts Scooter Clubs twice-yearly Northern Soul Day/Night events which are always a sell out. The Owld Farts are always looking for ways to improve their events and make it accessible to more. Other weekend hire include tack sales, children's dance shows, birthday parties and family celebrations.

The variety and frequency of our weekend bookings reflect the flexibility of our venue and the strong community connections we continue to build and support.



NEW ADDITIONS

Bra Bank

Supporting Sustainability: Bra Recycling Initiative

This year, we partnered with the organisation that manages the clothing bank in our car park to introduce a dedicated bra recycling bank inside the venue. The initiative was launched in response to a request for a more specialised recycling option and aligns with our ongoing commitment to sustainability and community engagement. The bank has been well used by visitors and community members. Bras in good condition are redistributed for reuse, supporting women in need, while items that can't be reused are carefully recycled. This includes the separation and recycling of underwires and fabrics, helping reduce textile waste and promote environmentally responsible practices.

We're proud to contribute to this simple yet meaningful initiative that not only encourages recycling but also extends the life of items that might otherwise be discarded. It's another example of how small actions within our venue can have a wider positive impact.

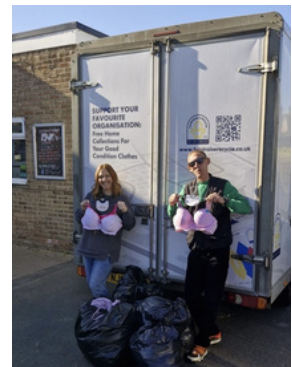
This is an addition to our extremely well used fund & recycling clothes bank.

Period Dignity

We are proud to have become a Period Dignity Building, further strengthening our commitment to the wellbeing of everyone in our community.

By providing free sanitary products in a safe, discreet, and welcoming space, we are helping to tackle period poverty, break down stigma, and ensure no one has to miss out on school, work, or community life because of financial barriers.

With the support of our dedicated staff and volunteers, supplies are maintained and signposting to further help is always available. Our venue is now recognised as a trusted hub for dignity, inclusion, and wellbeing.



Marketing & Publicity

March/April 2024 marked a big milestone for us with the launch of our new website. We moved to a fresh platform that is easier to manage and update, while luckily being able to keep our familiar domain name **www.svcv.co.uk**. This has made the transition seamless for users, who now regularly tell us, “we saw it on your website”, showing just how effective it has become as a reliable source of information on our activities, events, and café.

At the same time, we took on the challenge of launching a brand-new Facebook page. Our original page had been set up incorrectly, and with no way to recover the login details, starting fresh was both a risk and a necessity. Thankfully, the new page has quickly proven its worth, growing steadily and becoming one of our most effective tools for promoting events, sharing updates, and engaging with the community. While we are still working hard to rebuild the level of followers we once had, we are committed to growing the page and are already seeing encouraging results. Although our follower numbers are not yet at the level of the original page, this is partly because our online presence is now spread across three pages: our main page, a dedicated Children and Young People page, and a vibrant 1940s page. Together, these pages complement each other and allow us to connect with different audiences in more focused and engaging ways, strengthening our overall reach and impact.

Instagram remains a valuable channel for reaching younger audiences, while on-site tools such as blackboards, banners, and our leaflet table ensure that visitors to the venue stay informed and connected. Behind the scenes, the Bookwhen platform continues to streamline bookings, making it simple for families to sign up for activities and events while reducing our admin workload.

By combining an updated website, a stronger social media presence, and clear on-site communication, we are building stronger connections with our community and laying the foundations for continued growth and engagement.



Your Words

Community feedback continues to play a vital role in shaping and improving our work. It helps us understand our impact, celebrate what is working well, and identify where we can grow. Positive feedback in particular motivates our staff and volunteers, reminding them that their time and energy truly make a difference. We are deeply grateful for the encouragement, suggestions, and support we receive and your voices guide and inspire everything we do together.



Rebecca Hamilton

Absolutely amazing our 3rd year going and we love it ❤️ well done 🍷



Top fan

Karen Taylor

Brilliant show well done everyone 🙌🙌
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GOOGLE REVIEW

★★★★★ 23 weeks ago

What a brilliant place to go for something to eat honestly they give you a very warm welcome and the place has a lovely feel about it ...the food is cooked to perfection 🍷 and the place is nipping clean and the staff are great and will have a bit of a chat with you and just make you feel welcome 10 /10 from us



Judith Thornley

Well done everyone we all had a great night.

Charity registration number 520900

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Springwell Village Community Venue (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Kathryn Hatfield FCCA
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Dated:

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	22,016	177,658	199,674	174,789
Charitable activities	3	126,868	-	126,868	107,584
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total income		<u>148,884</u>	<u>177,658</u>	<u>326,542</u>	<u>282,373</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	4	<u>144,783</u>	<u>143,463</u>	<u>288,246</u>	<u>296,061</u>
Net movement in funds		4,101	34,195	38,296	(13,698)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>30,896</u>	<u>34,415</u>	<u>65,311</u>	<u>79,000</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		<u><u>34,997</u></u>	<u><u>68,610</u></u>	<u><u>103,607</u></u>	<u><u>65,311</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes			
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	2	46,239	128,550	174,789
Charitable activities	3	107,584	-	107,584
Other income		-	-	-
Total income		<u>153,823.</u>	<u>128,550</u>	<u>282,373</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Charitable activities	4	<u>198,296</u>	<u>97,765</u>	<u>296,061</u>
Net movement in funds		(44,474)	30,785	(13,698)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>75,370</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>79,000</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>30,896.</u></u>	<u><u>34,415</u></u>	<u><u>65,311</u></u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		12,890		16,134
			<u>12,890</u>		<u>16,134</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	9	7,528		7,528	
Debtors	10	68		68	
Cash at bank and in hand		86,330		48,529	
		<u>93,926</u>		<u>56,125</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,209)		(6,948)	
Net current assets			<u>90,717</u>		<u>49,177</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>103,607</u>		<u>65,311</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		68,610		34,415
<u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>					
Designated funds		-		-	
General unrestricted funds		34,997		30,896	
		<u>34,997</u>		<u>30,896</u>	
			<u>44,648</u>		<u>30,896</u>
			<u>103,607</u>		<u>65,311</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 02-10-25

C Smiles
Chair



SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Springwell Village Community Venue is an unincorporated charity, registered charity number 520900.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	21,890	-	21,890	13,606	-	13,606
Subscriptions	126	-	126	256	-	256
Grants	-	177,658	177,658	32,376	128,550	32,376
	<u>22,016</u>	<u>177,658</u>	<u>199,674</u>	<u>46,239</u>	<u>128,550</u>	<u>174,789</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Other trading activities 2025 £	Other trading activities 2024 £
Sections - karate	130	62
Group – children & young peoples activities	19,078	15,504
Rents	9,523	7,666
Community café & bar	89,104	74,359
Stage productions	6,828	7,829
Social & leisure	2,205	2,165
	<u>126,868</u>	<u>107,584</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds – general	126,868	107,584
Restricted funds	-	-
	<u>126,868</u>	<u>107,584</u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Karate	-	130
Children & young peoples activities	1,478	6,075
Employee costs	87,336	76,985
Community café & bar	44,978	45,361
Community charge	-	-
Stage production	2,206	2,350
Social & leisure	121	2,415
Fund raising activities	4,030	7,267
Depreciation	3,244	4,066
Grant spend	118,114	103,598
	<u>261,507</u>	<u>248,247</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	25,899	46,974
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	840	840
	<u>288,246</u>	<u>296,061</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds – general	144,783	198,296
Restricted funds	143,463	97,765
	<u>288,246</u>	<u>296,061</u>

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	11,935	-	11,935	16,878	-	16,878
Insurance	1,305	-	1,305	3,797	-	3,797
Postage & stationery	3,511	-	3,511	2,765	-	2,765
Refuse & sundry	-	-	-	4,802	-	4,802
Repairs & renewals	4,467	-	4,467	4,379	-	4,379
Equipment	-	-	-	4,996	-	4,996
Training & development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	4,421	-	4,421	7,662	-	7,662
Accountancy fees	260	840	1,100	1,696	840	2,536
	<u>25,899</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>26,739</u>	<u>46,974</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>47,814</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>25,899</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>26,739</u>	<u>46,974</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>47,814</u>

Governance costs includes payments for the independent examination of £840 (2024: £840).

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computer	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	20,000	778	20,778
At 31 March 2025	20,000	778	20,778
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	4,000	644	4,644
Depreciation charged in the year	3,200	44	3,244
At 31 March 2025	7,200	688	7,888
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	12,800	90	12,890
At 31 March 2024	16,000	134	16,134

9 Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bar stock	7,528	7,528

10 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	68	68
	68	68

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Deferred income	-	-
	Accruals	3,208	6,948
		<u>3,208</u>	<u>6,948</u>

12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	£
National Lottery Community Fund					
– Reaching Communities Programme	18,873	76,978	(86,074)	-	9,777
Awards for All England National Lottery Grant	-	20,000	(16,455)	-	3,545
Sir James Knott Trust	1,667	10,000	(3,334)	-	8,333
Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund	909	6,000	(6,909)	-	-
Cost of Living Fund	11,716	-	(11,716)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	1,250	20,000	(5,250)	-	16,000
The Ballinger Trust	-	10,000	(2,000)	-	8,000
Sport England Award	-	13,500	-	-	13,500
Community Foundation	-	9,180	(2,058)	-	7,122
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
The Barbour Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Sir John Priestman	-	4,000	(2,667)	-	1,333
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
The Tiny Lives Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>34,415</u>	<u>177,658</u>	<u>(143,463)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,610</u>

In the prior year, a grant of £8,000 was received from Community Foundation, all of which was spent.

13	Analysis of net assets between funds					
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	Fund balances are represented by:					
	Tangible assets	12,890	-	12,890	16,134	16,134
	Current assets/(liabilities)	22,107	68,610	90,717	14,762	49,177
		<u>34,997</u>	<u>68,610</u>	<u>103,607</u>	<u>34,415</u>	<u>65,311</u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Springwell Village Community Venue (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Kathryn Hatfield FCCA
Clover Accounting
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Coulby Newham
TS8 0UJ

Dated:

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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About Us

Springwell Village Community Venue (SVCV) is a registered charity managed by a voluntary board of trustees.

Established in 1965, SVCV is a long established, successful, well-run community association that provides a wide range of services, activities and a meeting space for people of all ages and abilities within the community.

We provide resources for activities, groups, entertainment, events and projects that bring people together and help them develop social networks and support. We inspire and promote learning, creativity and participation through a variety of weekly groups and events throughout the year.

SVCV is the hub of village life and creates an important venue for services to be delivered and we believe that by providing and facilitating services and activities from the venue, local people of all ages and backgrounds have the chance to both benefit individually from our work, and importantly, contribute to their community, in terms of geography, identity and interest.

Vision

The charitable purpose of the organisation as per our CONSTITUTION is to further, or benefit the residents of Springwell Village and surrounding areas, by associating together, residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interest of health, education, employment, environmental and social welfare, for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for local people.

Mission

Improve the quality of life for the local community. Provide an accessible welcoming venue and focal point for the community.

A place for people and local organisations to meet and socialise.

Sustain and develop activities that connect and engage people with their communities and each other to help tackle isolation and loneliness.

Provide educational, recreational, social, leisure and cultural activities that are accessible to all.

Provide a local resource which promotes and encourage learning and development.

Promote and advocate the needs of groups based in the centre and provide opportunities for more integration and inclusion between users.

To maintain and forge relations with partners, local authority and funding bodies.

Chair's Report

I have had the privilege of serving on the SVCV committee for the past 10 years, progressing from vice chair to my current role as chairperson. My journey as a trustee has been incredibly rewarding, and I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support I've received from both fellow committee members and our exceptional staff.

Our staff have consistently demonstrated warmth, friendliness, and a willingness to assist, no matter how big or small the challenge. Their welcoming attitude, always accompanied by a smile, sets the tone for the positive atmosphere at our venue. We are equally fortunate to have an incredible group of volunteers whose dedication is invaluable. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the light and energy you bring to our space.

Thanks to the hard work of our team, particularly our Community Development Manager, Suzanne, we've been fortunate to receive grants and donations that have made a tangible difference. These funds have enabled us to expand our activities for our diverse clientele of all ages, and to offer free tea, coffee, and specially priced meals from our daily menu. The workshops we provide have been a great success, attracting new faces who have seamlessly integrated with our regulars. It's heartening to see these new attendees returning each week, actively engaging with others, and contributing their own ideas. I am immensely grateful for these grants and donations, as they have allowed us to upgrade our facilities and continue growing. Suzanne's tireless efforts in securing funding are deeply appreciated, and I know it hasn't been without its challenges, thank you.

Our annual 1940s weekend has grown year after year, a testament to the dedication of our organisers, who work tirelessly to ensure this nostalgic event comes to life. Additionally, our backstage crew, who meet every Thursday evening, play a crucial role in planning future pantomimes, shows, and ensuring the upkeep of our equipment and scenery. Their volunteer efforts in maintaining the safety and functionality of our venue are invaluable, and we are deeply thankful for their contributions.

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved. We have faced challenges along the way, but together, we've overcome them. Our venue's success is a direct result of your commitment and hard work. Suzanne, along with the entire team, your dedication to running this cherished venue is the foundation of our success. We truly wouldn't be where we are today without you. Thank you all for your incredible support, energy, and dedication.

Carole Smiles - Chair

Treasurer's Report

My third year as Treasurer has been really interesting and rewarding in so far as so much has developed over the year. We have been successful in receiving grants to enable us to improve not only the building but relationships with our members through projects directed at improving peoples wellbeing etc.

We were awarded funding for a three year period from the National Lottery Community Fund and this was for core and capital costs to refurbish the kitchen. The kitchen is a vital part of our income stream and it is now fully updated and proving to be a huge asset. The Cost of Living grant was for a three month period to help people in a practical way over the winter months. This much needed project attracted the attention of the media and we received a visit from an MP who was totally impressed with the work being carried out. Grants have been secured from a number of funders and I can not stress how much these grants are needed to ensure the success and continuation of our organisation. I must point out that the majority of the grants received are restricted for particular projects during the year - please refer to the financial report.

I would personally like to thank all the volunteers who work really hard all year to make the centre the success it is and without them we couldn't continue. Also my thanks to Suzanne for her help and support and the great work she continues to generate to improve the centre.

I have since resigned as treasurer and wish the new treasurer all the best in the year ahead.

Marion Parkin - Treasurer

Financial Statements

GRANTS & DONATIONS

THANK YOU!

National Lottery Heritage Fund

1940s Heritage Weekend Project - June 2023

National Lottery Community Fund

Core cost. Capital costs - kitchen/cafe refurbishment project

Sir James Knott Trust

Youth group support

Ballinger Trust

Unrestricted funding support

Government's Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund

Delivered by The National Lottery Community Fund - Cost of Living Fund Project

Community Foundation

Kitchen/cafe refurbishment project received from the 1989 Willan Charitable Trust

Garfield Weston Foundation

Core costs

The Joicey Trust

Core costs

The Rothley Trust

Capital costs - kitchen/cafe refurbishment project

The Albert Hunt Trust

Project costs

Sir John Priestman Charitable Trust

Youth support costs

Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund

Washington Positive Holiday Activities – 8-10 yrs Programme –West Ward Juniors

Sunderland City Council Community Chest

Capital costs - Flooring



This year, we added a voluntary donation option to our card payment terminal, making it easier for café patrons to support our community projects with a simple tap. This initiative has already proven successful in boosting our cash flow, with many customers willingly contributing to help sustain and expand our services.



We introduced a Clothes Bank on our premises to generate year-round income while promoting sustainability. Community members can donate unwanted clothing, which is collected and recycled to raise funds for our organisation. This initiative also serves as an educational tool, raising awareness about recycling and sustainability, and has been embraced by us as a way to engage with environmental goals.



SIR JAMES KNOTT TRUST



The Joicey Trust is a registered charity 244673



The Rothley Trust



Funded by
UK Government

Sir John Priestman
Charity Trust



Community Development Report

This past year has been a rewarding journey of growth, collaboration, and meaningful community impact. As the Community Development Manager, I am proud to share our achievements, ongoing projects, and future plans. Our focus has always been on nurturing strong community connections, supporting local people, and enhancing the well-being of our residents through a range of engaging activities, events and initiatives.

A significant highlight this year was the long-awaited refurbishment of our community café and kitchen. The transformation to a commercial-grade kitchen and a modern café space has revitalised our operations, making us more efficient, sustainable, and financially resilient. A date for the cafe launch has been set for April 2024 to coincide with our community cafes 10th birthday. The refurbishment would not have been possible without funding support and I can not thank the National Lottery Community Fund enough for their generous contribution to the kitchen refurbishment project and for their much needed professional and personal support to myself throughout the process. Thanks also to the Rothley Trust and the 1989 Willan Charitable Trust at the Community Foundation for their grant support enabling us to complete the overall project. **(See page 8 for more details.)**

We are deeply grateful for the support we have received from our funders, whose generosity has been instrumental in enabling us to deliver meaningful, impactful projects that address the evolving needs of our community. The continued backing from funders, especially over multiple years, has provided us with the stability and confidence to plan strategically, expand our reach, and maximise the impact of our initiatives. In December 2023, we were thrilled to secure a three-year grant from the National Lottery Community Fund's Reaching Communities Program. This transformative funding not only guarantees the sustainability of our existing work but also opens up new opportunities for innovation and growth, allowing us to better serve our community in the years ahead.



On December 5th, we proudly launched the Cost of Living Fund project, which received an overwhelmingly positive response from the local community, reinforcing our commitment to supporting those in need. I am genuinely thrilled about the opportunities this funding unlocked, allowing us to have a positive impact. **(See page 9 for more details.)**

This year, we successfully hosted a wide range of events that brought our community together and celebrated the spirit of community. Highlights included our lively Family Fest and the much loved Christmas Fair, which not only fostered a sense of togetherness but also supported local traders. These events showcased our community café as a welcoming hub for connection and social interaction. Moreover, they shone a spotlight on the wide range of opportunities we can offer for people of all ages and abilities, reinforcing the essential role our venue plays in enriching community life and fostering local engagement.

We've also been actively listening to our community. By gathering feedback from service users we are better able to shape our services to support vulnerable groups like older adults, and those experiencing isolation or fuel poverty. The feedback has been incredibly encouraging, with many expressing how our café has become a vital space for social connection, support, and a sense of belonging. Strengthening partnerships has remained a key priority and collaborations with organisations like Ability Sport N.E. have been instrumental in enriching our community events. Despite facing challenges like funding limitations, our team has shown incredible resilience, using grants and community support to keep our projects thriving.

Looking ahead, we are excited to expand our activities and deepen our impact within the community. Our commitment to developing our weekly groups remains strong, as we continue to adapt to their changing needs with the support of our dedicated staff and generous funders. For children and young people, we will enhance our tailored programs that encourage social engagement and personal growth. At the same time, we are increasing our focus on supporting older adults by expanding social opportunities to reduce isolation. Additionally, we plan to introduce more café events, themed community activities, and initiatives that bring people together in meaningful ways. With our newly upgraded kitchen and café, we are well-positioned to embrace new opportunities, driving growth and enriching the support we provide to the entire community.



This September marked my 21st year with this incredible organisation, both as a staff member and volunteer. Reflecting on this journey, I feel truly grateful. We are so fortunate to have a fantastic building, an incredibly supportive community, dedicated partners, generous funders, and a remarkable team of trustees, committed staff and passionate volunteers.

Because of this collective effort, we'll be celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2025 - a milestone that truly reflects the strength of our community. It has been an absolute privilege to serve here, and I look forward to many more years.

Thank you all for your unwavering support. Together, we've made remarkable strides this year, and I am confident that our shared commitment to community development will continue to bring even greater positive change in the years to come.

Suzanne Shaftoe - Community Development Manager

Projects



The Rothley Trust

Kitchen Refurbishment

The grant award has been transformative with significant impacts on our organisation, volunteers, the community and our sustainability efforts. We have recruited new volunteers as a result of the project. Volunteers are more engaged, they feel more motivated, new skills have been developed and they have a stronger sense of ownership in the café's success. The introduction of modern new equipment has been welcomed making tasks easier, and we have seen an increase in participation and dedication from our volunteers and staff since the refurbishment. The refurbished space offers improved services, increased accessibility, areas for growth and furthermore, the project promotes sustainability through eco-friendly practices and sustainable materials.



These improvements have not only boosted our capacity to serve patrons but have also allowed us to expand our volunteer program. We've introduced new roles that offer valuable skills and work experience, especially for young people who are not in education or employment (NEETs). It's been heartening to see the positive impact this has had on our volunteers, many of whom have shared how their confidence and skills have grown as a result.

Cost of Living Fund



Funded by UK Government



Overall this has been one of the most successful projects we have had the pleasure to deliver and the most engaging and we are truly thankful to be given this opportunity to support the people in our community during the cost of living crisis. We hope to secure funding to offer a continuation of the project as we have been overwhelmed with the response we have received from beneficiaries who are keen to continue to access provision and take up our offer of support.

Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers were active from day one preparing toiletry and food parcels, spreading the word about the project, engaging with beneficiaries, encouraging participation and making the space inviting.

Hands on activities were delivered in an adjoining room and this gave the opportunity to focus on the tasks in hand and also discuss thoughts and opportunities as a group and on many occasions on a one to one basis.

We increased engagement and our offer to young people as a direct result of the project. After school visits became a regular feature in our community café and the addition of a hot meal, drinks and toiletry packs were welcomed with open arms.

The feedback we received has been overwhelming and very strong relationships have been made as a result of the project. The outcomes from this have been much more than we ever hoped.



We launched the project on 5th December 2023 and we were overjoyed with the response. The project ran every Tuesday and Thursday and people were able to access a variety of activities to help support with the cost of living crisis and aid mental health and wellbeing. In addition we supported young people within their group on a separate evening. We ensured that there were newspapers, magazines and colouring activities for children at hand to be utilised. People were encouraged to try their hands at the free crafts and activities on offer and this was very popular as it kept people busy, helped build friendships and also increased skills.

The community café was the perfect setting to run the majority of the project in and we found that having the holistic therapist in this area was a strong tool to engage with people as was the advice worker. An advice worker was always on hand and they worked hard to ensure that everyone was given access to their knowledge and expertise. The holistic therapist initially offered neck & shoulder and hand & arm massages whilst also giving support and advice, but this grew with the project and we found that they helped with many different issues affecting peoples health i.e. depression, arthritis and conditions such as Parkinsons disease.

Government Minister visits Springwell Village community centre given £45,000 boost after creating community cafe - Chronicle Live



Charities providing food, shelter and warmth given support | Department for Culture, Media and Sport | Official Press Release

Sunderland 'lifeline' community hub given £45,000 grant during dire times for charity sector | ITV News Tyne Tees

Projects

Washington Positive Holiday Activities West Ward

Thanks to funding from Sunderland City Council's Washington Area Committee, we ran school holiday activities for children aged 8-10 year-olds.

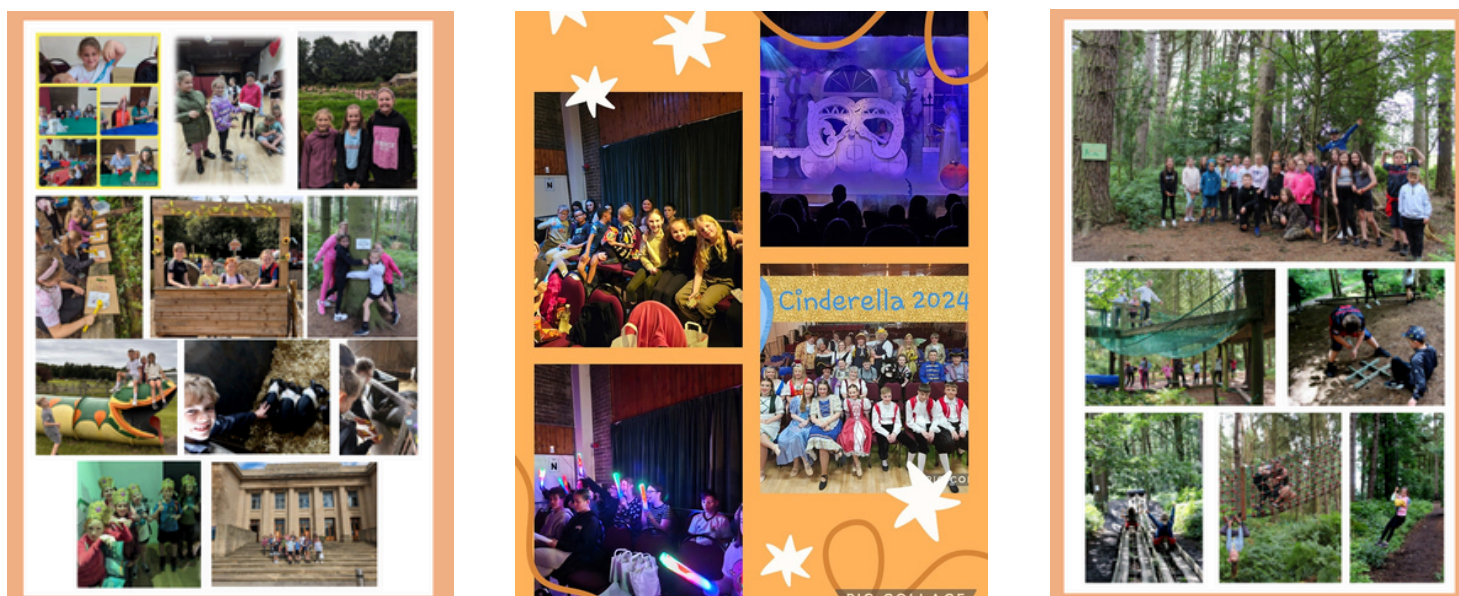
During the Easter holidays and May half-term, we engaged over 50 children in fun, educational activities. Highlights included learning about birds and reptiles, with children enjoying hands-on experiences, and a party at the end of the May half-term featuring games, dancing, and creativity. Feedback from both children and parents was extremely positive, with requests for repeat visits.

In the summer, we engaged children, with trips that provided invaluable experiences. Many children formed new friendships, gained confidence, and enjoyed activities they might not otherwise have had access to. The program was so popular that trips had waiting lists. Centre-based sessions were equally enjoyable, helping develop skills, improve self-esteem, and promote social inclusion.

During October half-term, we hosted a "Create and Cook" session, where children made their own pizzas, and organized trips to the cinema and an ice cream parlour. Over 35 children participated, strengthening existing friendships and creating new bonds. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with outside providers also praising the children's behaviour.

In December, we took groups of children to Laser Quest, where they worked together in teams, developed strategic thinking, and built new friendships. The February half-term included a trip to see *Cinderella* at the pantomime, where children enjoyed the show and even met the actors afterward. This sparked new aspirations, with some children expressing an interest in drama.

Across all activities, the children gained confidence, improved their social skills, and embraced new experiences, while parents expressed their gratitude for the positive impact on their children's growth. The project has been a great success, providing both fun and meaningful development opportunities.



Thank you to Sunderland City Council Washington Area Committee for the funding to make these fun sessions possible!



In partnership with ODYPP, our organisation successfully delivered an exciting range of holiday activities for young people aged 11-19. This initiative aimed to provide engaging, inclusive, and enjoyable experiences for young people in our community.

Activities Included Bowling, Ice skating, Laser quest and even a Halloween visit to Beamish Museum

These activities provided meaningful opportunities for young people to socialize, stay active, and explore new interests.

Feedback from participants highlighted the enjoyment and value of these events, emphasizing the importance of community partnerships in creating enriching holiday experiences.

We look forward to building on this success in future programs and continuing to make a positive impact on the lives of local young people

Community Café & Bar

What a fantastic year it's been in our Cozy Café.

Since taking up my role in the café, I can confidently say this year has been one of our best for growth and development. Thanks to grants and support from others, we've been able to make a real difference and this year, with much-needed grant support, we also achieved a major milestone, the complete refurbishment of our kitchen. The new layout and energy-efficient appliances have made operations smoother and faster. We're serving better food, attracting more volunteers, cutting utility bills, and boosting our capacity leading to more visitors, more smiles, and greater community impact. Grants have also allowed us to offer free tea and coffee on designated days and provide low-cost meals. These initiatives ensure everyone can enjoy a warm drink or a meal without financial concern, creating a more inclusive and welcoming space for all.

I believe the café is going from strength to strength, and this progress wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of everyone involved. Our community café has truly become the heart of our venue. It's not just a place to grab a coffee, it's a vibrant hub of socialising, learning, and support. The café brings people together, breaking down generational and social barriers, while adding incredible value to the community in countless ways and it's wonderful to see both familiar and new faces visiting the café and joining in on our activities.

We've hosted some fantastic events, and the café has become busier than ever. We have continued to utilise produce delivered from FareShare and home baking, while sometimes challenging to keep up with, is now a regular feature and has been a huge hit with everyone. The café continues to play a vital role in supporting small and large events, projects, and bistro evenings, all of which are well-supported by the local community. It's become a space where people come together, not just to eat, but to connect and grow.

One of the café's greatest strengths is its commitment to creating volunteer opportunities. From front-of-house roles to kitchen support and hygiene training, volunteers gain valuable work experience, build confidence, and develop skills that extend beyond the café.

It's been a transformative year, and we're looking forward to celebrating our 10th birthday in April 2024 with our much-loved, upgraded kitchen.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our community café—your contributions have made this success possible, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Stephanie Sherrington - Cafe Co-Ordinator

Thank you!



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Children & Young People

Early Years - Under 5s

We offer warm and welcoming sessions daily for children from newborns to age 5. These sessions are designed to nurture early development through a variety of engaging activities, including rhyme time, motor skills development, and imaginative play. Our approach ensures that children learn essential skills in a fun and natural way.

Our sessions are packed with fun and excitement, giving children the perfect mix of play, learning, and adventure. Children can explore a free-play environment with role play, puzzles, games, and physical activities like slides and giant blocks. We wrap up some sessions with a lively parachute game or sing nursery rhymes, helping boost language skills and coordination. There's also a bouncy castle, soft play, footballs, seesaws, slides, and a dressing-up area to encourage physical strength, balance, and endless fun. Sessions change every week, with something new each time from ride-on cars and scooters to crafts and more, ensuring children always have fresh and exciting ways to explore and play.

Our Friday morning 'Multiple Fun' session is designed for families with twins and triplets, offering a supportive environment where parents can connect and share advice while children play together. Sessions change weekly, providing a variety of activities giving children opportunities to explore and enjoy different experiences.

All sessions feature a dedicated baby social area, thoughtfully equipped with bouncy chairs and a range of interactive, colourful toys, ensuring that even our youngest attendees are fully engaged and stimulated. Additionally, we provide baby weighing scales, allowing parents to easily monitor their little ones' growth in a convenient and supportive environment.

I, as the Children's Activity Coordinator, play a vital role, not only in engaging with the children to maximise their experience but also in supporting parents. I provide guidance on a range of issues, including cost-of-living advice, relationship challenges, and offering emotional support to new parents. This ensures that our venue is not just a place for children to grow, but also a supportive community space for families.

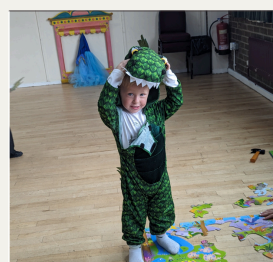
Our sessions play a vital role in fostering the early development of children in our community, offering a safe and nurturing space where children under five can interact, learn, and thrive. These sessions are carefully designed to create a stimulating and educational environment for children while also providing crucial support to parents. We take pride in the positive impact these programs have had on our community and are committed to continuing to serve and support our families in the year ahead.



Decorating cakes for Children in need day



Cooking up a storm in the kitchen.



Roar... I'm a Dinosaur.



Mini Monkeys After School Club

After School Clubs

MINI MONKEYS

We've introduced a school pick-up service from Springwell Village Primary School, which has quickly become a popular addition. Children are picked up at 3:15 pm and brought back to the venue, where they enjoy a healthy snack before the main session begins at 4:00 pm.

The club continues to thrive, with children eagerly participating in the diverse range of toys and activities available at each session. Running during term time, the club is always met with excitement when it resumes after school holidays. We also hosted our popular seasonal parties, including a Christmas celebration and an end-of-year party. These events allowed us to bid farewell to children moving up to the Dynamite Club and welcome those starting reception.

We are continually developing this session to meet the evolving needs of the children. Each term, we thoughtfully plan a program that includes healthy snacks, team games, sports, creative learning activities, projects, outings, and celebration days.

The introduction of a "make your own snack" activity has been particularly successful, helping children develop new skills while learning in a fun and informal way. Additionally, our craft activities are carefully linked to themes of social development, environmental awareness, health and well-being, and community events.

Melissa Oliver

Children's Activities Coordinator

Children & Young People

After School Clubs

DYNAMITE CLUB — After School Club—Year 4—Year 6 years

Along with Mini Monkey's pick up service we introduced it for our Dynamite club as well which again is proving to be extremely popular and currently has a waiting list.

This club is a stepping stone up from 'Mini Monkeys' and development is also ongoing dependent on the ever changing requirements of the children. There are a few children with specific needs who we support and we are sensitive to their needs.

Programme planning is in place with a wide variety of activities to engage all. Music and dance has been introduced with a disco corner and karaoke along and this was something that the group requested.

Qualified youth workers deliver this session and work with small groups of children to plan activities and events and this has seen an increase in engagement in activities as it is the children's choice.

YOUTH IMPACT

Our youth drop-in sessions take place every Friday evening from 5:30 to 9:00 pm, catering to a diverse group of young people aged 10-16. To ensure a safe and structured environment, we have established specific access and exit times for those under 13, allowing everyone to enjoy the sessions in a secure setting. These sessions are facilitated by three fully qualified youth workers who actively collaborate with the young people to shape the club's activities according to their preferences and needs. This youth-driven approach embodies our belief that "the youth club is run by young people, for young people," which has been key to the success and popularity of the sessions.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous support from the Sir James Knott Trust and our other funders. Their contributions are vital to the sustainability of our youth programs. We recognise that young people may face barriers to participation, such as disabilities (including mental health challenges), costs, and transportation. Thanks to the secured funding, we've been able to maintain free access to all activities, ensuring inclusivity for every young person who wishes to join.

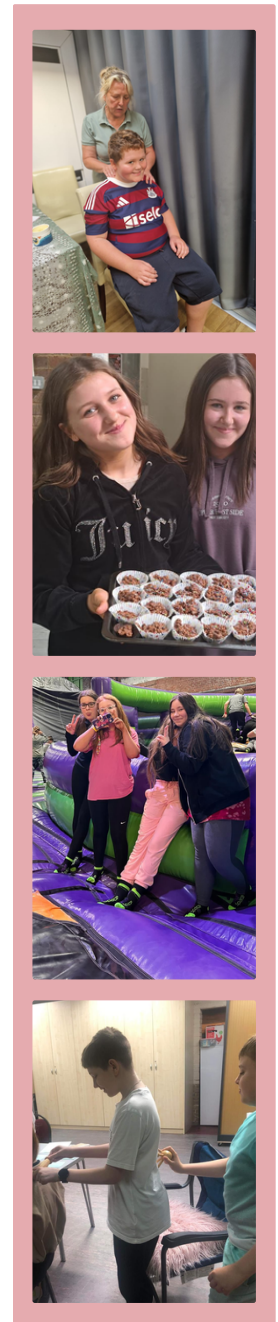
In partnership with the Oxclose & District Young People's Project, we have delivered enriching sessions during school holidays, offering a range of centre-based activities and trips. For many of the participants, these were entirely new experiences, enabling them to develop new skills, gain independence, and build confidence.

The weekly club sessions have also fostered friendships among young people from different schools and cultural backgrounds, helping them strengthen their social skills and build a sense of community. Activities like bracelet-making, sports, quizzes, cookery, holistic therapies and creating displays for the venue's outdoor area have been particularly popular.

Understanding the diverse needs of the young people we serve, we are also able to provide additional support for those facing extra challenges. Through our partnership with Good Vibes Counselling, funded by the Sunderland All Together Consortium, young people have access to mental health support with shorter wait times than traditional routes. Additionally, our experienced youth workers are well-versed in local services, enabling effective signposting to further resources as needed.

The impact of our programs extends beyond just recreational activities; they contribute significantly to the personal growth and well-being of the young people in our community. By providing a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment, we are helping young people thrive socially and emotionally, ultimately preparing them for a brighter future.

Emma Naisby - Youth Worker



Social & Leisure

Afternoon Tea Dance

Our afternoon tea dance is a wonderful opportunity for community members to enjoy dancing, socialise, and forge new friendships in a relaxed and cheerful setting. We see seasoned dancers and newcomers alike come together for a delightful time.

Our talented dance tutors, Jean and Caroline, keep the atmosphere lively with a mix of classic and modern hits that get everyone toe tapping and we deeply appreciate their dedication and expertise. Additionally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful volunteer, Vicky, who generously gives her time each week to assist with the event, and to Steph for ensuring everyone enjoys a nice, hot cup of tea. Your contributions make our tea dance a cherished community experience.

Ladybirds

Our Ladies Social Group has had a wonderful year, bringing together our members, including our eldest at an inspiring 97 years old. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month, we've enjoyed a variety of activities that foster friendship and fun.

We chat, have quizzes, play bingo games, and hold faith teas where everyone contributes with treats. We also celebrated each member's birthday making sure everyone felt valued and special. A standout occasion was the group's own birthday, marked with shared memories, cake and cuppas.

Our meetings continue to provide a welcoming space for laughter, connection, and community. We look forward to another fantastic year of friendship and celebration.

Audrey Miller

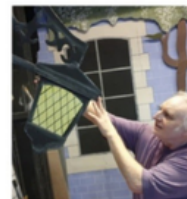
The Fell Men

Every Thursday evening, our men's group meet for a relaxed drink and chat, building strong connections alongside our volunteer work on Mondays and Fridays.

We've been proud to take on new projects, such as crafting imaginative props for this year's Pantomime, Curtain Call Junior Drama group, Family Fest and assisting with various community events. We have tackled various maintenance tasks indoor and out and there's always plenty of jobs to keep us busy so we are very rarely looking for things to do.

These activities not only keep us busy but also fuel lively discussions during our Thursday socials. With another successful year behind us, we're eager to continue making a difference next year. If you're interested in good company and meaningful work, join us at the café area at 9 PM on Thursdays—we'd love to welcome you.

Allan Hartridge



Chatterbox

Our Bingo Social group thrived this year with more and more ladies and gents coming to enjoy the company of others. They enjoy the atmosphere and have some lunch. The group attracts people of all ages, building friendships and combating loneliness.

The group is ran by volunteers and I would like to thank the ladies who call the bingo.

It is going from strength to strength each week and is a lifeline for regular social interaction for many.

We introduced small prizes for special occasions e.g. Christmas and this is welcomed by members.

Susan Masters
Volunteer

Dance & Drama

Senior Drama Group

The group was delighted to be able to perform the pantomime 'CINDERELLA' in February, 2024. The production was enjoyed by all involved and our audiences were enthusiastic in their praise of the production. We had extra fun in this production with gunge, water, powder and loads of slapstick (and a lot of cleaning up). Our horse was also a huge success and the two boys inside the costume (Joshua & Luke) were brilliant. All of our team were great in their performances and backstage. A tremendous amount of work by all volunteers goes into producing a polished production and I am very proud of everyone in the team for their sacrifices and dedication in ensuring this was another success for SVCV annual pantomime.

A special thank you to Phil Younger for his contribution with stage design and set for our pantomimes in previous years. Sadly, Phil is no longer able to take on this task but I'm pleased to say he will still be responsible for sound and lighting. Long may this continue! A special "thank you" also goes to Allen Hartridge for his brilliant props, especially the inflating 'bust' for the Ugly Sister! I look forward to the start of rehearsals and seeing what the group can do with the next script.

It is a privilege to have our group within this setting. The venue is so well run and attended and it's a credit to Suzanne, Joanne, Trustees, staff and ALL the volunteers who work so hard (especially the COZY CAFÉ crew) for the benefit of the community and the groups involved but especially our Senior Drama Group.

PAULINE CLARK - PRODUCER

CURTAIN CALL

This youth drama and singing group is for children aged 8 and up, and focuses on producing an annual show and performing at community events. This initiative helps children build confidence, enhance self-esteem, discover their talents, and forge new friendships.

This year, the group captivated audiences with a two-night production of The Wizard of Oz in July, which sold out both nights. The performance was a tremendous success, and the young participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We even had our very own Toto in the cast. In December we hosted Karaoke Classics which was another fantastic production.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who made this production possible. Your efforts in lighting, sound, scenery design, costumes, choreography, and vocal coaching were invaluable. Special appreciation goes to those who assisted with musical numbers, backstage support, managed dressing rooms, makeup, and curtains. Your dedication was crucial to the success of the show. We are deeply grateful for your contributions and ongoing support. Amy and I would like to show our appreciation to Christine and Mellissa who have helped at rehearsals throughout.

Marion & Amy - *Producers*

Romero School of Dance

What an extraordinary year it's been! In October, our dancers proved their dedication and talent by competing at the British Championships. Bridget shone as the under-12s Vice British Champion in the solo 2 dance, and every dancer displayed remarkable growth and determination.

Daniel and Freya were invited to represent England in the Junior Classical Sequence Team Match at the prestigious Blackpool Dance Festival and were also nominated for the Le Classique de Danse award in the Junior Couple Classical Sequence category, an incredible honour. Rosie, too, earned her second consecutive nomination for this prestigious award in the Juvenile Classical Sequence category, a testament to her hard work and success as both British and All England Champion.

Our dancers dazzled at the Strictly Showcase at SVCV, impressing the audience with their confidence, skill, and charisma. From our tiniest performers to our experienced stars, each one lit up the stage and left everyone saying, "FAB-U-LOUS!"

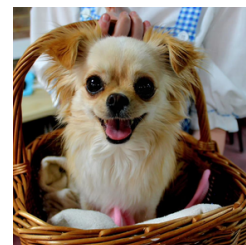
I couldn't be prouder of every single dancer—what a year of achievements! FAB-U-LOUS!!!

Lyndsay

Mini Divas

Mini Divas continues to be a vibrant exercise-to-dance class where fitness meets fun for children aged 5 to 12. The highlight of the year was our Annual Show where the Mini Divas took to the stage to dazzle the audience with their energy and talents. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their progress, build confidence, and celebrate their hard work with family and friends.

Caroline Barker



Sport & Fitness

Yoshino Karate

Yoshino Karate (originally Kan Shu Karate Club) has been operating at SVCV for around 33 years and we have been lucky enough to have the support of the 'Hall' all this time.

Ran on a not for profit basis (funds are split between rent to SVCV and investing back in the students, the instructors do not take any payment), the club continues to offer Shotokan Karate lessons at an exceptionally affordable rate, providing participants with the opportunity to learn valuable new skills while embracing the discipline and tradition of a respected martial art. This accessible program not only promotes physical fitness but also encourages personal growth, focus, and self-confidence, making it a highly beneficial experience for all involved. Learning Karate allows the students to learn resilience and discipline, while also undertaking a physical activity.

We are an inclusive and ability-friendly club, committed to working with individuals of all abilities to ensure everyone feels supported and accommodated. Together, we create an environment where everyone can thrive and participate fully, regardless of their level of experience or skill..

Moving forward, we do face a challenge regarding the number of students we have in attendance, Covid was very disruptive to ourselves, being one of the last to return, as such we will continue to look to build the club as we move forward.

Peter Lind & JP Cooper

Fierce Dance

8 years later Springwell Village Community Venue remains one my favourite sessions, the community and the facilities.

As the cost of living continues to grow this is reflected in my attendance. The team support and enable me to continue and keep everyone in and around the village dancing and stretching.

More than just dancing, we use our time to forget about our daily lives and focus on the dance moves, which aids our wellbeing. I cannot express how grateful I am! Many thanks

Fi

Little Kickers

Little Kicks (18 months to two years 6 months) is the perfect introduction to the fun world of Little Kickers. Children are introduced to the basics of football (dribbling, striking, goal scoring etc.) in a play-oriented yet structured format, using child-friendly but realistic football equipment. Each child is given the opportunity to work within their ability level but taught in a group environment. Classes also provide a fantastic opportunity for you to assist in your child's early education, helping them develop physically as well as improving cognitive and social skills.

Junior Kickers (2½ years to 3 ½ years) builds on the foundation skills and football basics learnt in Little Kicks. Using a familiar structure, children are challenged both physically and mentally. For those children who started in Little Kicks, independent participation is encouraged. If your child has just joined us you may need to stay close-by for a few weeks, but the ultimate goal is for children to be able to participate on their own. The format remains learning through play and because children are allowed to work to their own ability, it is suitable for complete beginners.

It's a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop new skills, make friends, and enjoy being active in a positive environment. Join us every Tuesday morning—find out more on our website: www.littlekickers.co.uk.

Yoga

The hall is a good venue for yoga being spacious and with an excellent quality floor. The class has continued to grow steadily and I hope to continue running sessions for years to come.

The band following us in has become used to our presence and relations are now cordial after a difficult start. My students and I wish to express our thanks to the band members for entering the building quietly thus respecting that their arrival coincides with our relaxation time.

Sara Jobling

Sport & Fitness

The Life Programme

I'm a self-employed over 50's/community exercise instructor. I deliver a weekly over 50's exercise class and it is with the support of the staff there that it continues to be a great success.

We have around 15-20 participants on a weekly basis which is an excellent number for any activity but particularly an over 50's exercise class and it is in no small part due to the welcoming atmosphere and lovely space of the village hall that the class is so well attended.

The class and venue provide a space not only for participants to get some weekly exercise which benefits them physically but it's an opportunity to meet up socially with peers and friends benefitting their mental health and preventing social isolation. Quite a few of the class stop for a drink and lunch afterwards and a catch up which is also another big plus.

Some of the members attend other activities at the Community Centre as well so it's an opportunity for other groups, classes and initiatives going on in the centre to be promoted.

The staff are always friendly and welcoming and the atmosphere in the community venue is brilliant. It's such a lovely space to spend time in and I'm grateful to be a small part of the delivery team at Springwell Village Community Venue providing much needed activities and opportunities for local people to benefit their physical and mental health.



Sports King Coaching

Our Monday evening class is a cheer/dance class ran by a qualified teacher Dannika who also has Special needs training. These are 6/7 week courses where children learn routines and cheers but in a fun way and Dannika incorporated fun games into each session and the teaching.

Holiday Activities were funded by HAF holiday activities fund.

We offered 25 free places but children had to be receiving free school meals or from a family who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. Sessions are varied to try to offer activities for all children not just sports. We offer science, animals, cheerleading, dance etc. They are full days and all the sessions we have offered at Springwell Village Community Venue have been fully booked.

Art & Creativity

GAP Group

Our weekly craft group is very informal and a fun group which continues to thrive, with 20 members attending regularly. The group enjoys getting creative, making a wide range of seasonal and themed crafts, including handmade Christmas decorations, felt poppies, and beautifully hand-sewn items and cards. Each session is a chance to celebrate different seasons and festivities, fostering a sense of community and creativity. The highlight of the year is always the Christmas celebration, which members look forward to.

Every now and again we are lucky enough to have someone come in and teach us new techniques which is always welcomed.

Beyond crafting, the group has become a safe and welcoming space where new friendships have flourished. Members openly share their feelings and discuss any challenges they are facing, making it a supportive environment that promotes both social connection and emotional well-being.

Audrey Miller



Art Group

Before the summer, we were delighted to welcome two new gentlemen who have quickly become fully integrated and valued members of our group. In addition, we've seen a few others join us temporarily, and are pleased to have three ladies have become established members, adding to our vibrant community.

Unfortunately, it was with a heavy heart that we had to bid farewell to Bob Boak, a dedicated member for nearly 18 years, who retired due to health reasons. His presence and contributions will be greatly missed.

On a positive note, it's been wonderful to see our experienced members stepping up to mentor new artists, fostering a supportive learning environment without the need for costly professional tutors. This peer-to-peer guidance is exactly the collaborative spirit we strive for.

We are also thinking of three members currently recovering from long-term illness or injury, and we eagerly await their return to the group.

Keith

Sandra Taylor Art Classes

I have continued to run classes in the last year with the support of a busy community venue and it's staff. My classes are open to people from all walks of life and skill sets, they give people the opportunity to learn art but also to gain friendships, company and purpose.



Through the classes during the run up to Christmas some of the group paint pictures that I then get printed so they can send personalised cards to their loved ones.

My classes have also had the opportunity to display their work in the cafe which they are all very proud of.



Sandra Taylor

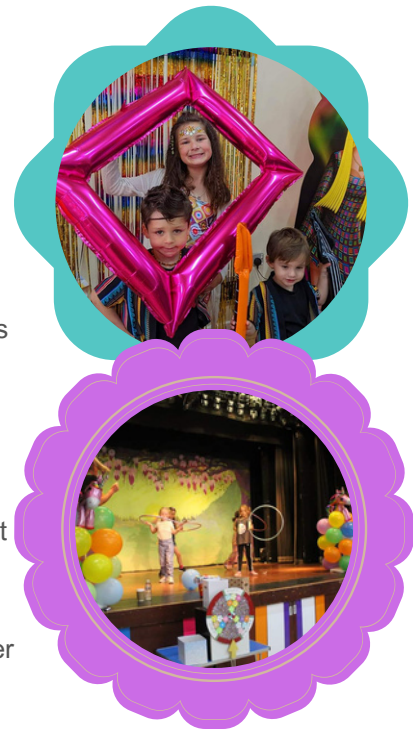
Community Events

Family Fest

Once again, we were overwhelmed by the tremendous support from the community and this year's annual event attracted a diverse crowd, with both young and older members coming together for a day of entertainment, laughter, community fun and spirit. The sun shone and the atmosphere was vibrant encouraging dancing, singing, and fun both indoors and outdoors.

Family Fest continues to be a highlight in our community calendar, offering a wide range of activities for all age groups. The day featured live music and our fantastic DJ duo, Dawn and Sara, engaged the crowd with interactive games, dances, and competitions. Numerous activities like face and body art, a graffiti wall, tattoo studio, photo booths, outdoor play area provided endless fun. Food and refreshments were provided by local traders and our community café, ensuring everyone was well-fed throughout the day. The event was a testament to the dedication of our volunteers, who worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly. Their efforts resulted in a day filled with joy, laughter, and lasting memories for families and friends.

Overall, Family Fest 2024 was a resounding success, showcasing the power of community spirit and collaboration. The positive feedback from attendees has inspired us to continue improving and expanding this event in the future. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed, especially our volunteers, performers, and local traders, for making the day truly special. We look forward to building on this year's achievements to make next year's Family Fest even bigger and better.



Pop Up Shopping Evening

This year, we hosted two successful Pop-Up Shopping Nights, one during Christmas and another in March, bringing our community together in a relaxed, festive atmosphere. These events provided local traders with a platform to showcase unique products, handmade crafts, and seasonal items, fostering a vibrant shopping experience.

A diverse range of traders promoted their products, encouraging local shopping and building connections. Our café offered a special menu, allowing visitors to enjoy fresh food, hot drinks, and cocktails in a cozy setting. Unlike the busy high street, our venue provided a calm space where attendees could shop and socialise at their own pace.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees appreciating the welcoming atmosphere and traders valuing the face-to-face engagement. The events strengthened community ties and boosted local businesses.

1940s Weekend



This year's Springwell Village 1940s Community Heritage Weekend was a resounding success, bringing together over 3,000 visitors for a unique step back in time. The event featured engaging talks, demonstrations, and hands-on activities that fully immersed attendees in the history, culture, and lifestyle of the 1940s. Speakers and tutors shared their expertise on fashion, music, and wartime history, captivating audiences with informative and interactive sessions. Highlights included willow weaving, WWII demonstrations, fire service presentations, living history displays, and even a special educational session with donkeys, adding a delightful and educational twist to the weekend.

In addition to enhancing historical knowledge, the weekend fostered social connections, well-being, and community spirit. Activities like dancing, crafting, and cooking encouraged participation, skill-building, and joyful engagement. Many attendees, including schoolchildren, learned new skills and discovered personal connections to the era, enriching their understanding of heritage.

We are incredibly grateful to Sunderland City Council and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for their generous financial support. Without their funding, this event simply would not have been possible. Their contributions enabled us to offer a rich array of activities that educated, entertained, and strengthened our community whilst also putting Springwell Village on the map.

Feedback gathered from attendees, volunteers, and staff highlighted the positive impact of the event, with many sharing heartwarming stories and expressing appreciation for the nostalgic atmosphere. The smiles, laughter, and shared experiences clearly reflected the success of this year's 1940s Heritage Weekend. We look forward to making next year's event even more memorable!



Community Events

Seasonal Events

This year, our community venue was buzzing with excitement as we hosted a range of seasonal events, each bringing joy and togetherness to our local families. We kicked off with a fun-filled Easter party for children, featuring egg hunts, crafts, games and treats that delighted kids of all ages.

In October, our Halloween extravaganza combined spooky fun with a twist thanks to our flash comedy and magic show that had everyone laughing. Families enjoyed a mix of tricks, treats, and plenty of Halloween-themed games that kept spirits high.

We wrapped up the year with Boogie Wonderland Christmas party, where everyone danced the night away and played fun games. Our cozy café team outdid themselves, providing delicious themed food boxes that added a special touch to the celebration. The event was filled with games, dancing, and the warmth of community spirit, making it a perfect end to our seasonal line up.

These events not only brought joy to attendees but also strengthened community bonds, leaving everyone with cherished memories. Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, entertainers and attendees who made these celebrations such a success.



Christmas Fair

🎄 Once again, the Christmas Fair was an incredible success, transforming the venue into a festive wonderland and drawing in a lively mix of families and community members, both new and familiar. The event wasn't just about festive fun, it was a platform for showcasing local talent and small businesses, all coming together.

Santa's Grotto stole the show, as expected. The enchanting setup kept children spellbound, while Santa and his elf impressed each little visitor with personalised details and playful guesses about the gifts they might love. The grotto was non stop full of activity from start to finish, with parents enjoying every moment as their children lit up during their magical Santa encounter.

On stage, Curtain Call Youth Drama Group and Mini Divas Dance Group brought high-energy performances that had the crowd clapping along and cheering, raising the festive spirits of the day.

The fair introduced new visitors to our space, many of whom were wowed by the venue and café. The feedback was glowing, with attendees praising the event for bringing the community together.

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, performers, and traders, the Christmas Fair was an absolute triumph. We look forward to delivering more inclusive, family-friendly events in the future. 🎅🧑🏻‍🎄🎁🎊



Marketing & Publicity

Our marketing and publicity strategy aims to enhance community engagement, increase awareness of our activities and events, and strengthen our online presence. Key objectives include:

Expanding our Social Media Reach: Grow our follower base across all platforms, with a focus on increasing engagement on Facebook and Instagram. We will continue leveraging our new Facebook page to highlight our online presence. 

Boost Visibility through Multi-Channel Promotion: Utilise a diverse mix of marketing channels, including our website, social media, blackboards, banners and acrylic stands, to promote events, activities, and special offers. This approach helps capture the attention of both regular visitors and new audiences.

Leverage Media Coverage: Build on the momentum from this year's Cost of Living grant award by seeking further opportunities for press coverage in local newspapers, TV, and radio. This will help raise our profile and attract more participants to our initiatives.

<https://www.wired-gov.net/wg/news.nsf/articles/Charities+providing+food+shelter+and+warmth+given+support+26122023130500>

<https://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/2023-12-26/lifeline-community-venue-granted-45000-during-dire-times-for-charities>

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/government-minister-visits-springwell-village-28269580>

Enhance Digital Booking Experience: Continue optimising our online booking system to streamline registrations, reduce administrative burdens, and improve user experience for event sign-ups.

Develop our new Website: work to direct and attract more traffic, provide timely updates, and better serve our community's needs. www.svcv.co.uk

By focusing on these areas, we aim to strengthen our connection with the community, increase attendance at our events, and ensure sustainable growth in the year ahead.

Digital Marketing and Social Media Growth

This year on 11th March, we launched a new business Facebook page to address limitations with our previous one, which restricted our ability to engage with other pages, participate in conversations and other issues. The new page has given us a more active and visible presence, allowing us to grow our follower base across all social media platforms. By aligning content across our Facebook pages and website, we are able to work towards expanding our reach, boosting engagement on both Facebook and Instagram.

Online Booking System Success

Our new online booking platform, Bookwhen, has streamlined the registration process for children's activities, eliminating manual payments and paperwork. It's improved event management, enabling us to handle attendee limits, waiting lists, and group bookings effortlessly.

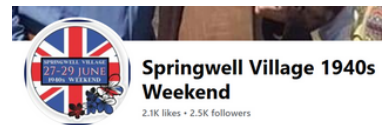
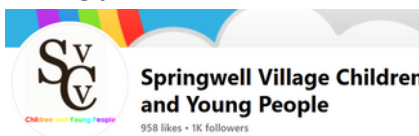
Visual Marketing Enhancements

This year, we've elevated our visual marketing to better engage the community. Blackboards in our main corridor and café have become key communication tools, showcasing our weekly schedule, café menu, and event highlights. This shift has reduced our reliance on paper leaflets, promoting more direct interactions and supporting our sustainability efforts.

Outdoor blackboards and banners have also effectively captured the attention of passers-by, boosting room hire and event attendance. Inside the café, double-sided acrylic stands continue to inform visitors about events and special offers, enhancing their experience and driving repeat visits. Our themed raffles continue, serving both as a fundraising tool and a vibrant way to draw in more attendees.

Looking Forward

We are excited to further boost our digital presence with a refreshed, engaging website and Facebook page, building on our current success to enhance community engagement in the coming year.



Your Words

Community feedback remains incredibly important and special to us, especially as we wrap up another year of serving our community. Your insights provide us with invaluable understanding of our performance and impact, helping us identify where we're succeeding and where we can improve. By listening to your needs and concerns, we can continue to tailor our efforts to make a meaningful difference.

Positive feedback is incredibly encouraging for our charity staff and volunteers. It reinforces their dedication and hard work, knowing their efforts truly make a positive impact. We are so grateful for your ongoing support and input, which drives us to keep improving and growing together.

GOOGLE REVIEWS



Lovely old hall heart of the community. Always things on for all ages.



The 1940s weekend is a credit to the organizers, we go every year



Love this place cheap and good grub staff super friendly and helpful

Christine Simson
Big thank you to all the staff at SVCV, you have all been amazing. We will still continue to visit. X

32w Like Reply Hide

Billy 'Owid Lad' Dodd
Well done to all the staff at SVH....fantastic what they have provided over the past few months...you all have made a lot of people very happy...👍👍👍

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Margaret Haywood
Thank you for all the goodwill and kindness you have given to allxx

thanks
for your
support

Charity registration number 520900

**SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

C Smiles
D Taylor
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J Graham
D Ellwood
R Proctor
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Charity number

520900

Principal address

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Springwell Village Community Venue (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Kathryn Hatfield FCCA
Clover Accounting
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Coulby Newham
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Dated: 21st November 2024

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	46,239	128,550	174,789	68,266
Charitable activities	3	107,584	-	107,584	115,645
Other income		-	-	-	-
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Total income		153,823	128,550	282,373	183,911
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<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	4	198,296	97,765	296,061	188,957
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Net movement in funds		(44,474)	30,785	(13,698)	(5,046)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		75,370	3,630	79,000	84,046
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Fund balances at 31 March 2024		30,896	34,415	65,311	79,000
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	2	16,039	52,227	68,266
Charitable activities	3	115,645	-	115,645
Other income		-	-	-
Total income		<u>131,684</u>	<u>52,227</u>	<u>183,911</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Charitable activities	4	<u>136,730</u>	<u>52,227</u>	<u>188,957</u>
Net movement in funds		(5,046)	-	(5,046)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>80,416</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>84,046</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u><u>75,370</u></u>	<u><u>3,630</u></u>	<u><u>79,000</u></u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		16,134		20,000
			<u>16,134</u>		<u>20,000</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	9	7,528		8,010	
Debtors	10	68		61	
Cash at bank and in hand		48,529		79,494	
		<u>56,125</u>		<u>91,195</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,948)		(32,395)	
Net current assets			<u>49,177</u>		<u>58,800</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>65,311</u></u>		<u><u>79,000</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		34,415		3,630
<u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>					
Designated funds		-		-	
General unrestricted funds		30,896		75,370	
		<u>30,896</u>		<u>75,370</u>	
			<u>65,311</u>		<u>79,000</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

C Smiles
Chair



21/11/24

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Springwell Village Community Venue is an unincorporated charity, registered charity number 520900.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	13,606	-	13,606	15,599	-	15,599
Subscriptions	256	-	256	440	-	440
Grants	32,376	128,550	160,926	-	52,227	52,227
	<u>46,239</u>	<u>128,550</u>	<u>174,789</u>	<u>16,039</u>	<u>52,227</u>	<u>68,266</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Other trading activities 2024 £	Other trading activities 2023 £
Sections - karate	62	278
Group – children & young peoples activities	15,504	13,154
Rents	7,666	9,926
Community café & bar	74,359	76,571
Stage productions	7,829	13,026
Social & leisure	2,165	2,690
	<u>107,584</u>	<u>115,645</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds – general	107,584	115,645
Restricted funds	-	-
	<u>107,584</u>	<u>115,645</u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Karate	130	141
Children & young peoples activities	6,075	4,956
Employee costs	76,985	44,015
Community café & bar	45,361	35,578
Community charge	-	823
Stage production	2,350	2,612
Social & leisure	2,415	2,459
Fund raising activities	7,267	2,751
Depreciation	4,066	-
Grant spend	103,598	52,227
	<u>248,247</u>	<u>145,562</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	46,974	42,395
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	840	1,000
	<u>296,061</u>	<u>188,957</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds – general	198,296	136,730
Restricted funds	97,765	52,227
	<u>296,061</u>	<u>188,957</u>

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	16,878	-	16,878	8,543	-	8,543
Insurance	3,797	-	3,797	2,434	-	2,434
Postage & stationery	2,765	-	2,765	2,744	-	2,744
Refuse & sundry	4,802	-	4,802	5,023	-	5,023
Repairs & renewals	4,379	-	4,379	3,559	-	3,559
Equipment	9,549	-	4,996	4,963	-	4,963
Training & development	-	-	-	13,500	-	13,500
Finance costs	7,662	-	7,662	1,629	-	1,629
Professional fees	1,696	840	2,536	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>46,974</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>47,814</u>	<u>42,395</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>43,395</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>46,974</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>47,814</u>	<u>42,395</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>43,395</u>

Governance costs includes payments for the independent examination of £840 (2023: £1,000).

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computer	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	20,000	778	20,778
At 31 March 2024	20,000	778	20,778
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	-	578	578
Depreciation charged in the year	4,000	66	4,066
At 31 March 2024	4,000	644	4,644
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	16,000	134	16,134
At 31 March 2023	20,000	200	20,200

9 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bar stock	7,528	8,010

10 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	3,630
Prepayments and accrued income	68	61
	68	3,691

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income	-	26,006
Accruals	6,948	6,389
	<u>6,948</u>	<u>32,395</u>

12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Balance at 31 March 2024
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Revaluations, gains and losses	
	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities Programme	-	38,400	(19,527)	-	18,873
Sir James Knott Trust	-	10,000	(8,333)	-	1,667
Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund	-	5,000	(4,091)	-	909
Cost of Living Fund	-	45,000	(33,284)	-	11,716
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	15,000	(13,750)	-	1,250
Other	3,630	5,150	(8,780)	-	-
	<u>3,630</u>	<u>128,550</u>	<u>(97,765)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,415</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	16,134	-	16,134	20,200	-	20,200
Current assets/(liabilities)	14,762	34,415	49,177	55,170	3,630	58,800
	<u>30,896</u>	<u>34,415</u>	<u>65,311</u>	<u>75,370</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>79,000</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

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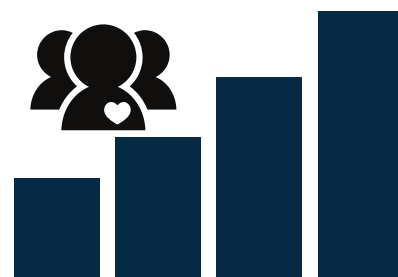
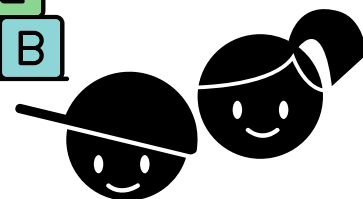
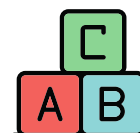
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About Us

Springwell Village Community Venue (SVCV) is a registered charity managed by a voluntary board of trustees. Established in 1965, SVCV is a long established, successful, well-run community association that provides a wide range of services, activities and a meeting space for people of all ages and abilities within the community.

We provide resources for activities, groups, entertainment, events and projects that bring people together and help them develop social networks and support. We inspire and promote learning, creativity and participation through a variety of weekly groups and events throughout the year.

SVCV is the hub of village life and creates an important venue for services to be delivered and we believe that by providing and facilitating services and activities from the venue, local people of all ages and backgrounds have the chance to both benefit individually from our work, and importantly, contribute to their community, in terms of geography, identity and interest.

Vision

The charitable purpose of the organisation as per our CONSTITUTION is to further, or benefit the residents of Springwell Village and surrounding areas, by associating together, residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interest of health, education, employment, environmental and social welfare, for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for local people.

Mission

- Improve the quality of life for the local community.
- Provide an accessible welcoming venue and focal point for the community.
- A place for people and local organisations to meet and socialise.
- Sustain and develop activities that connect and engage people with their communities and each other to help tackle isolation and loneliness.
- Provide educational, recreational, social, leisure and cultural activities that are accessible to all.
- Provide a local resource which promotes and encourage learning and development.
- Promote and advocate the needs of groups based in the centre and provide opportunities for more integration and inclusion between users.
- To maintain and forge relations with partners, local authority and funding bodies.



Chair's Report

2022-2023 has been successful for us and would not have been possible without the talent and dedication of our trustees, small staff team, and our fantastic group of passionate volunteers. We feel incredibly fortunate and grateful for the continued support of our volunteers, 'THANK YOU ALL!' The dedication, selflessness, and hard work make a significant impact on the lives of others and the community as a whole, and we value each and every one. We are grateful for the time and effort put into making a positive difference and their kindness and generosity inspire us all to do more and be better. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organisation.

Our community café is the heart of the centre. We've introduced a new initiative, keeping the café open until 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, offering specials in addition to our regular menu. This extension of hours has resonated well with our patrons, contributing to yet another flourishing year.

In 2022, we embarked on an essential project to replace the aging roof covering, and no longer do we have buckets scattered around the building. We have also replaced the concertina door which connects the café and corridor, valuable additions made possible through a grant from Sunderland Council.

We are also grateful for the grants and donations that have bolstered our youth work provision and the future looks much brighter for our young people, thanks to the generosity and support we have received (see page 10) - prior to receiving grants, our young people had limited support, with volunteers stepping in to fill the gap in the hope that funding would be secured to set up provision with qualified youth workers.

Our annual Pantomime week was a huge success as always, and a huge thanks to everyone involved. The 1940's Weekend another brilliant event making the village welcoming to a great number of people and thanks must go to everyone involved in the planning and participation.

Special thanks are due to Marion, who has done an exceptional job as Treasurer, to Suzanne whose tireless efforts have secured funding for various projects and to Joanne for her invaluable support in many areas.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who continues to use and support our centre, helping to make it flourish.

Diane Ellwood

Treasurer's Report

My second year as Treasurer has proven to be very interesting in so far as I have learned so much from Suzanne technically and have at last mastered the complicated techniques involved in the accounting procedures.

The Centre is doing remarkably well at the moment, we have secured various grants to help with project and core costs. We were thrilled to hear that we had been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards the Springwell Village 1940s Community Heritage Weekend - 2023 event.

We have had a great deal of financial support from Sunderland City Council this year for projects, equipment, holiday activities and not forgetting our new roof which was a blessing.

September 2022 saw the conclusion of a three-year grant award from the National Lottery Community Fund. This funding has been instrumental in our success, enabling us to achieve so much.

Many successful fundraising activities have been organised this year and the Community Café' is thriving, generating much needed income but the kitchen is in desperate need of a replacement and we hope to secure funding which will make an enormous difference to the daily running of the café and to the staff and volunteers.

Last but not most certainly not least I would personally like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to support the Centre they are indeed very much appreciated. My thanks too to Suzanne and Joanne for their support throughout the year and their hard work planning and setting up numerous events. All the grants we've received are due to their hard work and dedication. I sincerely hope we continue on this successful path and continue to thrive as a benefit to the whole community.

Marion Parkin

Financial Statements

GRANTS AWARDED

The Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland
£8,175 Children's Activities Coordinator

Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund
£500 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - See page 16
£4740 Concertina Door
£7820 Holiday activities 2022/2023

Sunderland City Council Community Chest
£480 Spring Fest 2022

National Lottery Community Fund - Awards For All
£9990 to provide a youth service for vulnerable young people in our community

National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities Programme
£15028 SVCV Develop and Deliver

The Sir James Knott Trust
£10,000 Youth Drop-In For Teens Aged 13+ - See page 9

The Joicey Trust
£3000 Core costs

Sir John Priestman
£5000 for youth provision - See page 9

Hadrian Trust
£1000 for youth provision - See page 9

The Albert Hunt Trust
£2000 for a parents group - See page 8

The Barbour Foundation
£2000 Youth Drop-In For Teens Aged 13+ - See page 9

National Lottery Heritage Fund
£10,000 1940s Community Heritage Weekend 2023

Washington Community Development Trust
£500 Equipment for young people's activities



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TRUST

Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Community Café & Bar



The Cozy Café plays a vital role in bringing people together, fostering a sense of belonging, and creating a space for social interaction whilst contributing to the overall well-being of the village by providing a welcoming environment for residents to connect, share ideas, and build relationships.

It serves as a hub for various activities and events and this year we have held workshops, storytelling and book launches, information sessions of local interest, live music nights, and a number of celebrations.



Rachael Skeoch is a local young woman who has been coming to the venue since she was a child and we were very keen to support the launch of her children's book **'The Bear and The Butterfly'** which is about friendship and confidence. The session was open to all and so many families attended the story discussion with questions and answers and enjoyed the self confidence activities.

In February 2023 we introduced our new 'EAT Til 8' which has proved more popular than we envisaged. On the first Thursday of each month, we open until 8pm and we offer free refills on tea and coffees, children eat for £1 with a full paying adult and there are special additions to the main menu.

We have people pre booking tables and we have been asked to do this weekly so it is something that may grow in the future.

EAT Til 8 THURSDAY
 3rd August
 Open 10am-8pm

FREE REFILLS
 (on coffee & tea only)

KIDS EAT FOR £1

Specials

- Main Menu & Specials
- Free Refill on Coffee & Teas
- Kids Eat for £1 with a Full Paying Adult
- Food served up to 8pm
- Bar open until 11pm

There are a number of activities and events that have worked well alongside the café and these have all attracted more people, showcased the café and increased revenue. The introduction of pre-show menus proved popular and were an attraction to people who had tickets for Dracula Spectacular and the Rocky Horror Show, the success of these prompted us to offer a pre-show menu throughout Pantomime week.



We hope to secure funding support to replace the existing community café kitchen as a functional kitchen is crucial for future success and sustainability. The kitchen area has suffered a lot of wear and tear and is in desperate need of replacing to allow the café to operate more efficiently, enabling staff and volunteers to work more productively in a fit for purpose kitchen so we have everything crossed for a new kitchen next year.



The café has complimented many events this year and we have received some fantastic feedback. We have tried hard to link with the theme of events, making the food fun with children's meals, afternoon teas and menus.



PRE-SHOW MENU	
Frank N Furter	2.50
Juicy Hot Dog	2.50
Served with onions, mustard & ketchup or plain and simple just like Janet	
Columbia Chicken Curry	3.50
Served with rice or chips	
Damn It Janet's Pie	3.50
Minced beef pie served with mash, peas & gravy	
Hot Patootie Pulled Pork Bap	3.00
Served with gourmet chunky chips	
Chips	2.00
Chip Butty	2.50
Sides	50p
Glazy / Curry Sauce	
Sweet Transvestite Desserts	
Hot Chocolate Orange Cake	2.50
Served with custard or cream	
Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake	2.50
Served with custard or cream	

Children & Young People

Early Years - Under 5s



Support from the Prime Fund at the Community Foundation ended in February and it has been invaluable. It supported the role of Children's Activities Coordinator, enabling us to develop and grow our services and maintain low cost provision accommodating all members of the community. Many beneficiaries expressed their concern about the cost of living crisis and to help a little with finances, all sessions for under 5s were set at £2/family and to run alongside this a loyalty card scheme was introduced so every fifth session is free. These changes have been relished especially in the current financial climate. We are also grateful for funding support from The Albert Hunt Trust which helped to support younger parents.

Weekly sessions are supported by Melissa our Children's Activities Coordinator

LITTLE WONDERS — Under 5s Baby and Toddler Free Play Session

The introduction of a half hour singing and rhyme time at the end of sessions have proved popular. Children are encouraged to pick a song and sing together which is lovely and when a child hears their chosen song they get really excited. Melissa uses a large parachute and other interactive items which the children absolutely love and parents have commented how much they enjoy this additional time.

STAY & PLAY — Previously Bump To Baby

We have made a few changes to this session to accommodate parents, carers and children's needs. We had been asked if older siblings could attend which we obviously said yes to but we realized that the group name 'Bump to Baby' suggested that toddlers were not welcome so we changed the name and added a small toddler area. With the addition of baby scales, we now offer the option to self-weigh your baby. The layout of the room for this session has been heavily thought out to ensure a relaxing, stimulating yet calm environment for all and it has been noted that the effort put in and interaction and support from Melissa is invaluable.

TWIN-TASTIC — Twins and Multiple Birth Group

A lot of emphasis has been on providing a fun calm session for twin and multiple birth families. We have people travelling from over 15 mile away, as far as North Shields and Seaham to attend the group as there are very few groups in the area and parents tell us that they prefer our session for a few reasons; toys are clean, we make people feel welcome, very friendly group, accessible and affordable.

Multiple birth parents feel that they have a strong network within this group, discussion topics include cost of living crisis, childcare costs, understanding support needs, issues with siblings.

LET'S GO PLAY — Role Play Session

The development of our role play session has proved beneficial in many ways, supporting children's development as role play helps them to understand about the world around them, sparks imagination, creative play and social interaction and skills development. We have developed the session to consist of ten different role play stations and a small baby sensory area, each one carefully planned and set up with coordinating dress up outfits.

BOUNCE & PLAY — Under 5s play session - Previously Baby Bugs

We developed Bounce & Play after the fantastic feedback we had in the Summer from the one-off sessions we ran. Feedback from the sessions helped with the development of this new Thursday morning session. Previously we ran Baby Bugs on a Thursday afternoon but numbers became very low and Melissa suggested that we change to a morning and utilize the soft play equipment and castle that we offer for weekend birthday party bookings. Since their introduction the sessions have been extremely popular and allow children to run off some steam and play away in a safe, fun environment.

FUN 4 ALL — Under 5s fun session

This session has seen recent developments with a name change and changes to the layout of the session, catering for all. Messy Monsters was always a little hit and missy with attendees and this was due to the session being specifically messy play which is not for everyone. People who did attend regularly loved the session and got so much out of it but they did say that some of their friends found it their worst nightmare. It was ran successfully for a long while but when numbers dropped to below five per session, the decision to look at it in detail was favoured. So, after taking on board attendees feedback, reviewing session evaluations and speaking to parents and carers, careful planning took place with Melissa and the CDM. The session has been adapted to incorporate a little bit of everything from messy play to imaginative play and the time has changed which suits the majority. We immediately saw an increase of numbers with very positive feedback.



Children & Young People

After School Clubs

MINI MONKEYS

The Mini Monkeys club is as popular as ever and the children who attend enjoy the variety on offer. At each session the staff ensure that there is a range of toys and activities available. The club runs term time and the children are always excited when the club re starts after a school holiday. We held the ever popular parties for the children, including a Christmas and end of year party, where we said goodbye to the children who were moving up to the Dynamite Club and welcoming the children starting reception.

The development of this session is ongoing to constantly adapt to the varying needs of the children. A programme plan is carefully thought out for each term to incorporate a healthy snack, team games, sports, creative learning activity, projects, outings and celebration days. The introduction of make your own snack has been very popular and beneficial as it helps children to gain new skills whilst informally educating. Craft activities that are linked to social development, environment, health and wellbeing and also to community events.

YAP - Youth Active Project

This year has been extremely difficult and unfortunately after trying many avenues to secure the future of the project, the decision to end the project was taken. The junior youth session was saved as the trustees put plans in place and it was relaunched as The Dynamite Club.

The Senior youth session sadly ceased to run but finally after many months the news that funding along with donations had been secured was welcomed and we opened our doors again with two clubs, an intermediate club for 11-14s and a Senior club for 13+ in January 2023. We have since began working in partnership with Oxclose & District Young Peoples's Project. **See reports below.**

DYNAMITE CLUB — After School Club—Year 4—Year 6 years

This club is a stepping stone up from 'Mini Monkeys' and development is also ongoing dependent on the ever changing requirements of the children. There are a few children with specific needs who we support and we are sensitive to their needs.

Programme planning is in place with a wide variety of activities to engage all. Music and dance has been introduced with a disco corner and karaoke along and this was something that the group requested. Qualified youth workers deliver this session and work with small groups of children to plan activities and events and this has seen an increase in engagement in activities as it is the children's choice

YOUTH IMPACT — Intermediate Youth Club — 11-14 years

This new club is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund— Awards For All Programme. The club runs alongside the Dynamite Club in a different room and gives staff the ability to steer children, too old for the Dynamite Club into 'Youth Impact'. The name 'Youth Impact' came from the young people attending the first session and funding will has enabled us to support numerous children and young people. Sessions are free and include free food and drinks for all.

T.G.I.F. — Teen Youth Club 13+ years

T.G.I.F. stands for 'Thank God It's Friday' and the name was chosen by the young people. The club runs on a Friday evening and is extremely popular with young people from the local and surrounding area to access this much needed provision. The drop-in youth session is free and we provide food and drinks for all. Funding from a number of sources has enabled us to purchase equipment, offer outdoor activities, invite outside providers to deliver a variety of projects within sessions alongside youth workers.



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Springwell Village Community Venue

Social & Leisure

Afternoon Tea Dance



Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just looking to have fun, our afternoon tea dance is all about coming together, making new friends, and enjoyment. The tea dance provides an opportunity for community members to put on their dancing shoes, socialise and connect with one another in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

Our talented dance tutors Jean and Caroline play a variety of classic and modern hits to get your toes tapping and we are grateful for their continued support. Many thanks to our

lovely volunteer Vicky who gives up her time each week to help and to Steph for providing a nice hot cuppa.

Ladybirds

Join us every other Wednesday in the community café area, where our lively social group gathers to share laughter and camaraderie. With a membership of 20 regulars, we extend a warm welcome to new faces eager to join us.

While we may not yet have the financial means to bring in speakers, we're optimistic about securing a grant next year to rekindle the delight of talks. Our group boasts a welcoming and supportive atmosphere, where animated conversations flow freely alongside a game of bingo. Plus, we ensure you never go without refreshments, as we provide tea and biscuits at each session. We also celebrate the seasons with fabulous tea parties featuring buffets and exciting, fun-filled activities. Come be a part of the fun!

Audrey Miller - Secretary

The Fell Men

We are a small group of men who meet on a Thursday evening for a sociable drink and catch up, alongside our volunteering mornings on Mondays and Fridays. We are still hanging in there and although numbers are few the quality is in abundance.

We have been involved in many voluntary projects this year, one of which was making props for The Rocky Horror Show which was great fun. The re-roofing of the building has made a huge difference to the insulation and weatherproofing so we now don't have many of the problems of the past to contend with. The ongoing maintenance is a continual source of amusement in the variety and frequency and gives us a regular source of conversation on our Thursday night socials. Generally we seem to have survived most events without incident or harm to ourselves and the building so we look forward to another year of similar 😊

If anyone would like to join in this frivolity we will be in the café area at 9pm every Thursday

Chatterbox

In the past twelve months, our Friday afternoon social group has experienced remarkable growth, to the point where some weeks, we find ourselves bursting at the seams. Member feedback underscores the profound significance of this group in their lives: it serves as a vital lifeline, offers excellent value for money, provides an enjoyable avenue to connect with new individuals, fosters the formation of enduring friendships, and offers a much-needed daytime social option, especially considering that most members prefer not to venture out in the evening.

Dance & Drama

Romero School of Dance

Hi everyone, from Romero School of Dance.

It doesn't seem like a year has passed since the last AGM. We have had a very successful year and as always I am very grateful to have the wonderful support from everyone.

In October 2022 we went to the British Championships and we won 5 British titles. This is something we have worked very hard for over the years. It was a dream come true to finally win and win so many.

In November I welcomed my little girl Ivie Sofia who is doing really well and is now 9 months! So it was a busy end to 2022! We had our show in March which was a lovely evening and a great opportunity for some of our little ones to take to the stage for the first time. We won another British title in April and we received 2 nominations for the Le Classique de Danse awards to be held in Blackpool September 2023 but unfortunately I can't attend as I'm getting married that day...our 6th attempt! 🥰

I have been nominated for two professional awards for professional Ballroom teacher award and professional Ballroom Competitive teacher award. The awards ceremony is on the 22nd of September 2023. Wish me luck!

Our numbers have dropped a little so my goal is to boost them back up again. I appreciate any help or support in doing that.

Wishing you all a wonderful year ahead, Lindsay x

Mini Divas

Mini Divas has been running in Springwell Village Community Venue for 16 years now and is still a great success. We run every Thursday from 4.15 - 5.15pm and the group is for children aged 5 years +

We perform for the venue every time we are asked and this year we loved being involved in Spring Fest where we had a fundraising stall as well as the group performing on stage. We also performed at the Christmas Fair and we sometimes perform for different companies.

In October we staged our annual two night show where parents, family and friends can see what the children have learnt throughout the year.

CURTAIN CALL

Curtain Call is a youth drama and singing group for children aged 8 years and above. They work towards putting on an annual production alongside performing at community events. So many skills are gained, confidences and self esteem are raised, talents nurtured and friendships are made.

In March we began rehearsals for Dracula Spectacular, a spooky fun show to be performed in October, as it seemed fitting to sit alongside other Halloween themed events within the venue. In the meantime we performed at the SVCV's Springfest entertaining the public attending the event which was great fun.

We were asked to perform at a local care home in Washington and we went along on a Sunday and entertained the elderly who thoroughly enjoyed the children's' singing and requested that we return again



Our big production of Dracula Spectacular was a huge success, with both nights sold out. The young people thoroughly enjoyed doing this show and are looking forward to the next production which is The Wizard of Oz. Many thanks to everyone who helped especially Phil Younger on lighting and Suzanne on sound. Phil designed and built most of the spectacular scenery which took hours of work and we are so grateful. Thanks to everyone who helped in the dressing rooms, backstage, curtains, makeup, it is all very much appreciated. A special thank you to Christine Urwin who played the music for us and attended every rehearsal, it was a really difficult musical score which she played to perfection. Amy was in charge of the choreography and she did a great job and her encouragement and vocal coaching brought out the amazing talents of the children and young people.

Lastly thanks to everyone who supported us.

Marion and Amy
Producers.

Dance & Drama

SENIOR DRAMA



The group were delighted to be able to perform the pantomime 'TREASURE ISLAND' in February, 2023. The production was enjoyed by all involved and our audiences were enthusiastic in their praise of the production. The major headache with this pantomime was "how to create a wooden leg" for Long John Silver! However, by the fourth attempt I'm glad to say we eventually succeeded! A tremendous amount of work by all volunteers goes into producing a polished production and I am very proud of everyone in the team for their sacrifices and dedication in ensuring this was another success for SVCV annual pantomime.

I am pleased to say that some new members joined our group and performed with gusto. We had some new young dancers and chorus. Well done to all of the new members who performed in their first pantomime.

On a personal level and on behalf of our group, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Suzanne, Joanne, Management Committee and ALL of the volunteers who work so hard for the benefit of all groups but especially ours. Not all community settings have the advantage of being so well run and it is a credit to their care and determination that we have the privilege to have our group within this setting.

PAULINE CLARK - PRODUCER

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

The journey to putting on "The Rocky Horror Show" was an absolute blast! It all started during a social evening where everyone's passion for this iconic show was discussed.

We knew we were diving into a global phenomenon, with fans from all over the world known for their wild audience participation, and the thought of bringing that kind of energy to our local production was electrifying! Of course, there were some licensing hurdles to jump over. We couldn't get the full script license, but that didn't stop us! I rolled up my sleeves and crafted a trimmed-down script that fit within the guidelines, and boy, did it work like magic.

Our production was a showstopper, and wouldn't have been the same without the support and dedication of everyone. The cast and crew all helped to make the show the success it was and with everyone pulling together we had some fantastic props, scenery, costumes, sound and lighting and the superb live music from the band gave it the magic touch. I can't thank Peter and the guys enough for learning the musical score and being patient with the cast as it certainly was not an easy production.

The cast didn't just step into their roles; they leaped headfirst into the whirlwind of their iconic characters. The dedication and enthusiasm they brought to the stage made every moment an unforgettable experience. The result? Two sold out nights of pure, unadulterated fun that we and our audience will cherish forever!

I am really proud of every single cast member, it was a pleasure working on this production which has been entirely different to anything I have been a part of and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hopefully we will repeat it biennially.

Marion Parkin



Sport & Fitness

Karate

I've been coaching at Springwell Village Community Venue for an 32 years! Our coaching sessions are all about the fun and are run entirely on a voluntary basis, catering to kids aged 5 and up, as well as adults who want to join in on the excitement.

We're all about keeping things affordable for families, so our sessions are a wallet-friendly £2 per person. During lockdown, our numbers may have dipped a bit, but we've had some superstar pupils who not only aced their grades but also moved up to the next level. We're hopeful about the future, and we can't wait to see our numbers increase as we gear up for a fantastic year ahead.



Fierce Dance

After almost 7 years of teaching Clubbercize at in Springwell Village, this is still one my favourite places to be. The people, the facilities and even the best black out curtains arounds. Although the cost of living crisis continues to hit everyone, having an impact on class numbers over the past 18 months, Suzanne and the team have been more supportive than anyone could ever ask for.

Keeping the ladies in and around the village dancing is vital for the wellbeing. We are about more than just exercise, we are a group of ladies (the occasional man) who utilise the time to get away from our daily lives. Community fitness works in all directions, supported and made enjoyable by the people who make happen.

Fi - Fierce Dance & Fitness

The Life Programme

I deliver a weekly over 50's exercise class in Springwell Village Community Venue and it is with the support of the staff there that it continues to be a great success.

We have around 15-20 participants on a weekly basis which is an excellent number for any activity but particularly an over 50's exercise class and it is in no small part due to the welcoming atmosphere and lovely space of the village hall that the class is so well attended.

The class and venue provide a space not only for participants to get some weekly exercise which benefits them physically but it's an opportunity to meet up socially with peers and friends benefitting their mental health and preventing social isolation. Quite a few of the class stop for a drink and lunch afterwards and a catch up which is also another big plus.

The staff are always friendly and welcoming and the atmosphere in the community venue is brilliant. It's such a lovely space to spend time in and I'm grateful to be a small part of the delivery team at Springwell Village Community Venue providing much needed activities and opportunities for local people to benefit their physical and mental health.

Please contact me if you need any further information, Phil

Little Kickers

We give your children a positive introduction to sport by teaching high quality football skills in a friendly, pressure-free environment.

There are two different classes tailored specifically to the needs of children between 18 months and three years of age and sessions combine football skills with important pre-school learning concepts such as colour and number recognition, sharing, following instructions and using imagination.

It's the perfect way to ignite an enthusiasm for sport that will stay with them for life.

Sessions are on a Tuesday morning. For more information check out our website www.littlekickers.co.uk



Art & Creativity

GAP Group (Golden Age People)

Our vibrant group meet every Friday morning throughout the year, offering a warm and inviting space for those aged 55 and over. We're eager to extend our circle and welcome new members with open arms.

Our weekly gatherings are filled with engaging activities, thanks to the creative talents of three key members: Audrey Miller, Elaine Dodds, and Madge Banks. They curate an assortment of enjoyable craft projects that add a delightful touch to our sessions. When crafts take a backseat, we indulge in lively coffee mornings accompanied by fun Bingo.

Thanks to Linda Reay, we had the pleasure of a visit from Roxanna, a talented Ukrainian artist who showcased the art of glass painting. Our members took to the craft with enthusiasm, and Roxanna has generously offered to return to deliver more free sessions.

Thanks also to Linda Longworth who recently demonstrated how to craft charming cushions using a technique involving wallpaper samples. The results were stunning, with washable, stitched, and filled cushions that members proudly took home as mementos of their creative endeavours.

To keep our group thriving, and to help it flourish, next year we're actively seeking funding from Sunderland Council Community Chest. This will help us secure essential tutors and materials for our ever-enthusiastic members.

Our Christmas festivities were a smashing success, with a memorable meal at the Engine Room in Eighton Banks and a delightful Christmas lunch, complete with great entertainment, hosted here at Springwell Village Community Venue.

If you're looking to join a welcoming fun social group, you'll find a warm embrace waiting for you here.
Rena Jonas - Secretary



Art Group

After losing members during the covid years things are starting to look up. In the last couple of months we have had both a new lady and an unrelated gentleman become members. They have settled in well and attend regularly. Just yesterday I had a phone call from a prospective new member and he is expected to join us next week.

For quite a while we have just painted in SCVC but as the training room was out of use a couple of weeks ago we took the opportunity to have a trip out to Spennymoor to visit the Town Hall Art Gallery which is a tribute to Norman Cornish and other local artists. We were also invited to visit the Museum of Mining so had a very interesting afternoon.

If there are any experienced, or beginner, artists working in any medium we would make them most welcome. We are not a class just a community group who paint together and help other as needed. We are most grateful for the use of the room, Cozy Café etc.
Thank you.

Keith Riley-Gledhill

Art & Creativity



Sandra Taylor Art Classes

My classes have remained on a Wednesday afternoon, to accommodate Trevor my disabled learner and on a Thursday morning. I run them on a 5/6/7 week basis depending on the way the holidays fall. This flexible approach works for myself and learners alike as many look after children and help out family during the school breaks.

I have remained teaching Acrylics for now but am skilled in teaching most media so it means I can vary the classes if anyone wants to experiment with resources they already have.

The atmosphere in the classes remains relaxed and I offer anything from beginner step by step demonstrations to being there for advice, inspiration and direction for those who are more experienced.

Alongside learning and developing new skills, the classes also provide huge social benefits, they are part of a routine, meeting new people as well old friends.

Unfortunately I have recently lost a couple of regular members of the group, but I like to think that in their latter days they were part of our warm and welcoming art classes.

I recently had a new beginner who hadn't painted before, I started a basic step by step painting with her and some other members of the group. She had been a bit nervous but said she had really enjoyed the class, and as someone who still has a busy part time job and granddaughter she felt it was teaching her to slow down and relax...if only for a couple of hours!

As a self employed artist and tutor I run my groups without any grants or financial help and Springwell Community Venue has afforded me to keep my classes going. It is a well used, well run centre which provides light and airy rooms great for painting in and a bustling café for refreshments.

I look forward to growing my classes and intend to run them on a Thursday morning and afternoon, this means I can still accommodate Trevor and his disability and take advantage of the café!

Sandra Taylor



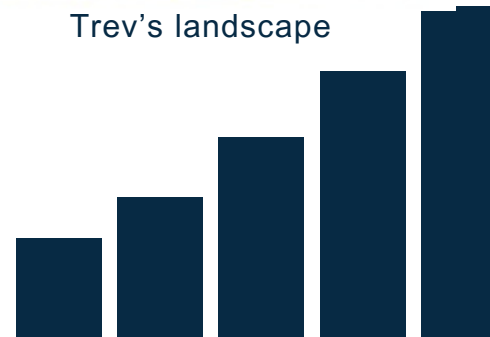
Class hard at work!



Step by step painting



Trev's landscape



Community Events

Spring Fest

This new event drew in hundreds of people from the local community. It was a fantastic one-day event full of energy and excitement. The event was carefully planned to cater to all age groups and it was a colourful day of endless fun and creativity with a tattoo studio and graffiti wall, family friendly competitions, crafts, giant garden games, birds of prey, fun side shows, piñata, photo booth, science fun, tepees, dazzle glitter face and body painting to name but a few.

For the music lovers, there were live performances that had people dancing and singing along and the event showcased local young musicians and Mini Divas Dance group and Curtain Call youth drama performed on stage. There was a play area, side shows, candy floss, pizzas, cakes, sweets, as well as our café offering food and drinks. Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to ensure the day was a huge success and everyone had a fantastic fun time. Lasting memories with family and friends were made and the day strengthened community spirits. Many thanks to Sunderland Council Community Chest - Washington Area Committee for their support.

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Queens Jubilee

The community were invited to an all-day Jubilee Soiree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We engaged with hundreds of people and the day consisted of fun, celebratory activities for all with a coffee morning, toddler's prince and princess party, a Tea Dance and a children's royal celebration. All activities were creative, imaginative, cultural, and innovative as well as fun and informative whilst appealing to individuals with varied abilities and interests. The activities were enjoyed by all, very memorable and were also educational and socially beneficial. We encouraged people to share family photographic memories of previous jubilee/royal celebrations with us and we had a lovely display for everyone to view and it was a huge talking point.

New memories were created, people reminisced, and the project brought people together and strengthened the community spirit. All feedback was very positive, it was a perfect day.

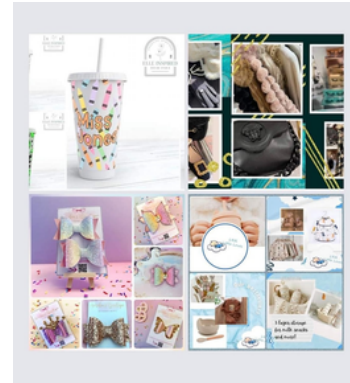
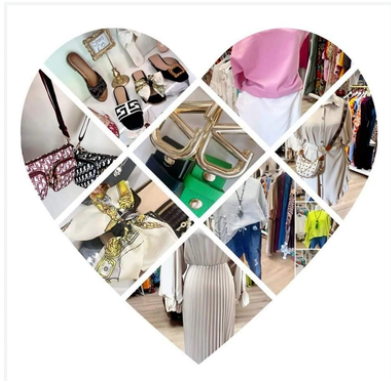


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Boutique & Beauty Night

In conjunction with The Ultimate Ladies Boutique, we organised a one day shopping and beauty event. Local traders, beauticians, therapists and florists came together to promote their products and services in a relaxed community environment. The community café and bar had a bespoke menu with offers and people shopped at their leisure and relaxed in the café with friends and family without the hustle and bustle of the high street.



Community Events

1940s Weekend

Springwell Village 1940s Weekend was a great opportunity to immerse the community in a nostalgic experience and celebrate the history and culture of that era. Here are some of the highlights that contributed to the event's success:

Music throughout the village transported people back in time and evoked the spirit of the 1940s. There were talented vocalists throughout the village at various venues; swing, big band, jazz, and other popular genres of that time, and their music created a lively and nostalgic atmosphere.

Having a variety of traders offering vintage items, memorabilia, clothing, and other artifacts allowed visitors to take home a piece of the experience and further immerse themselves in the era.

Living history displays and re-enactments at Bowes Railway Museum were an excellent way to bring the past to life. People dressed in authentic period costumes, portraying people from the 1940s, engaged with audiences and provided a deeper understanding of what life was like during that time.

Vintage cars, motorcycles, and other vehicles added a touch of authenticity to the event and people are often fascinated by classic vehicles and their designs, making them a popular attraction.

Attention to detail in recreating the ambiance of the 1940s through props, decorations, and signage enhanced the overall experience and helped visitors feel like they had stepped back in time.

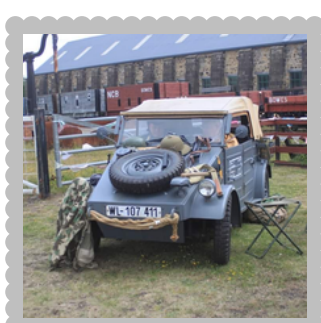
Traditional 1940s food and drink options delighted attendees' taste buds and added another layer of authenticity to the event.

Interactive activities, workshops, fun dog show, animal experiences, competitions and games kept visitors engaged and entertained throughout the weekend.

Due to feedback from the previous year, we looked at ways to incorporate more for children and young people. We created a traditional Toy Town for toddlers and babies and a Kids Play Camp for all ages using wooden toys, camouflage tents etc. Designated areas were set up and they offered free play for all which was welcomed by parents and carers.



The success of the event relies on the support and active participation of the local community, enthusiastic volunteers, passionate organisers, and a strong sense of community spirit, which all help to make a significant difference. Overall, 2022 was hugely successful and a memorable experience for all, it is a chance to step back in time and appreciate the charm and history of the 1940s.



Community Events

Christmas Fair

🎄 Our Christmas Fair proved successful with a sleigh-load of activities that left everyone feeling jolly and full of cheer. The community were entertained by the Mini Divas dance group, who dazzled with their moves, and the talented Curtain Call youth drama group took to the stage, bringing an incredible performance of favour extracts from west end musicals and Christmas favourites.

There was an array of unique vendors offering Christmas-themed products and gifts from handcrafted ornaments to one-of-a-kind local crafted trinkets.

And let's not forget the main man himself – Santa Claus! Santa's Grotto was a must to visit, with every slot fully booked. Children stepped into the magical world of Santa and his helpers, who seem to have an uncanny knowledge of every child's dreams and wishes. Each child received a special gift and the chance to capture the cherished moment in a photograph they'll treasure forever.

The success of our Christmas event is all thanks to our incredible community, whose support and involvement make this event a roaring success year after year and we look forward to seeing everyone there again next year 🎅👶🎁🎄



Dine with Live Music Events

This year we have had a number of day and evening events and each one has been well attended and enjoyed by all. This year following on from the success of the Bistro nights, we held a Spanish and Italian night with food, music and a quiz. The authentic food was amazing thanks to Chef Kev and his crew of volunteers. Thanks to Joe Devaney and Peter Aitkin who performed acoustic sets for everyone, both evenings were full of laughter, fun and dancing.

We offered two party days in December where the community were invited to enjoy a two-course Christmas meal followed by tea/coffee and a sweet mince pie. Entertainment was provided by Johnny Sax one day and Harper & The Watchmen, the other. Both days were totally sold out with incredible feedback. Huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare meals, set up tables, decorate the room etc etc etc, you are all stars ⭐

In March we held 'Come Dine & Dance With Us' the day after St. Patrick's Day and we were lucky enough to have Fagan School of Dance perform which was such a treat. A two course meal with coffee/tea followed by fantastic vocalist Mark Allen who had everyone up dancing.



Seasonal Events

Throughout the year we have held a variety of smaller events and every one has been very busy and enjoyable for all attendees. During Easter we held a fun craft workshop for children and an Easter Bunny Ball which was an instant sell out. The Easter bunny was kept very busy getting her photograph taken and keeping children entertained.

At Halloween we hired 'Flash Comedy and Magic' who put on an amazing show with games, balloon modelling etc Boogie Wonderland, our Christmas children's party went well and was enjoyed by everyone.

We make a huge effort to make the events memorable with themed activities, food and drinks, decorations, party fun and music and the feedback we receive makes all the hard work truly worth it.



Marketing & Media

Our varied methods of engagement are; social media, website, posters, flyers and newspaper articles. We have continued to grow and develop our social media platforms and have found that Facebook works best for us.

Social Media

This year, we've embarked on our marketing journey, channelling our energy into social media with a focus on Facebook and Instagram. We have grown both our main page, our Children's and Young People's Facebook page and Springwell Village 1940s Weekend page, a dedicated hub for all the exciting activities and events specially tailored to their followers. There has been a lot of time spent ensuring our Facebook pages compliment and work together alongside the website but there is still work to be done.

Springwell Village Community Venue - 4.01k Followers <https://www.facebook.com/Svcvenue/>

Children and Young People - 923 Followers

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Springwell-Village-Children-and-Young-People/100064359025698/>

Springwell Village 1940s Weekend - 2k Followers <https://www.svcv.co.uk/events/1940s-weekend/>

With our strategy, the main page has been freed to promote a wider variety of activities, events and offers, announcements and updates. There is a synergy between the two pages, as they support each other by sharing posts, effectively catapulting our reach. We've witnessed a growth in Facebook and Instagram likes and hope to strive to keep attracting new traffic and visitors to our pages.

Visual Marketing

In our quest for innovation and user engagement, we've embraced the power of visual storytelling and the blackboards that adorn our main corridor and café offer a permanent display of our weekly timetable and menu. No more leaflets left behind! Individuals can easily inquire about anything that sparks their interest, fostering genuine interactions and connections. Our outdoor blackboards promote more than just room hire opportunities, they also serve as a canvas to showcase upcoming community events.

The community café double sided acrylic stands are invaluable to marketing our events and they have reduced the need to advertise externally in many cases.

The continuation of seasonal and addition of themed event menus work very well. Alongside the themed event menus we have a very visual raffle which helps both financially and with marketing of events.



We have used visual advertising methods that are very eye catching and informative such as large hearts that were donated which we utilised to be effective especially to advertise one-off events.



Online Booking System

Our online Bookwhen page has enabled us to unleash a world of convenience for parents and carers to book children's activities, saying goodbye to the old-school hassle of taking payments and handling cash. With our online booking system, people breeze through the booking process and there are no more paperwork woes. Managing events has never been this smooth, we can easily set attendee limits, manage waiting lists, group bookings and create registers <https://bookwhen.com/svcv-children>



Your Words

Community feedback is incredibly important and special to us as it provides us with an invaluable insight into our performance and impact. It helps identify areas where we are succeeding and areas where we can improve. By understanding community's needs and concerns, we can better tailor our efforts to make a difference. Positive feedback can be incredibly encouraging for our charity staff and volunteers. It reinforces their dedication and hard work, knowing that their efforts are making a positive impact, and we are so grateful ... **THANK YOU**

AUGUST 22

BLOG - thenortheasttoddler

Springwell Village Community Venue 🍪



This is a gem to have on your list for anyone with little ones in the Gateshead/Sunderland/Washington areas. Based in the lovely Springwell Village, @springwellvillagevenue is a community centre with SO much going on from baby groups, toddler groups to activities for teenagers. They have a weekly calendar of activities term time and in school holidays have so much more going on too.

So far this summer, we've been along to a hedgehog meet and greet where T learnt all about taking care of hedgehogs in the garden as well as getting to stroke one, the morning included crafts and finished with party games and dancing, and we've also been along to a great toddler club with a bouncy castle and toys (just £1 per family).

It's worth following them on Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with the activities going on and get involved, everything is really great value for money and we love it - so many friendly staff and happy to chat mums.

There's also the Cosy Café in the venue which is always a nice treat, and again, is really, really good value.



kevin greenup

15 reviews · 8 photos

★★★★★ a year ago

Lyndsey Hetherington

Such a lovely party today! Well done! Thank you Melissa, my maternity leave wouldn't have been as enjoyable without you and the centre xxxx

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Absolutely fantastic village hall even has its own stage and its own licensed bar, people are very friendly and helpful ,will definitely have another party for the kids there again ,5 stars take my hat off to up all .



Hi Suzanne ,
A huge Thankyou for the Christmas dinner and entertainment today. All the WI ladies enjoyed themselves and were very impressed with the meal , it was delicious and beautifully cooked. Jonny Sax were great as usual. We had a wonderful time.
Please pass on our thanks to the other ladies who were involved.
Have a great Christmas,
Margaret xx



Michaela King

Tried the cafe in springwell village community centre for the 1st time last week and it was the best breakfast in a while, mine looks abit plain but its any 7 items for £4 or any 10 for £5 😊

Ursula Rutter

5 reviews · 2 photos

★★★★★ a year ago

What a great place this is we had afternoon tea for 6 at a bargain price for lovely homemade food everyone had to ask for boxes to take home defo be back x



pam deery

Local Guide · 20 reviews · 0 photos

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

Go there with my granddaughter for her toddlers club. Always plenty going on. People are so friendly. The cafe is so good. Food is beautiful and so cheap to eat in. It is great for the community both young and older.



Allison Mcdade

Thank you Leah has had the best time and we both made new friends

22 w Like Reply

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Stacey Cellini

Thanks, it's been a massive help through the summer holidays and Louie has had a great time. X

22 w Like Reply



Clare Armstrong

Lush events for the kids x

22 w Like Reply

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CHARITY NUMBER 520900

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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C Smiles

M Parkin

S Shaftoe

J Foggin

M Thompson

A Coburn

K Reader

S Thubron

N Foggin

R Proctor

A Bain

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E Hardy

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Secretary

Cncllr J Warne

Elected Member

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ACCOUNTING & COMMERCIAL CONSULTANCY

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

to the

COMMITTEE OF SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

We report on the accounts for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of committee and auditors

As the charity's committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts following the guidance for Accounting for the Smaller Charity issued by the Charity Commissioners. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for Independent Examination, whether particular matters have come to my attention. We have been appointed as Independent Examiners under section 29 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1982.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our examination in accordance with the General Direction for Independent Examination issued by the Charity Commissioners. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required if a full audit was undertaken in accordance with the Statements of Accounting Standard, and, we have accepted the current financial status and timing of several internal and external schemes as disclosed in the draft accounts. We have also accepted payroll allocations to these schemes resulting in a net payroll cost as disclosed. Consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/23 Total Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
General charitable income in activities to further the charity's objects	2	52,227	131,684	183,911	174,931
Total Incoming Resources		52,227	131,684	183,911	174,931
Resources Expended					
General charitable expenditure in activities to further the charity's objects	3	52,227	136,730	188,957	147,752
Total Resources Expended		52,227	136,730	188,957	147,752
Net Movement in Funds		0	(5,046)	(5,046)	27,179
As at 01 April 2022		0	84,046	84,046	56,867
Total funds at 31 March 2023	7	0	79,000	79,000	84,046

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/23 Total Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	0	20,200	20,200	20,200
Current Assets					
Stock Bar		0	8,010	8,010	5,150
Debtors & Prepayments	5	3,630	61	3,691	65
Cash at bank & in hand		26,006	53,488	79,494	91,262
		<u>29,636</u>	<u>61,559</u>	<u>91,195</u>	<u>96,477</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6	26,006	6,389	32,395	32,631
Net Current Assets		3,630	55,170	58,800	63,846
Net Assets		<u>3,630</u>	<u>75,370</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>84,046</u>
Funds	7	3,630	75,370	79,000	84,046
		<u>3,630</u>	<u>75,370</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>84,046</u>

Signed on behalf of the Committee:

.....Chairperson

.....Treasurer

.....Date

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, The Companies Act 1985 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2000. Income & Income & expenditure is shown with value added tax included where appropriate.

a. Tangible fixed assets

As the wear and tear on fixed assets is considerable the depreciation of the assets is revised annually in order to write assets off over their estimated lives.

Fixtures & Fittings valuation is as determined by the Management Committee.

2. Incoming resources

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/23 Total Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £
Sections Income				
Karate		278	278	170
	0	278	278	170
Groups Income				
Children & Young Peoples Activities	0	13,154	13,154	15,648
	0	13,154	13,154	15,648
General Funds				
Fundraising & Donations	0	15,599	15,599	12,848
Rents / Lettings	0	9,926	9,926	9,188
Community Cafe & Bar	0	76,571	76,571	53,828
Stage Productions	0	13,026	13,026	7,879
Social & Leisure	0	2,690	2,690	201
Subscriptions	0	440	440	463
Covid Support	0	0	0	35,750
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	52,227	0	52,227	38,956
	52,227	118,252	170,479	159,113
Total	52,227	131,684	183,911	174,931

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. Resources expended

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/23 Total Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £
Sections Expense				
Karate	0	141	141	280
Groups Expenses				
Children & Young Peoples Activities	0	4,956	4,956	924
General Expenses				
Utilities: Gas Electricity Water Internet Telephone	0	8,543	8,543	13,595
Insurance Affiliation & Licence Fees	0	2,434	2,434	3,734
Community charge	0	823	823	585
Printing Stationery Postage Marketing Publicity	0	2,744	2,744	2,087
Fundraising Activities	0	2,751	2,751	5,342
Employee Costs: Salaries Pensions HMRC	0	59,043	59,043	64,652
Community Cafe & Bar	0	35,578	35,578	31,804
Stage Productions	0	2,612	2,612	1,642
Social & Leisure	0	2,459	2,459	
Repairs Maintenance & Refurbishment	0	3,559	3,559	2,960
Equipment	0	4,963	4,963	4,763
Refuse Cleaning Sundries	0	5,023	5,023	3,988
Training & Development Costs	0	13,500	13,500	
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	52,227		52,227	38,956
Restricted Grants utilised against general costs				
Salaries	0	(15,028)	(15,028)	(27,161)
General Costs	0	0	0	(2,807)
	52,227	129,004	181,231	144,140
FINANCE				
Accountancy		1,000	1,000	900
Finance fees		1,629	1,629	1,508
	0	2,629	2,629	2,408
Total	52,227	136,730	188,957	147,752

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4. Tangible Fixed Assets			
	Computer	Furniture & Fittings £	Total £
Gross Book Value			
At 01 April 2022	778	20,000	20,778
At 31 March 2023	<u>778</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,778</u>
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 01 April 2022	578	0	578
Charge for period		0	0
At 31 March 2023	<u>578</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>578</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>200</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,200</u>
At 31 March 2022	200	20,000	20,200
5. Debtors & Payments in advance			
		31/03/23	31/03/22
		£	£
Insurance		61	65
Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Holiday 8 to 10		3,150	0
Sunderland City Council Community Chest		480	0
		3,691	65
6. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
		31/03/23	31/03/22
		£	£
Accruals - General		6,389	9,428
Restricted Grants per note 6		26,006	23,203
		32,395	32,631
7. Funds			
		31/03/23	31/03/22
		£	£
Balance as at 01 April 2022		84,046	56,867
Movement in funds for the period		(5,046)	27,179
Balance as at 31 March 2023		79,000	84,046

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Available at 01/04/22 £	Grants Added to 31/03/23 £	Costs Defrayed to 31/03/23 £	Available to 31/03/23 £	Transfer to Accrued Liabilities to 31/03/23 £
The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme	15,028		(15,028)	0	
				0	
The Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland	8,175		(8,175)	0	
				0	
S'land City Council Neighbourhood Fund		4,740	(4,740)	0	
S'land City Council Neighbourhood Fund 21/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee		1,000	(1,000)	0	
The National Lottery Heritage Fund		10,000	(668)	9,332	9,332
National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All		9,990	(3,906)	6,084	6,084
The Sir James Knott Trust		10,000	(1,620)	8,380	8,380
The Joicey Trust		3,000	(3,000)	0	
Sir John Priestman		5,000	(5,000)	0	
Hadrian Trust		1,000	(1,000)	0	
The Albert Hunt Trust		2,000	(2,000)	0	
S'land City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington Positive Holiday Activities 22/23 8 to 10		7,820	(5,610)	2,210	2,210
Sunderland Council Community Chest		480	(480)	0	
				0	
				0	
	<u>23,203</u>	<u>55,030</u>	<u>(52,227)</u>	<u>26,006</u>	<u>26,006</u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

CASH ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

RECEIPTS	£	£	PAYMENTS	£	£
Sections Income			Sections Expense		
Karate	278		Karate	141	
		278			141
Groups Income			Groups Expense		
Children & Young Peoples Activities	13,154		Children & Young Peoples Activities	4,956	
		13,154			4,956
General Funds			General Expenses		
Fundraising & Donations	15,599		Utilities Gas Electric Water Internet Tel	10,233	
Rents / Lettings	9,926		Insurance Affiliation & Licence fees	2,430	
Community Cafe & Bar	76,571		Community Charge	823	
Stage Productions	13,026		Printing Stationery Postage Marketing I	2,744	
Social & Leisure	2,690		Fundraising Activities	2,751	
Subscriptions	440		Employee Costs	59,043	
			Community Cafe & Bar	39,887	
			Stage Productions	2,612	
			Social & Leisure	2,459	
			Maintenance & Refurbishment	3,559	
			Equipment	4,963	
			Refuse Cleaning Sundries	5,023	
		118,252.00			136,527
Restricted Grants	51,400		Restricted Grants (see note 6)	52,227	
			Restricted Grants utilised		
			against general costs		
			Salaries	(15,028)	
		51,400			37,199
			FINANCE		
			Accountancy fees	900	
			Finance fees	15,129	
					16,029
Balance brought forward:			Balance carried forward:		
Bank current account	90,862		Bank current account	79,094	
Cash in hand	400	91,262	Cash in hand	400	79,494
		<u>274,346</u>			<u>274,346</u>

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ACCOUNTING & COMMERCIAL CONSULTANCY

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

to the

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CHARITY NUMBER 520900

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L Scott
J Foggin
L Tuff
M Thompson
A Coburn
K Reader
S Thubron
N Foggin
R Proctor
A Bain
S Taylor
J Graham

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
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Secretary

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Elected Member

Registered office and operation address

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to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



D C Smallbone

19 August 2022

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
General charitable income in activities to further the charity's objects		40,874	134,057	174,931	79,006
Total Incoming Resources		40,874	134,057	174,931	79,006
Resources Expended					
General charitable expenditure in activities to further the charity's objects		38,956	123,996	162,952	73,331
Total Resources Expended		38,956	123,996	162,952	73,331
Surplus for year		1,918	10,061	11,979	5,675
As at 01 April 2021		0	56,867	56,867	51,192
Total funds at 31 March 2022	7	1,918	66,928	68,846	56,867

Signed on behalf of the Committee:

D. WoodChairperson
M. ParkTreasurer
28/09/2022Date

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	0	5,000	5,000	20,200
Current Assets					
Stock Bar		0	5,150	5,150	1,500
Debtors & Prepayments	5	0	65	65	2,876
Cash at bank & in hand		0	91,262	91,262	55,189
		<u>0</u>	<u>96,477</u>	<u>96,477</u>	<u>59,565</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6	23,203	9,428	32,631	22,898
Net Current Assets		(23,203)	87,049	63,846	36,667
Net Assets		<u>(23,203)</u>	<u>92,049</u>	<u>68,846</u>	<u>56,867</u>
Funds	7	(23,203)	92,049	68,846	56,867
		<u>(23,203)</u>	<u>92,049</u>	<u>68,846</u>	<u>56,867</u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, The Companies Act 1985 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2000. Income & Income & expenditure is shown with value added tax included where appropriate.

a. Tangible fixed assets

As the wear and tear on fixed assets is considerable the depreciation of the assets is revised annually in order to write assets off over their estimated lives.

Fixtures & Fittings valuation is as determined by the Management Committee.

2. Incoming resources

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £
Sections Income				
Karate		170	170	0
	0	170	170	0
Groups Income				
Senior drama		201	201	89
Childrens Groups		15,648	15,648	906
Pantomime drama		4,728	4,728	0
Chatterbox		383	383	0
Dance Fit		0	0	143
Curtain Call		2,768	2,768	0
	0	23,728	23,728	1,138
General Income				
Entertainments		9,117	9,117	147
Rents / Lettings		9,188	9,188	2,632
Subscriptions		463	463	0
Donations		2,751	2,751	377
Community Cafe & Bar		51,910	51,910	3,924
Community Chest		480	480	0
Covid Support - Sunderland Council		35,750	35,750	0
HMRC Furlough receipts		0	0	10,477
Rates Grant - SCC		0	0	25,000
Washington Development Trust		500	500	0
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	40,874	0	40,874	35,311
	40,874	110,159	151,033	77,868
Total	40,874	134,057	174,931	79,006

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3. Resources expended

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/22 Total Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £
Sections Expense				
Karate		280	280	0
	0	280	280	0
Groups Expenses				
Curtain Call		555	555	0
Chatterbox		57	57	0
Senior drama		163	163	0
Childrens Groups (exc wages)		924	924	43
Pantomime drama		867	867	457
	0	2,566	2,566	500
General Expenses				
Entertainments		5,342	5,342	180
Community charge		585	585	0
Gas & Electricity		10,555	10,555	6,033
Telephone		1,867	1,964	1,623
Water		1,076	1,076	679
Printing Stationery Postage		411	411	23
Community Cafe & Bar		35,454	35,454	1,636
closing stock adjustment		(3,650)	(3,650)	0
Insurance		427	427	415
Photocopier		1,194	1,194	1,076
Salaries		54,518	54,518	23,569
HMRC employer contributions		7,488	7,488	5,485
Employee Pensions		2,646	2,646	2,063
Equipment		4,763	4,763	1,658
Affiliation & Licence fees		3,307	3,307	337
Maintenance & Refurbishment		2,960	2,960	6,083
Cleaning and sundries		3,988	3,988	3,252
Marketing & Publicity		482	482	2,017
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	38,956		38,956	35,311
Restricted Grants utilised against general costs				
Salaries		(27,161)	(27,161)	(28,266)
General Costs		(2,807)	(2,807)	(2,000)
HMRC Furlough payments			0	10,477
	38,956	103,445	142,498	71,651
FINANCE				
Accountancy		900	900	700
Depreciation of Fixed Assets		15,200	15,200	
Finance fees		1,508	1,508	480
	0	17,608	17,608	1,180
Total	38,956	123,899	162,952	73,331

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer	Furniture & Fittings £	Total £
Gross Book Value			
At 01 April 2021	778	20,000	20,778
At 31 March 2022	778	20,000	20,778
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 01 April 2021	578	0	578
Charge for period	200	15,000	15,200
At 31 March 2022	778	15,000	15,778
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2022	0	5,000	5,000
At 31 March 2021	200	20,000	20,200

5. Debtors & Payments in advance

	31/03/22 £	31/03/21 £
Insurance	65	63
Electricity		1,300
HMRC Furlough		1,513
	65	2,876

6. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	31/03/22 £	31/03/21 £
Accruals - General	9,428	1,613
Restricted Grants per note 6	23,203	21,285
	32,631	22,898

7. Funds

	31/03/22 £	31/03/21 £
Balance as at 01 April 2021	56,867	51,192
Movement in funds for the period	11,979	5,675
Balance as at 31 March 2022	68,846	56,867

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Available at 01/04/21 £	Grants Added to 31/03/22 £	Costs Defrayed to 31/03/22 £	Available to 31/03/22 £	Transfer to Accrued Liabilities at 31/03/22 £
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme	14,197	30,056	(29,225)	15,028	15,028
TPT SIB	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Reducing lonliness & Social Isolation for local people and vulnerable adults	7,088		(7,088)	0	0
COM FOUND	Comm Foundation Grant		8,918	(743)	8,175	8,175
COM CHEST	Sunderland City Council Community Chest Support		1,900	(1,900)	0	0
		21,285	40,874	(38,956)	23,203	23,203

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS

YEAR ENDED 31 M

		Costs Defrayed to 31/03/22 £
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme	29,225
TPT SIB	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Reducing lonliness & Social Isolation for local people and vulnerable adults	7,088
COM FOUND	Comm Foundation Grant	743
COM CHEST	Sunderland City Council Community Chest Support	1,900
		<u>38,956</u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

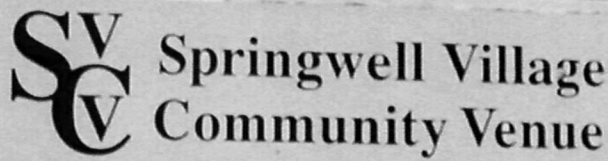
CASH ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS	
	£	£		£	£
Sections Income			Sections Expense		
Karate	170		Karate	280	
		170			280
Groups Income			Groups Expenses		
Senior drama	201		Curtain Call	555	
Childrens Groups	15,648		Chatterbox	57	
Pantomime drama	4,728		Senior drama	163	
Chatterbox	383		Childrens Groups (exc wages)	924	
Curtain Call	2,768		Pantomime drama	867	
		23,728			2,566
General Income			General Expenses		
Entertainments	9,117		Community charge	585	
Rents / Lettings	9,188		Gas & Electricity	6,226	
Subscriptions	463		Telephone	1,867	
Donations	2,751		Water	1,020	
Community Cafe & Bar	53,828		Printing Stationery Postage	411	
Grants - Sunderland Council	35,750		Community Cafe & Bar	31,021	
HMRC Furlough receipts	343		Insurance	429	
Washington Development Trust	500		Photocopier	1,194	
Restricted Grants			Salaries	53,348	
(see note 6)	40,874		HMRC employer contributions	7,488	
Community Chest	480		Employee Pensions	2,646	
		153,294	Equipment	4,763	
			Entertainment	5,342	
			Affiliation & Licence fees	3,307	
			Maintenance & Refurbishment	2,960	
			Cleaning and sundries	3,988	
			Marketing & Publicity	482	
			Restricted Grants (see note 6)	38,956	
			Restricted Grants utilised		
			against general costs		
			Salaries	(27,161)	
			General Costs	(2,807)	
					136,065
			FINANCE		
			Accountancy fees	750	
			Finance fees	1,458	
					2,208
Balance brought forward:			Balance carried forward:		
Bank current account	54,789		Bank current account	90,862	
Cash in hand	400	55,189	Cash in hand	400	91,262
		<u>232,381</u>			<u>232,381</u>



We are
Springwell Village Community Venue



ANNUAL REPORT
2021—2022

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Aims & Objectives

Springwell Village Community Venue (SVCV) is a registered charity managed by a voluntary board of trustees.

Established in 1965, SVCV is a successful, well-run community association that provides a wide range of services, activities and a meeting space for people of all Ages and abilities.

We provide resources for activities, groups, entertainment, events and projects that bring people together and help them develop social networks and support. We inspire and promote learning, creativity and participation through a variety of weekly groups and events throughout the year.

SVCV is the hub of village life and creates an important venue for services to be delivered and we believe that by providing and facilitating services and activities from the venue, local people of all ages and backgrounds have the chance to both benefit individually from our work, and importantly, contribute to their community, in terms of geography, identity and interest.

The charitable purpose of the organisation as per our CONSTITUTION is to further, or benefit the residents of Springwell Village and surrounding areas, by associating together, residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interest of health, education, employment, environmental and social welfare, for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for local people.

SVCV aims to:

- Improve the quality of life for the local community
- Provide an accessible welcoming venue and focal point for the community. A place for people and local organisations to meet and socialise.
- Sustain and develop activities that connect and engage people with their communities and each other to help tackle isolation and loneliness.
- Provide educational, recreational, social, leisure and cultural activities that are accessible to all.
- Provide a local resource which promotes and encourage learning and development.
- Promote and advocate the needs of groups based in the centre and provide opportunities for more integration and inclusion between users.
- To maintain and forge relations with partners, local authority and funding bodies.



CHAIR'S REPORT



At the start of 2021 we were suffering from the effects of the Pandemic, however Suzanne, Joanne and the volunteers were still busy, cleaning, tidying cupboards etc., in readiness for a return to some sort of normality. There were some events held but were outside events or by video such as the Easter activities.

We appointed a Bar/Café co-ordinator and a Children's Activities Coordinator in May 2021 and they were both literally thrown in at the deep end, but, both have certainly proved their worth and it makes me wonder how we managed before!

Once we were able to open to people, the centre soon started filling up with the return of the various activities and opportunities for all, albeit with restrictions in place.

SVCV have held successful community events, provided various entertainment, and supported a total of 26 regular community groups.

We were unable to hold the 1940's weekend in it's original form due to restrictions, there were some events held although greatly scaled down.

The community café has gone from strength to strength over the latter part of 2021 into 2022 and remains an important part of the centre and is flourishing due to the support of Steph, our new Bar and Café co-ordinator, our volunteers, and of course not forgetting our customers. Yet another successful year would not have been possible without the talent and dedication of the trustees, small staff team, and large committed group of volunteers and for that, we as a centre are extremely lucky and grateful.

2021 also saw the return of Marion Parkin to the committee and was elected as Treasurer and she has been doing a sterling job. I would like to thank Vicky Adgar for her time spent as Treasurer prior to Marion taking over the position.

I'd like to thank Suzanne and Joanne for their tireless efforts in secure funding. We've received funding from Sunderland Council for various projects this year such as

Grateful thanks to everyone who has supported us over the past year, we are sincerely thankful. I am grateful to for the continuing support of all the volunteers and my fellow trustees.

Diane Ellwood
Chair – Board of Trustees



Financial Information

As a charitable organisation SVCV works extremely hard to ensure its financial sustainability. In 2021-2022 funds were generated through a varied mix of income streams. In particular we are proud of earning a high percentage of our income through hall hire, rents, café, bar, etc..

TREASURERS REPORT



Marion Parkin

I took over the role of Treasurer from Vicky Adgar who did a sterling job over many years, big shoes to fill.

It was a struggle at first to generate funds because of the closure due to the Pandemic but progress has been made in all areas of the venue resulting in a healthy financial position, but it must be remembered that Grants were received for specific purposes such as salaries and events which must be taken into consideration when viewing the accounts.

Support from local restrictions grants have been invaluable helping with our huge running costs and without those we may not have survived the pandemic.

I would like to mention the role Suzanne plays in the organising of events with such imagination and thought going into each one, on top of her duties applying for grants which is a massive undertaking. The general administration of the building, overseeing staff, salaries, bookings, all of these with the help of Joanne, the list is endless and therefore I would like to give my personal thanks for all the support I have been given and taking up her time to do so. Suzanne is the thread linking

Joanne, Management Committee, Volunteers, Staff, and outside establishments hopefully that thread will never be broken because every one of those is essential to the success of the Centre.

Finally, all our volunteers deserve special thanks for their hard work and support.

Marion Parkin



Financial Information

Grants & Fundraising

GRANTS AWARDED

2021/2022	Amount
The Prime Fund at The Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland	8,918
Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open)	35,750
Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed)	
Local Restrictions Support Grant - Tier 3 2 Dec - 30 Dec (Open)	
Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed Addendum) Tier 4 31 Dec - 4 Jan	
Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed Addendum) National Lockdown 5 Jan - 15 Feb	
Closed Business Lockdown Payment	
Additional Restrictions Grant – 21 June – 18 July	
Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant	
The National Lottery Community Fund	14,197
Reaching Communities Programme (SVCV Develop and deliver)	
Sunderland City Council Community Chest	1,900
Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund	4,740
Community Assets Programme	
Washington Development Trust	500
Sunderland City Council Community Chest (SPRING FEST)	480
TOTAL:	£66,485

FUNDRAISING & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - PROFIT

Craft Fairs, Afternoon Teas, Fit Dance, Tea Dance, NYE etc	9,117
Annual Pantomime – Senior Drama Group	3,981
Community Café / Bar	18,141
Donations	3,493
Rents/lettings	9,188
TOTAL:	41,969



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VOLUNTEERS

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We are so fortunate to have numerous volunteers within Springwell Village Community Venue and without whom we simply would not be able to open our doors.

There are far too many volunteers to mention personally but each and every one is valued no matter how much time they give, every minute is precious and invaluable to the running of the venue...

WE THANK YOU ALL
 TRUSTEES

Springwell Village Community Venue



Each year we see various individuals and crews of volunteers support many areas within the venue from changing lightbulbs to playing Santa Claus and as said, each are invaluable ★

Our 'Cozy Café' crew have seen many changes this year but all for the better. A lot of pressure has been taken off the volunteers due to the appointment of a café coordinator, which was met with positivity. The café is thriving and has a lovely atmosphere which is all down to our fantastic crew ★

Panto Week and 1940s Weekend are our largest events which see volunteers come together in support and 2021 was a strange year dealing with the aftermath of covid, but we did it so thank you everyone involved! ★



With support from the NLCF, plans to help with the development of our outside space were put in place and work started in March 2021. Thanks to the efforts of Jim, Alan, Clem and Jim our A-Team, a front and back outside area, both complete with seating.

A step has been removed at the back to enable all areas to be wheelchair friendly.

Additional funding from Sunderland Council Washington Area Committee was sought to purchase outdoor picnic style benches which were a much needed addition when outdoor hospitality became our main stream of café income.

The outside area is well used and something that we can build on to support us in the future.

A huge thank you to the guys for the many strenuous hours spent in transforming what was an unused area and an eyesore, we don't know what we would do with you all.



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#yourwords



- Jackie Bloomer**
 Santa and his team were amazing today. My girl was a little tall for the chair at 9 but she came out and said she thought he must be the real one (not just a helper) because of how much he knew. Such a great experience and a lovely gift. Thanks again x

Like Reply 44 w 👍 3
- Kelly Quinn Wilson**
 Santa n his elf were amazing my 3 absolutely loved him especially junior as he's been scared ov other 1s xx

Like Reply 44 w 👍 3
- Kelly Ashley Stevens-Bell**
 Thank you all for an incredible day. We were so lucky to be able to have a stall at this fabulous, well organised and absolutely amazing community event. It was good to be around passionate and motivated people. X

Like Reply 44 w 👍 2
- Paula Boodhun**
 Santa was amazing. After being let down in the morning it was a last minute decision to go. Not only did he make my daughters day he made mine too. The look on her face when he told where she should have been was priceless. Thank you so much. She is up a height and telling everyone x

Thank you so much for reserving my tickets I'm looking forward to the event. I was at the hall on Monday with my sister in laws for afternoon tea and we were all really impressed with the food and the friendliness.

I lived in Springwell from 7 years old until I got married at 25 year old in 1974. I used to go to the youth club and prior to that the old hall.

Happy memories.

Thanks, Glynis x

Customer Feedback

Our cycling club travel from Whitley Bay regularly and stop off at the Cozy Café for a bite to eat. We can't fault the service, value for money and staff. The addition of a bike rack gives us peace of mind re safety and aslong as the centre is here, we will keep coming.

Alan Hill



Springwell Village Community Venue added 35 new photos. 1 March

We would just like to thank everyone who made panto week so special. It was an amazing week and we couldn't have done it without the help from so many people, including the audience who laughed, sang and clapped their way through the week. See you all next year to do it all again.



Lesley Ann Baker
 Loved every minute of it

Like Reply 28 w

Glenda McTrew
 Thank you for all your hard work. You were all brilliant. We loved it especially my 5 year old grandson who wanted to go back again. X

Like Reply 28 w

Lynn Scott
 Brilliant panto, thoroughly enjoyed it. Tremendous hard work by all involved. Thank you. Xxx

Like Reply 29 w

Glynis Rutter
 Yes me and Grandson Izaac loved it. Xx

Like Reply 28 w

Kelly Quinn Wilson
 It was amazing x

Like Reply 28 w

Carol Ann Harwood
 Love it cried with laughing

Like Reply 28 w

Rachael Mcstea
 It was amazing

Like Reply 28 w

Linda Longworth
 Some fantastic acting here x



The Cozy Café Bar

The Cozy Café saw a quiet start to this financial year with restrictions still in place and many changes were needed to enable us to maximize all opportunities e.g. outdoor dining. We received funding from Sunderland Council for outdoor benches and processes were put in place to enable a safe working environment for staff, volunteers and customers throughout.

During the times when restrictions were lifted and we were allowed to open, the realization of how much our community café was needed became apparent as we were and continue to be so busy. Looking at sustainability, the bar as an underused asset was looked at.

The Community Development Manager fell upon a small village café whilst out one day and this sparked an idea which could work within our venue. The set up behind the counter at the café included a coffee machine, fixed optics with refrigeration for alcoholic and soft drinks, this enabling the café to operate daily as a café/bar. The set up worked very well and was the model for our new Community Cozy Café / Bar. The process of changing the area to work effectively took many weeks and lots of ideas were discussed and trialed with staff and volunteers ready for opening to the public. The big changes would only work if there was a Café Coordinator in place to make the new plans work. Volunteers have been totally on board all the way through the process. An advert for a part-time Café Coordinator was placed at the end of March 2021 and on 1st May we welcomed Steph to the team.

A couple of weeks after Steph took up her post, indoor hospitality resumed and we have never been busier. The new set up has definitely made an impact with both customers, staff and volunteers with positive outcomes.

★ This year we have introduced a number of activities and events that work alongside the Cozy Café to attract more people, showcase the café and increase income. Seasonal menus have worked well and staff and volunteers meet regularly to ensure the café compliments each activity/event, looking at costings, requirements, themes and sometimes utilizing stock from FareShare North East.



Customer feedback

"I am registered blind and if it wasn't for places like this, I wouldn't have met new friends and I would be unlikely to go out much.

I look forward to my breakfasts and homemade cake and to see the staff who are really helpful and friendly"

Albert

Another tasty meal at the cozy cafe in the village community centre. Friendly volunteers who are so welcoming. A lovely place meet old and new friends. My husband is wheelchair bound and I use a stick so this is the ideal place as not far from our house. The food is delicious and very affordable. Thanks everyone for all you do. Ann Clements

Café counter top raffles and themed menus have been introduced to run alongside and leading up to events.



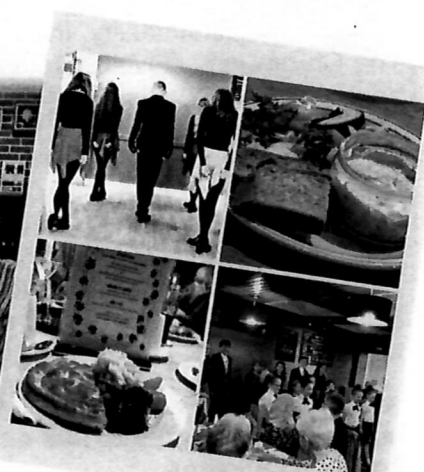


C♥zy Café Events & Activities

Various activities/events have taken place including afternoon teas, baby showers, Craft sessions and the local ward councilor has a weekly surgery. Themed Bistro nights have been added to activities, commencing with an Irish night. The nights involves a themed three course meal and entertainment. The nights have been successful and enjoyed by those who attended. Many thanks to Chef Kevin Curran and helpers Steph, Suzanne and Jacq.



Bistro Nights

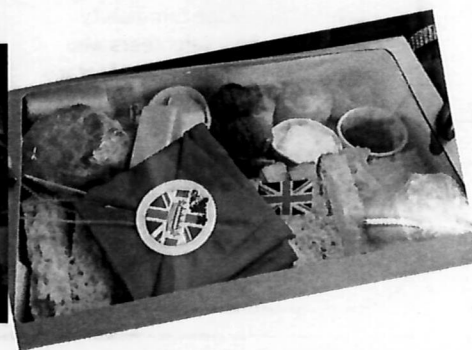
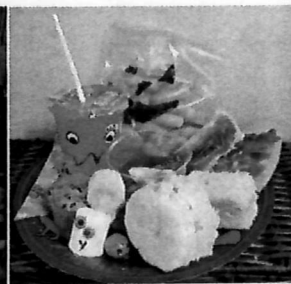


Afternoon Teas resumed when the Covid regulations were lifted and have continued to be very popular.

We have had a range of entertainment and themed events and the Mad Hatters Tea Party was so much fun for everyone involved. A huge effort was put in from all of our dedicated team of volunteers and this showed in the table settings, volunteer mad hats, thank you Marion Parkin and the food. We look forward to many more fun-filled events in the future.



Children's events have worked especially well allowing adults to indulge in something from the menu whilst children have a pre-prepared food box in with their ticket price. We were overwhelmed with the attendance at the Halloween and Christmas events and we received excellent feedback.





COMMUNITY EVENTS

1940S WEEKEND

2021 saw the return of this popular community event, however we still had some covid restrictions to adhere to, which brought new challenges for us to work through. The event was scaled down due to this, but it was attended by many, who all commented on how much it was needed after such difficult times.

We tried our best to host activities for all, from a children's party to an afternoon tea with live music, but due to the restrictions we were limited as to what we could offer.

We held a Saturday evening entertainment night with live music and games, but as covid restrictions were still in place no dancing could take place. However, this did not stop people attending and everyone who did all expressed how much of a great time they had.



*John Taylor
A fantastic event at a fantastic venue... Sadly, Covid-19 decimated attendances but those who ventured out had a great two days. Well received, well planned out... staff and volunteers were amazing, as usual. Enjoy the gazebo!!!
Denise & John Taylor*



XMAS GIFT, CRAFT & FOOD FAIR

Another amazing event from beginning to end. We were inundated with visitors and cannot thank everyone involved enough. Huge thank you to the general public, volunteers, traders and not forgetting Santa Claus. A special thanks to Mini Divas, Romero School of Dance, and Curtain Call for performing on stage throughout the day,

The event would not be possible without everyone's support and preparations are under way for next years event already.





CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

In May 2021 due to high demand we appointed a Children's Activities Coordinator.

Little Wonders was relaunched under strict Covid guidelines and we found that we were one of the only places to offer early years provision which led to a huge influx of parents wanting to join us. Unfortunately we had to limit numbers due to guidelines so a booking system was set up which parents quickly got used to and we managed to launch additional social groups across the week to support parents and carers. These groups proved very popular with us seeing an increase each week with over 90 places taken in three sessions on just one day. This continued through June and July until we broke for the Summer Holidays with the toys and equipment regularly and thoroughly cleaned throughout.

An separate Facebook page for our Children and Young People's groups and activities was set up as a link to the venues main Facebook page. On this, people can see our timetable, be notified of any updates to groups, see photos of ongoing sessions and look for information on our upcoming events. The page is updated regularly and the parents/carers of the children have noted this is an easy 'one-stop' place to find everything they need
<https://www.facebook.com/SpringwellVillagechildrenandyoungpeople>

We also launched a new group called 'Bump to Baby' on a Tuesday morning. The idea for the group came from a staff member who's daughter gave birth during lockdown and the realisation of the effect of isolation was very close to home. The group is aimed at new and expectant parents that proved to be popular. It allows for new parents, or pregnant mothers, to socialise, make new and local friends, combat the loneliness that can be experienced and give them a safe space to meet outside of their own homes. The group has gone beyond our expectations and not only has it helped these parents to find a local network and support group of other like-minded people but this group of people have actually formed a very close bond with each other that has extended far beyond our centre which is more than we could have hoped for.

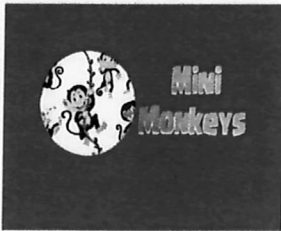
During the Summer, weekly activities for children were planned. All events were booked prior to the day and included four hours of themed entertainment plus a snack. The feedback from these sessions was fabulous and, with some tweaking and hopefully funding, we are excited to do some again next year! Our sessions included, a petting zoo, superheroes, crafts, science experiments, junk modelling, competitions, dancing, party games, food/drink making, bingo, discos, fancy dress, bouncy castle and much more!





Children & Young People

MINI MONKEYS



The Mini Monkeys club keeps growing with as many as 40 children regularly attending. The club restarted in April 21 and was soon as busy as ever. We held an Easter disco and a Christmas party, with bouncy castle as requested by the children and all the children had a wonderful time. The children have continued to enjoy the activities on offer and have particularly enjoyed the dressing up and dinosaurs. Towards the end of the year we said goodbye to Amy Gill and welcomed Melissa Oliver to the team.



Y.A.P.

Y.A.P. is into its fourth year and continues to be very successful. The junior sessions (8-10 years) started quiet but soon picked up with numbers reaching 30 children. The children engage well with activities, and particularly enjoy the Wii games console and art and crafts. We held a very popular Christmas party, which all children played games, danced and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Amy Gill said goodbye to the junior session towards the end of this year and Melissa Oliver took over the post.

The senior sessions (11-19 years) has been very busy again with a good number of young people accessing the sessions from different places within the local area. The staff have formed good relationships with the young people and continue to build on these. Although Amy Gill left junior sessions, Amy continued to work with the senior sessions. Young people pay a small weekly fee in the help to sustaining the session. This year we worked in partnership with Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project and shared resources.

Joanne Langley, Youth Worker



Children & Young People

EARLY YEARS

LITTLE WONDERS

The feedback from these sessions has been fantastic. Families were so glad to be back and able to have their children playing together after such a long time apart. We changed the set-up of the room to have more toys available and space for children to move around freely. We also added tables for the parents/carers to sit at which has encouraged more of them to use the cafe for food and drinks as they can sit comfortably at a table with young ones. This has also created a much more sociable session with everyone being able to sit together and chat while little ones play instead of being around the edge of the room. The Monday morning session remains our busiest, and we have changed the Tuesday session to meet the needs of older children - those coming out from nursery and we have renamed it 'Let's go Play' which includes role play stations around the room that have 'big world' activities such as vets, shopping or builders etc. This session is in its infancy but has been fairly popular and we are hoping it will continue to head in an upwards trend after Easter when we can order more equipment such as hairdressing and fire officer play items.

BUMP TO BABY

Up until Christmas this group was very popular with a solid network formed with regular attendees but as babies grew and parents returned to work etc, it became apparent that we needed to publicise the group and attract new parents. Social media and word of mouth proved successful and the group will see a continuing transition which will be monitored and supported. Future plans to support new and expectant parents include sessions in areas of benefit e.g. breast feeding and possibly a weekly weigh in area within the group.

BABY MASSAGE

The Children's Activities Coordinator completed a baby massage therapist course and this enabled the delivery of six week courses. Attendance has been steady with 26 members over the year. It was very successful and many of the parents went on to attend other groups within the venue as a result of this course. Each session ended with a lovely themed photoshoot which has been very popular and has then been used by other groups which was lovely to see.

BOP TOTS & BOP BABES

The Children's Activities Coordinator took over these sessions from Jodie Broadley who had started the groups and built them into very popular sessions, so it was very sad to see that she had to reluctantly give up her voluntary role as she went on to a university placement. We wish to thank her for her time and dedication. Sadly numbers declined and sessions were replaced with a messy play session Messy Monsters, which has proved popular.

TWINTASTIC - twins and multiple birth group

Our multiple birth group continues to increase in numbers and has grown from strength to strength due to the need for parental support and lack of groups in the area. The enormity of need is apparent from discussions on their group page and face to face conversations with staff. Strong relationships are formed within the group, both with staff and parents and we work together to ensure needs are met and supported.



DANCE AND DRAMA

Springwell Village Senior Drama Group

The group was delighted to be able to perform the pantomime 'DICK WHITTINGTON' in February, 2022. The production was enjoyed by all involved and our audiences were enthusiastic in their praise of the production. A tremendous amount of work by all volunteers goes into producing a polished production and I am very proud of everyone in the team for their sacrifices and dedication in ensuring this was another success for SVCV annual pantomime.

After such a long delay in being able to stage any performances due to the restrictions of the pandemic, it was a relief for everyone to be back in the venue and be able to rehearse, sing and dance without too many inhibitions!

I am pleased to say that I have received enquiries from some potential 'stars' wishing to join our group and I look forward to the start of rehearsals in September and seeing what the group can do with the next script. The production team are meeting at present to choose a suitable script and an announcement of the choice will be made very soon – watch this space!



On a personal level and on behalf of our group, I would like to say a huge 'well done' and 'thank you' to Suzanne, Joanne and ALL of the volunteers who have kept the venue running throughout the crisis to the benefit of all groups but especially ours. Keeping us informed of all the rules and restrictions and how this impacted upon our meetings. Not all community settings have the advantage of being so well run and it is a credit to their care and determination to get us through such a worrying time THANK YOU, PAULINE CLARK, PRODUCER

Curtain Call

Curtain Call was the brainchild of Amy who wanted to start a Junior Drama Group after many years without one and asked me to join her in creating this group. We started by doing a Variety Show which highlighted the talents of the young people involved. We had 30 children from ages 8 to 16 and they thoroughly enjoyed the show.

They performed at the Christmas Fair and plan to perform during the 1940s weekend.

We are currently rehearsing for Dracula Spectacular a spooky comical musical show in October ideal for Halloween and we hope you will come along and support our young people who have rehearsed very hard for this full-on stage production.

We wish to thank everyone who has been involved so far in planning this show the making of props and scenery etc. Angie for her help every week. Suzanne for her valuable support as always and Christine who has brought her musical instrument to rehearsals and played the most difficult musical score. We can't wait for the end result.

CO-PRODUCERS Amy Gill and Marion Parkin





Social & Leisure

LADYBIRDS

Meet fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon and activities include talks from guest speakers, games, trips out to various local attractions and garden centres, as well as singers and entertainers. We celebrate our birthday with a party and enjoy an Easter and Christmas celebration. The ladies are particularly fond of a game of bingo and enjoy being able to get together in a warm, welcoming space.

TEA DANCE

In August, we welcomed back our weekly afternoon tea dance after 17 months. The first day was quite emotional with over 30 people attending, some of who had not seen each other face to face for far too long. A group photograph was taken and members were given copies. The Tea Dance is a weekly activity, which attracts a wide range of individuals from all over the local area. It continues to be very popular and is a much needed activity for our older service users. Sadly we have lost some members, but on a positive we have welcomed many new faces. Many thanks to Vicky for continuing to volunteer and to Jean Hodgkinson and Caroline who continue to provide weekly music and dance instruction.



FELL MEN

We have managed to continue to meet when allowed. We have been involved in a project at the venue, helping to landscape a part of the outdoor space as well as helping at the very beginning of lockdown to clear and clean certain areas within the building. Whenever possible we have met as a group in the bar area and hope to gain new members when we are able to meet more regularly.

THE CHATTERBOX

The Chatterbox Club meet every Friday at 1pm to play bingo. The club continues to be very successful, meaning more tables and chairs have had to be added to the room to accommodate the extra people. New friendships have been formed and the group continues to grow.

GAP GROUP

Continues to meet weekly on a Friday morning. The group has reduced slightly since the pandemic, but ladies who continue to attend all say how much they enjoy the group and the social aspect of it. Activities include a wide variety of crafts, which are delivered by different members of the group. They enjoyed a trip to a local garden centre and their Christmas celebration was enjoyed at the centres Christmas lunch afternoon.



SPORT & FITNESS

FIERCE DANCE & FITNESS

After a full year of the new 'normal', things have settled down

We still adhere to a maximum amount of attendees, to keep everyone safe and classes are booked and paid online.

Fierce dance and fitness sessions are about more than just exercise, we are a group of ladies (the occasional man) who utilise this time to get away from our stresses, even if just for 45 minutes.

Fierce Clubbercise has been running at the venue for over 4 years and is one of my favourite places to teach with excellent facilities, supportive staff and a fantastic community.

Running classes is a two way street, supported and made enjoyable by the people around me.

I cannot thank everyone enough.

Many thanks

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THE LIFE PROGRAMME

My name is Phil Holland and I am a qualified exercise instructor and personal trainer and my day job is delivering exercise classes for the over 50's which I do at a variety of venues and locations around the North East. My classes focus on improving the health and well-being of the older population, improving fitness, strength and balance and helping people lead more active and fulfilling lives.

My class at Springwell village hall runs on a Tuesday morning for 45 minutes. After the Covid pandemic numbers in the class were lower than usual but have slowly risen and now I get a weekly attendance of around 15-20 people.

The staff at Springwell have always been incredibly welcoming and supportive and have promoted my class through their social media channels and have allowed me to distribute leaflets in the centre.

It's one of my favourite classes as the venue is perfect for the session I deliver and as I say the staff are always really friendly and helpful and if I ever need anything I know I only have to ask. I forgot my speaker one week and the team were on hand to lend me one of theirs which was a lifesaver as music is a big part of the delivery of my sessions.

I'm impressed by the number and variety of activities and events the team put on and have enjoyed bringing my family to the pantomime earlier on this year.

Feel free to contact me if you need any more information.

Phil Holland



ART & CREATIVITY

ART CLUB

The Art Group restarted in July 21 and it was a difficult time with continued concerns about Covid. Unfortunately two members were not ready for returning at that time and still have not returned.

The group has always had a Christmas Dinner somewhere, but in 2021 we stayed at home and enjoyed the SVCV Christmas lunch and entertainment. We enjoyed this so much that we will repeat the experience this year.

At this time we did attract some new members but sadly two of them have had to move into a care home. Another two, however, are still coming to the Art Group. Our numbers, do fluctuate, as is to be expected when the membership is elderly, but we have a strong nucleus of about eight members. Three of us have been members for sixteen years.

Our thanks go to all concerned in providing such a good Community Venue.

Keith Riley-Gledhil

SANDRA TAYLOR ART

I restarted my classes in June 2021, as we gradually came out of the pandemic, numbers were lower as people were understandably cautious, many in my groups are over 60, 70 a couple over 80 and more likely to be affected by Covid.

I have remained teaching Acrylics for now but continue to run them on a relaxed basis because as much as people enjoy being able to learn and develop a new skill, the benefits from being able to socialise, especially after the last 2-3 years are just as huge. Alongside the huge social benefits, the classes can give people a purpose and structure to their day.

I now run two hour classes on a Wednesday afternoon and a Thursday morning which I deliver on a 6 or 7 week basis, this makes them flexible financially which is important in today's climate.

As a self employed artist and tutor I run my groups without any grants or financial help and Springwell Community Venue has afforded me to keep my classes going, this is especially pleasing for my Wednesday afternoon class as I have a learner who attends with a carer, he has huge disability issues so cannot attend morning sessions as getting dressed in a morning is a difficulty, I have pictured him below with a couple of his paintings and you can see from these how much he gets out of his classes. I look forward to growing my classes into 2023, and hopefully having the opportunity to diversify into different media.

Trevor Hall June 2022





Marketing & Media

This year we have been mainly focusing our marketing resources on our social media platforms Facebook and Instagram.

A new Children's and Young Peoples Facebook page was created to promote all the activities and events predominantly aimed at that age bracket. This allows the main page to focus on other events and activities, café special events, café daily specials, as well as other important notices. However, both pages share each others post to help increase the reach. The main page Facebook likes have grown throughout the year and we currently are up to 3,432 likes.

We hope our followers continue to grow and we are constantly learning and looking at new ways to attract new traffic and visitors to the page.

Various methods of engagement; social media, website, posters, newspaper articles, articles in The Washington Way, competitions and videos have all helped us achieve our targets in relation to our projected project outcomes.

Our marketing diary is proving very effective, we have posts scheduled, planned posts for events and activities etc.

The Website is updated as regularly as possible but we are still looking for a volunteer who would be keen to help support the day to day running of it.

VISUAL MARKETING

Blackboards advertising our weekly timetable are now a permanent fixture in the main corridor. As well as looking smart they are easy to understand and people can inquire about anything that catches their eye. We are able to direct users to them and strike up conversations rather than users picking up a leaflet and leaving the building without a real insight into activities.

Outdoor blackboards advertise room hire opportunities and upcoming events and in the community café we purchased some A4 double sided acrylic stands which enable us to advertise upcoming events and our seasonal menu. This has proven to work well as we sold out one event without advertising elsewhere.

The cost of keeping the boards updated is minimal and extremely environmentally friendly.

ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

The introduction of the online Bookwhen page has been developed to not only enable parents and carers to book children's activities, but to sell tickets for events and this has reduced time spent on taking payment before sessions and at events, reduced cash handling, reduced the need for paperwork and has been beneficial in managing events, setting limits on attendees and managing waiting lists.

<https://bookwhen.com/svcv-children>



Children and Young People

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

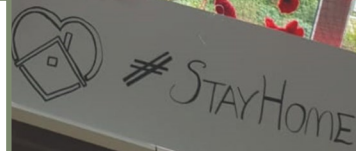
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Accounts



**We are
Springwell Village Community Venue**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2020—2021**



SVCV is a registered charity managed by a voluntary board of trustees.

Established in 1965, SVCV is a successful, well-run community association that provides a wide range of services, activities and a meeting space for people of all ages.

We provide resources for activities, groups, entertainment, events and projects that bring people together and help them develop social networks and support. We inspire and promote learning, creativity and participation through a variety of weekly groups and events throughout the year.

SVCV is the hub of village life and creates an important venue for services to be delivered and we believe that by providing and facilitating services and activities from the venue, local people of all ages and backgrounds have the chance to both benefit individually from our work, and importantly, contribute to their community, in terms of geography, identity and interest.

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Aims & Objectives

The charitable purpose of the organisation is to further, or benefit the residents of Springwell Village and surrounding areas, by associating together, residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interest of health, education, employment, environmental and social welfare, for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for local people.



SV CV aims to:

- Improve the quality of life for the local community
- Provide an accessible welcoming venue and focal point for the community. A place for people and local organisations to meet and socialise.
- Sustain and develop activities that connect and engage people with their communities and each other to help tackle isolation and loneliness.
- Provide educational, recreational, social, leisure and cultural activities that are accessible to all.
- Provide a local resource which promotes and encourage learning and development.
- Promote and advocate the needs of groups based in the centre and provide opportunities for more integration and inclusion between users.
- To maintain and forge relations with partners, local authority and funding bodies.

Registered Charity No: 520900



CHAIR'S REPORT

Well what an incredibly difficult year 2020 has been for everyone! As we all know the centre has been closed for much of it, only opening briefly following the end of the first lockdown. Some of the staff were put on furlough whilst our doors remained closed to the public but Suzanne continued to work throughout and with support from Joanne, when allowed, they ensured that parts of the venue could open safely until the region went into tier 4. They worked tirelessly obtaining literature, leaflets, posters hand sanitisers, marking out the distances, liaising with relevant bodies to ensure guidelines were met etc. A mighty task but they did it and they deserve a massive round of applause.

Support from the Governments Business Rates Grant Funding Scheme was received from Sunderland Council, and this gave us a much needed lifeline, in such stressful uncertain times. Funding has helped immensely and we have utilised it wisely.

Some of the National Lottery Community Fund project plans were put on hold and part of the allocated annual funding, with their agreement was used to support covid costs. Support from both Sunderland Council and The National Lottery Community Fund was greatly appreciated during the most difficult time the venue has seen in its history.

SVCV reached the grand old age of 55 September 2020, but sadly our plans for a big birthday bash was squashed along with everyone else's birthday celebration plans.

The cafe managed to open again, briefly, before we went back into lockdown, this time with a new makeover and it looks fabulous.

The senior drama even managed a couple of rehearsal s in the hope that the panto could be rescheduled, but it was not to be.....fingers crossed it will happen next February.....2022!!

I also want to thank volunteers who washed and cleaned rooms, chairs etc., to ensure the venue was as safe as we could make it, to welcome everyone back with the reassurance that we had done our utmost to open up fully. Also, food parcel packaging and distribution during early stages of the pandemic was much appreciated , we received some lovely thank you messages and cards.

Let's keep everything crossed that 2021 – 2022 will be a better year for all

Diane Ellwood
Chair

Staff Team



Suzanne Shaftoe
Community
Development Manager



Joanne Langley
Admin Assistant
Youth Worker



Amy Gill
Playworker



Barbara Phillips
Playworker

Financial Information

TREASURERS REPORT



2020-2021 began on an all time low as we closed our doors for the first time in 54 years. The future looked bleak and this year proved very stressful especially in relation to our financial situation. The venue closed its doors on 20th March 2020 and did not open again to the public until 14th July.

We were thrown an unexpected lifeline with support from Sunderland Council and the Government Business Rates Funding Scheme. Without this support, and that from the National Lottery Community Fund we may not have been in the same financial situation that we are today.

As always I cannot thank the volunteers enough, especially this past year which has been very stressful for many. The vast amount of hours that volunteers have given to get the venue back open e.g. cleaning, maintenance, has been appreciated not just by the committee but the whole community, as many will be unaware of the work that has been done.

I wish to thank our ward councillors who have supported in many ways, not just financial. We received our asbestos report from Sunderland Council and were alarmed to know that the cost of encapsulating residues and contaminated nail holes in a small area within the ceiling voids was going to cost over 2,000. This was a huge blow especially as we were trying to deal with the situation of lockdown. After discussions with Sunderland Council and our local ward councillors, they stepped in and supported the expense with funding from the 'Ward Improvement Fund' we cannot thank our local councillors enough for their support.

Many thanks to everyone for their continued, much needed support over the year.

V. Adgar, Treasurer

GRANTS AWARDED 2020/2021

	<i>Amount warded</i>	<i>Income Financial Year</i>
The National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities Programme (SVCV Develop and deliver)	0	28,395
Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Ward Senior Holiday Provision 11-19 years	2,800	2,800
Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Positive Activities for Children & young People October & Easter 11-19 year Washington West	2,000	2,000
Sunderland City Council Business rate Relief Grant	25,000	25,000
TOTAL:	29,000	29,000

#yourwords

Customer feedback from Angela Marie Dimambro – Age 76

"I didn't know about the venue and what it had to offer until I picked up a brochure from the civic centre. I mentioned it to someone at AGE UK who then told me about the 'Think Positive Thursday' sessions. I had never been in the venue before, and my first thoughts were that it was very friendly, and everyone was so nice. I enjoyed the company each week and there was some live musical entertainment on which I like. There was a lady doing crafts on one of the tables with a few other ladies and I enjoyed that because it was interesting and something to do. Each week there was something going on, so I wasn't bored, and it was good fun too. I do miss my Thursdays since March as there is nothing going on, I miss the company, miss seeing people and having a bit chat. It's nice just to get out of the house and to think about something other than food".



Wow this is amazing being back, it's so lovely to be able to meet friends and I am looking forward to volunteering again, to get back to some sort of routine. I can't even express how much I've missed the place and people. The Hall has been a part of my life for over 50 years and it has been a total miss.

Muriel Miller

So sad to hear this as I make a day of it when I come to your community cafe as I like to see my brother weekly as he lives on his own and has health issues and it's a forty minutes drive from my house to his it's a godsend to have a community cafe as I know he loves to eat at yours it means we can meet up in a safe environment and he gets a hot meal which is a plus plus it's run by wonderful people so keep safe and we will see you soon .

Dear Friends,
it is difficult to find suitable words to express thanks for all your efforts and kindness in the organisation of the donated food parcels -- but be assured that they were accepted in a pleasant way and indeed --- created an "uplifting day" by your nice thoughts and actions.
Good Wishes to All Concerned -- Be Happy + Healthy
From Belle + Jeff Thislaway



Carole Smiles

Thank you svcv for my celebratory cuppa and cake
Happy 55 th long may we continue xx 🍰 🍷 🌸 🍷

Community Café & Bar



The Cozy Café has had a very strange year. For the majority of this year we have had empty seats but during the times when restrictions were lifted and we were allowed to open, the realization of how much our community café was needed became apparent as we were so busy.

The café had a deep clean during lockdown and a makeover which has been welcomed by everyone who has visited the venue since.



May thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped contribute to the changes, we are sincerely grateful.

Looking at sustainability, the bar as an underused asset was looked at. The Community Development Manager fell upon a small village café whilst out one day and this sparked an idea which could work within our venue.

The set up behind the counter at the cafe included a coffee machine, fixed optics with refrigeration for alcoholic and soft drinks, this enabling the café to operate daily as a café/bar. The set up worked very well and was the model for our new Community Cozy Café / Bar.

The process of changing the area to work effectively took many weeks and lots of ideas were discussed and trialed with staff and volunteers ready for opening to the public. The big changes brought about the realization that a Café Coordinator was needed to make the new plans work. Volunteers have been totally on board all the way through the process. An advert for a part-time Café Coordinator was placed at the end of March 2021 and we look forward to an exciting new venture.

We continued to pay for weekly Fareshare North East deliveries for a few month and this enabled us to support local vulnerable and isolated members of the community A small group of volunteers met every week to make up and deliver food parcels. Support from local people also contributed to helping so many isolated people with hand made face protection masks, fresh baked scones and donations of food and toiletries. Bar stock all got used in bags or donated.

The bar has not been open at all apart from to support over a few weeks when able for the fell men and drama, this was short lived as we went into higher local restrictions.

No events took place at Christmas but instead we did a hamper the twelve days of Christmas utilizing stock.



Early Years, Children & Young People

Whenever possible, depending on ever changing covid 19 restrictions, we provided much needed safe sessions to maintain social contact with children, parents and carers.

We received funding from Sunderland Council for holiday activities which was allocated for 11-16 year olds. The funding was specifically for delivery during the Summer, October, Christmas, February half term and Easter holidays.

Outreach sessions were carried out and we were happy to be able to take a coach of young people to the beach and fair in the Summer.

Due to the situation with the global pandemic, we were only managed to deliver one centre based session, which was in October. We hired in a giant inflatable assault course and had Halloween art & crafts. Each young person received a goody bag.

Christmas was obviously unable to go ahead but staff and youth workers organised and distributed Christmas themed goody bags with the funding they would have utilised for a session.

February half-term was to be a trip to the cinema but could not go ahead as planned and therefore the idea to bring the movies to the young people was put into action with a 'Movie Night' goody bag.

Let's hope the Easter holiday plans go ahead as planned.



DANCE

50/50

As dancing was forbidden when the pandemic hit, the weekly Thursday evening social Dance has been cancelled until further notice. It has been a sad time for many but we hope that our Dance team of instructors and members of the public return when safe to do so.

MINI DIVAS

When restrictions were lifted for children's dancing, Mini Divas returned and started to rehearse new routines. A date has been set for a dance show the end of October, all being well.

ROMERO SCHOOL OF DANCE

What a year it has been for us all. Unfortunately, all live classes had to be cancelled from March to September 2020 when we were then able to return. That was short lived and back into lockdown we went! Throughout lockdown, my competition team continued to work hard with some having lessons on zoom. They also entered on-line competitions, with many of them placing top 3! It gave them something to work towards and focus on. I have also judged a few on-line competitions which has been a good experience. Some of the online competitions received over 3000 entries!

We returned again in April, and it was lovely to see the children so happy dancing with their friends...all be it on spots two metres apart! We have started working towards a possible show although until July 19th I don't want to book a date...scared to make plans ha ha.

Our competition team hopefully have the All England championships at Blackpool tower in august to look forward to. I will also be judging at this one, so I am excited to put on a ball gown and finally get glammed up!

Hopefully, life will return to a bit more normality soon. Thank you to everyone at the hall for their continued support during these times... after 12 years at the hall, it was good to come back home!

Lindsay. X

One of our dancers Charlotte all dressed up to compete on-line in the house. Who would of thought this would be a thing!



One of our competitors Nancy who won an NCDTA online comp with this dancing through lockdown theme x

Older People's Services & Social & Leisure

TEA DANCE

Unfortunately the Tea Dance has not been able to recommence this year due to the restrictions around Covid 19. We have had so many phone calls from dance members who have found the whole situation very difficult. We are hoping to start back as soon as possible.

GAP GROUP

The group have managed to meet a few times when restriction allowed and we hope to be back to every week soon. It has been so difficult for our members, not seeing each other and not participating in anything but we have maintained contact via telephone.

FELL MEN

We have managed to continue to meet when allowed. We have been involved in a project at the venue, helping to landscape a part of the outdoor space as well as helping at the very beginning of lockdown to clear and clean certain areas within the building. Whenever possible we have met as a group in the bar area and hope to gain new members when we are able to meet more regularly.



LADYBIRDS

The pandemic hit our group very hard as many are elderly and vulnerable. We have been meeting in the centre for over fifty years, on a Monday night fortnightly, but during lockdown we have spoken to Suzanne and have moved to a Wednesday afternoon which is much better for the majority of the older members as they do not like to come out at night. Here's hoping that we will be back in the centre soon with our friends.

THE CHATTERBOX GROUP

This new group was born in 2020. This is a social group that initially opened as a support group for isolated people. A chat and a cuppa brought smiles to many people's faces. Bingo became popular with the group when it was allowed and we are looking forward to seeing it develop at restrictions lift.



DRAMA

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE SENIOR DRAMA GROUP

The Covid19 pandemic has proved problematic for our group as it has for every part of the community. In August 2020 the production team discussed the viability of the next pantomime due to be staged in February 2021. I contacted members of the group to ascertain the cast numbers that we could expect if we were able to go ahead. The team then looked at scrips with various numbers of parts. After group discussions and weighing up the pros and cons regarding the uncertainty of the pandemic, it was decided to go with a script that had 9 main cast as opposed to 23. The thinking behind this being that if, for whatever reason, anyone would be unable to fulfil their role then there would be others to take their place. The scrip chosen was Dick Whittington and this was purchased from the writer.



The group met in September, 2020 in the main hall of the venue and we were able to maintain distancing easily although it was strange to read the script and discuss future plans in such a huge circle. It has to be said that it was therapeutic being able to socialise as a group and to laugh again ~ a great set of characters in our group and it does feel like family.

We agreed to meet each Thursday evening in the same way as long as we could.

As pandemic figures worsened over the next few weeks it became increasingly clear that we were not going to be able to follow our normal schedule for a production. I had received an email from the script writer to let us know that we could delay production at no extra cost. As well as this, we would be able to extend the performances to 2 weeks instead of 1 in order to maintain social distancing of audiences or perhaps have two performances a day at weekends. With so much to consider we decided to keep looking towards a February production with the option to alter situations depending on

circumstances nearer the time along with the option to stage the pantomime later in 2021 if necessary. The cast was announced on 22nd October and I met with Suzanne Shaftoe during the daytime of 30th October to discuss the current restrictions and viability of rehearsals. The drama group met that evening and we decided that we could not meet at the venue for the present time and that we would keep in touch via social media. A few of the cast met by video link to rehearse and thanks to Amy Gill for arranging this.

As the news relating to the pandemic worsened it became apparent by the turn of the year that by staging a production anytime within the next few months we would be giving ourselves and the huge number of volunteers involved more problems than the mountain of problems everyone had at present with the situation. It was with regret that the decision was made not to go ahead with a pantomime at all in 2021 in the hope that the health of the country and restrictions would improve in time.

The group was told of this decision on 10th January, 2021 and parents of chorus children and dancers were informed the next day.

We are now hopeful of returning to some semblance of normality and with this in mind have arranged for the group to meet again on the evening of 9th September, 2021 and all are welcome. Any new members would be part of the chorus for the next production as we are sticking with the Dick Whittington script which we have paid for and the cast will remain as chosen. This production will be staged in February, 2022.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and here's to a better year ahead.

Pauline Clarke, Producer

CURTAIN CALL

Unfortunately due to Covid we had to put the drama group off after only 3 rehearsals which was an absolute shame because we had full group of children brimming with talent who were very keen to be on the stage. We fully intend to open again as soon as possible and will be looking to book in a performance hopefully late 2021 to showcase their skills in a variety show.

Amy Gill

Marketing & Media

This year began with cancelling a variety of planned activities, events and bookings. The main focus was on maintaining a relationship with the community via social media platforms. The emphasis on raising spirits and having a strong presence was as important as ever in what has been a very difficult and strange year for us all.



For the 75th anniversary of V.E. Day, we decorated the outside of the venue with hand knitted poppies etc and made a window display inside. Every day over the weekend, we posted an intro video featuring our very own Dame Dolly and a music video performed by Harper & The Watchmen. This could not replace the event which we had planned but it was appreciated by the community. People were stopping to take photographs and images and videos were shared on social media.



In September we had planned to celebrated our 55th Birthday but this sadly could not happen but we did have birthday cupcakes which were given away to every customer in the café that day and we received some lovely birthday messages.



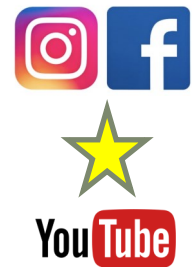
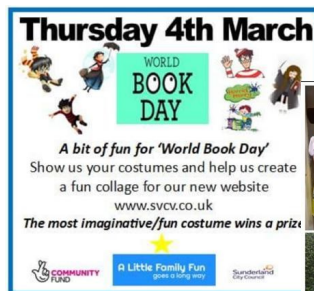
At Christmas we wanted to lift community spirits, so we organised a virtual Secret Santa Gift Bag Tombola which was very popular. We also decided to give away a food hamper a day in a fun family orientated 'Twelve Days Of Christmas' competition with an additional members draw raffle.



We held a fun free gift competition for World Book Day, a Valentines raffle and during February Half Term we held a Caption competition every day for the entire week and it was great fun as well as helping keep the momentum going in relation to the annual Pantomime.



PANTO ★



IMPACT OF THE GLOBAL COVID19 PANDEMIC

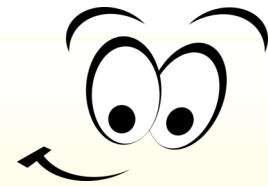
As with everyone, there has been a huge impact on our venue, its staff, volunteers and users.

There have been lots of negatives and positives throughout and many ups and downs. It has been very challenging for trustees, staff and volunteers but we can say, that we have pulled together with the local community, changing ways we work to maintain SVCV for future years.

- SVCV sadly closed its doors for the first time in nearly 55 years.
- £25,000 was received from the governments business rates relief scheme which helped to keep the venue afloat during these uncertain times.
- A volunteer team was set up to help make and distribute food parcels to the most vulnerable and isolated members of the community within Springwell Village. Food was received via a weekly delivery from Fareshare UK. SVCV paid for the cost of the deliver (£22/week) and volunteers sorted, packed and distributed food parcels. This weekly process lasted for 18 weeks and in total we helped support 65 individuals. We were overwhelmed with how grateful and happy people were. Tuesdays became something for them to look forward to, share with their friends and family over a phone call. We sang happy birthday to a few people on their doorstep and one day we went out delivering with famous people’s masks on to add a little cheer.
- A local resident made hand made face masks for us to distribute to older people who needed them and one volunteer made scones every week for 14 weeks whilst she was unable to return to work.
- To help to raise spirits and acknowledge cancelled events and activities, we utilized social media to launch competitions, give-aways, fun activities etc. to lift community spirits. See page The Chatterbox Club is a new group that was formed as restrictions eased. This was a way for the venue to enable older people to return safely, helping with isolation, improve their mental health, help with ever changing guidelines, offer a support network in a controlled safe environment.
- The community café hours have been reduced but this is something that has proven beneficial to the venue and its staff and volunteers. The café has been extremely busy and even though it has been difficult to get it up and working in a new way, it has thrown up many positives and new ideas.
- Additional cleaning has been problematic as cleaning has had to be increased dramatically. We have purchased a steam cleaner and volunteers cleaned all of the 160 banqueting chairs, stage and hall curtains have been dry cleaned.
- The entire building was sanitized using an antibacterial fogging service. Group leaders are all cleaning before and after each session and we are working together to keep everyone safe.

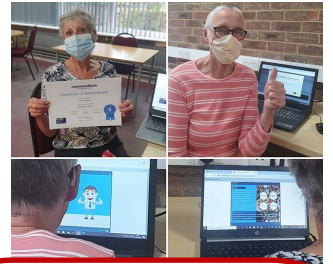


LOOKING AHEAD



TRAINING

Community café volunteers completed their Food Safety Level 1 online course. Free training on mental health awareness was made available to sports coaches and sport/ physical activity organisations. Part of the new MIND/ Sport England partnership. The aim being to develop a greater understanding, knowledge and confidence amongst sporting organisations to help facilitate improved engagement of people who experience mental health difficulties. Details of the training was passed on to the group leader of Fitness Funatics who registered and completed the course.



Staff completed a Coronavirus awareness course and training in relation to the new WEBSITE

Thanks for pointing me towards this. I actually found this really informative and I've already had some ideas about how to make my class more inclusive.

DEVELOPING OUTSIDE SPACE

There have always been issues with the lack of outside space but due to the increase in the amount of people accessing the venue, particularly for events e.g. 1940s weekend and the global pandemic, we have made a start on clearing the rear area behind the building. This area was so overgrown, unsightly for local residents, a haven for attracting vermin and a waste of much needed space. Hopes are to make this area wheelchair friendly with seating, screening and planting to make it more attractive for all. We want to make it more user friendly, encourage community groups to utilise the space for project work and improve relationships with the local community. We hope this will help to compliment our future sustainability plans.

BECOMING MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

SVCV are always striving to become more environmentally friendly. We have made a few changes inside and outside the venue to help meet our goals.

- Began to 'ditch disposables' for take outs and groups.
- Working towards becoming paperless: blackboards have replaced menus in the community café, online ticket sales are encouraged. Social media will be used more effectively to promote activities and events.
- The emphasis on recycling has been increased as we have placed recycling bins in every room, there is a clothes bank in the carpark and a battery bin which is forever full.
- Hand dryers are fitted in the main toilets. We have water saving devices in all toilets.
- The process of replacing old light fittings with more energy efficient lighting has been very productive.

BOOKING SYSTEM

As a result of groups returning safely to the venue, the idea of a booking system was mentioned at a trustee meeting. As well as enabling the venue to see how many people were booked in for groups and activities, this would also help to reduce costs in some areas.

Knowing how many children are booked in will allow us to plan and prepare more efficiently, monitor costs and capacity, reduce valuable staff time. We are looking towards a pre-payment system for some things.

options, share ideas, look at other venues for comparison and compile packages to suit various needs



SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Respective responsibilities of committee and auditors

As the charity's committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts following the guidance for Accounting for the Smaller Charity issued by the Charity Commissioners. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for Independent Examination, whether particular matters have come to my attention. We have been appointed as Independent Examiners under section 29 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1982.

Basis of Opinion

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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Net Movement in Funds		0	5,675	5,675	(8,858)
As at 01 April 2020		0	51,192	51,192	60,050
Total funds at 31 March 2021	7	0	56,867	56,867	51,192

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £	31/03/20 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	0	20,200	20,200	20,200
Current Assets					
Stock Bar		0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Debtors & Prepayments	5	0	2,876	2,876	61
Cash at bank & in hand		0	55,189	55,189	53,858
		0	59,565	59,565	55,419
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6	21,285	1,613	22,898	24,427
Net Current Assets		(21,285)	57,952	36,667	30,992
Net Assets		(21,285)	78,152	56,867	51,192
Funds	7	(21,285)	78,152	56,867	51,192
		(21,285)	78,152	56,867	51,192

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, The Companies Act 1985 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2000. Income & Income & expenditure is shown with value added tax included where appropriate.

a. Tangible fixed assets

As the wear and tear on fixed assets is considerable the depreciation of the assets is revised annually in order to write assets off over their estimated lives.

Fixtures & Fittings valuation is as determined by the Management Committee.

2. Incoming resources

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £	31/03/20 Total Funds £
Sections Income				
Karate			0	580
	0	0	0	580
Groups Income				
Senior drama		89	89	190
Childrens Groups		906	906	2,749
Pantomime drama		0	0	5,120
Fit Dance		143	143	522
Curtain Call		0	0	157
	0	1,138	1,138	8,738
General Income				
Entertainments		147	147	9,190
Rents / Lettings		2,632	2,632	11,813
Subscriptions		0	0	446
Donations		377	377	3,493
Community Cafe		3,307	3,307	18,971
Bar takings		617	617	19,550
Grant Aid - Sunderland Council			0	4,166
HMRC Furlough receipts		10,477	10,477	0
Rates Grant - SCC		25,000	25,000	0
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	35,311		35,311	29,904
	35,311	42,557	77,868	97,533
Total	35,311	43,695	79,006	106,851

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3. Resources expended

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £	31/03/20 Total Funds £
Sections Expense				
Karate		0	0	500
	0	0	0	500
Groups Expenses				
Childrens Groups (exc wages)		43	43	371
Pantomime drama		457	457	1,139
	0	500	500	1,510
General Expenses				
Entertainments		180	180	5,171
Community charge			0	1,563
Gas & Electricity		6,033	6,033	14,401
Telephone		1,623	1,623	1,684
Water		679	679	1,033
Printing Stationery Postage		23	23	146
Community Cafe (exc wages)		1,123	1,123	6,613
Bar (exc wages)		513	513	13,432
Insurance		415	415	531
Photocopier		1,076	1,076	1,792
Salaries		23,569	23,569	27,490
HMRC employer contributions		5,485	5,485	5,976
Employee Pensions		2,063	2,063	271
Equipment		1,658	1,658	8,878
Affiliation & Licence fees		337	337	1,935
Maintenance & Refurbishment		6,083	6,083	2,183
Cleaning and sundries		3,252	3,252	4,423
Marketing & Publicity		2,017	2,017	0
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	35,311		35,311	29,904
Restricted Grants utilised NLCF against general costs		(30,266)	(30,266)	(14,897)
HMRC Furlough payments		10,477	10,477	0
	35,311	36,340	71,651	112,529
FINANCE				
Accountancy		700	700	650
Finance fees		480	480	520
	0	1,180	1,180	1,170
Total	35,311	38,020	73,331	115,709

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4.	Tangible Fixed Assets		Furniture & Fittings £		Total £
	Gross Book Value				
	At 01 April 2020	778	20,000		20,778
	At 31 March 2021	778	20,000		20,778
	Accumulated Depreciation				
	At 01 April 2020	578	0		578
	Charge for period		0		0
	At 31 March 2021	578	0		578
	Net Book Value				
	At 31 March 2021	200	20,000		20,200
	At 31 March 2020	200	20,000		20,200
5.	Debtors & Payments in advance			31/03/21 £	31/03/20 £
	Insurance			63	61
	Electricity			1,300	0
	HMRC Furlough			1,513	0
				2,876	61
6.	Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			31/03/21 £	31/03/20 £
	Accruals - General			1,613	1,026
	Restricted Grants per note 6			21,285	23,401
				22,898	24,427
7.	Funds			31/03/21 £	31/03/20 £
	Balance as at 01 April 2020			51,192	60,050
	Movement in funds for the period			5,675	(8,858)
	Balance as at 31 March 2021			56,867	51,192

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Available at 01/04/20 £	Grants Added to 31/03/21 £	Costs Defrayed to 31/03/21 £	Available at 31/03/21 £	Transfer to Accrued Liabilities at 31/03/21 £
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme	13,390	28,395	(27,588)	14,197	14,197
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme Building Capability Fund	7,018		(2,678)	4,340	4,340
TPT SIB	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Reducing lonliness & Social Isolation for local people and vulnerable adults	2,993		(245)	2,748	2,748
N.FUND SUMMER	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision		2,800	(2,800)		
N.FUND 20/21 October	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision		2,000	(2,000)		
		23,401	33,195	(35,311)	21,285	21,285

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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Costs Defrayed to 31/03/21 £
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme	27,588
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TPT SIB	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Reducing lonliness & Social Isolation for local people and vulnerable adults	245
N.FUND SUMMER	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision	2,800
N.FUND 20/21 October	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision	2,000
		<u>35,311</u>

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CASH ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

RECEIPTS	£	£	PAYMENTS	£	£
Groups Income			Groups Expense		
Senior drama	89		Childrens Groups	43	
Childrens Groups	906		Pantomime drama	457	
Fit Dance	143			457	
		1,138			500
General Income			General Expenses		
Rents / Lettings	5,939		Entertainments	180	
Donations	377		Gas & Electricity	6,886	
Community Cafe	617		Telephone	1,739	
Bar takings	147		Water	808	
Restricted Grants			Printing Stationery Postage	23	
(see note 6)	33,195		Community Cafe	1,123	
HMRC Furlough	8,964		Bar (exc wages)	178	
Rates Grant - SCC	25,000		Restricted Grants		
			(see note 6)	35,311	
			Restricted Grants utilised	(30,266)	
			Salary - General fund	23,569	
			Insurance	417	
			Photocopier	1,076	
			Marketing & Publicity	2,017	
			HMRC employer contributions	5,485	
			Pension contribution - employees	2,063	
			Equipment	1,658	
			Affiliation & Licence fees	337	
			Maintenance & Refurbishment	6,083	
			Cleaning and sundries	3,252	
			HMRC Furlough	10,477	
		74,239			72,416
			FINANCE		
			Accountancy fees	650	
			Finance fees	480	
					1,130
Balance brought forward:			Balance carried forward:		
Bank current account	53,458		Bank current account	54,789	
Cash in hand	400	53,858	Cash in hand	400	55,189
		129,235			129,235

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Tangible Fixed Assets	4	0	20,200	20,200	20,200
Current Assets					
Stock Bar		0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Debtors & Prepayments	5	0	2,876	2,876	61
Cash at bank & in hand		0	55,189	55,189	53,858
		0	59,565	59,565	55,419
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6	21,285	1,613	22,898	24,427
Net Current Assets		(21,285)	57,952	36,667	30,992
Net Assets		(21,285)	78,152	56,867	51,192
Funds	7	(21,285)	78,152	56,867	51,192
		(21,285)	78,152	56,867	51,192

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, The Companies Act 1985 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2000. Income & Income & expenditure is shown with value added tax included where appropriate.

a. Tangible fixed assets

As the wear and tear on fixed assets is considerable the depreciation of the assets is revised annually in order to write assets off over their estimated lives.

Fixtures & Fittings valuation is as determined by the Management Committee.

2. Incoming resources

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £	31/03/20 Total Funds £
Sections Income				
Karate			0	580
	0	0	0	580
Groups Income				
Senior drama		89	89	190
Childrens Groups		906	906	2,749
Pantomime drama		0	0	5,120
Fit Dance		143	143	522
Curtain Call		0	0	157
	0	1,138	1,138	8,738
General Income				
Entertainments		147	147	9,190
Rents / Lettings		2,632	2,632	11,813
Subscriptions		0	0	446
Donations		377	377	3,493
Community Cafe		3,307	3,307	18,971
Bar takings		617	617	19,550
Grant Aid - Sunderland Council			0	4,166
HMRC Furlough receipts		10,477	10,477	0
Rates Grant - SCC		25,000	25,000	0
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	35,311		35,311	29,904
	35,311	42,557	77,868	97,533
Total	35,311	43,695	79,006	106,851

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3. Resources expended

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/21 Total Funds £	31/03/20 Total Funds £
Sections Expense				
Karate		0	0	500
	0	0	0	500
Groups Expenses				
Childrens Groups (exc wages)		43	43	371
Pantomime drama		457	457	1,139
	0	500	500	1,510
General Expenses				
Entertainments		180	180	5,171
Community charge			0	1,563
Gas & Electricity		6,033	6,033	14,401
Telephone		1,623	1,623	1,684
Water		679	679	1,033
Printing Stationery Postage		23	23	146
Community Cafe (exc wages)		1,123	1,123	6,613
Bar (exc wages)		513	513	13,432
Insurance		415	415	531
Photocopier		1,076	1,076	1,792
Salaries		23,569	23,569	27,490
HMRC employer contributions		5,485	5,485	5,976
Employee Pensions		2,063	2,063	271
Equipment		1,658	1,658	8,878
Affiliation & Licence fees		337	337	1,935
Maintenance & Refurbishment		6,083	6,083	2,183
Cleaning and sundries		3,252	3,252	4,423
Marketing & Publicity		2,017	2,017	0
Restricted Grants (see note 6)	35,311		35,311	29,904
Restricted Grants utilised NLCF against general costs		(30,266)	(30,266)	(14,897)
HMRC Furlough payments		10,477	10,477	0
	35,311	36,340	71,651	112,529
FINANCE				
Accountancy		700	700	650
Finance fees		480	480	520
	0	1,180	1,180	1,170
Total	35,311	38,020	73,331	115,709

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4.	Tangible Fixed Assets		Furniture & Fittings £		Total £
	Gross Book Value				
	At 01 April 2020	778	20,000		20,778
	At 31 March 2021	778	20,000		20,778
	Accumulated Depreciation				
	At 01 April 2020	578	0		578
	Charge for period		0		0
	At 31 March 2021	578	0		578
	Net Book Value				
	At 31 March 2021	200	20,000		20,200
	At 31 March 2020	200	20,000		20,200
5.	Debtors & Payments in advance			31/03/21 £	31/03/20 £
	Insurance			63	61
	Electricity			1,300	0
	HMRC Furlough			1,513	0
				2,876	61
6.	Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			31/03/21 £	31/03/20 £
	Accruals - General			1,613	1,026
	Restricted Grants per note 6			21,285	23,401
				22,898	24,427
7.	Funds			31/03/21 £	31/03/20 £
	Balance as at 01 April 2020			51,192	60,050
	Movement in funds for the period			5,675	(8,858)
	Balance as at 31 March 2021			56,867	51,192

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Available at 01/04/20 £	Grants Added to 31/03/21 £	Costs Defrayed to 31/03/21 £	Available at 31/03/21 £	Transfer to Accrued Liabilities at 31/03/21 £
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme	13,390	28,395	(27,588)	14,197	14,197
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme Building Capability Fund	7,018		(2,678)	4,340	4,340
TPT SIB	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Reducing lonliness & Social Isolation for local people and vulnerable adults	2,993		(245)	2,748	2,748
N.FUND SUMMER	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision		2,800	(2,800)		
N.FUND 20/21 October	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision		2,000	(2,000)		
		23,401	33,195	(35,311)	21,285	21,285

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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Costs Defrayed to 31/03/21 £
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme	27,588
NLCF	The National Lottery Community Fund:Reaching Communities Programme Building Capability Fund	2,678
TPT SIB	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Reducing lonliness & Social Isolation for local people and vulnerable adults	245
N.FUND SUMMER	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision	2,800
N.FUND 20/21 October	Sunderland City Council Neighbourhood Fund Washington West Senior Holiday Provision	2,000
		<u>35,311</u>

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

CASH ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

RECEIPTS	£	£	PAYMENTS	£	£
Groups Income			Groups Expense		
Senior drama	89		Childrens Groups	43	
Childrens Groups	906		Pantomime drama	457	
Fit Dance	143				
		1,138			500
General Income			General Expenses		
Rents / Lettings	5,939		Entertainments	180	
Donations	377		Gas & Electricity	6,886	
Community Cafe	617		Telephone	1,739	
Bar takings	147		Water	808	
Restricted Grants			Printing Stationery Postage	23	
(see note 6)	33,195		Community Cafe	1,123	
HMRC Furlough	8,964		Bar (exc wages)	178	
Rates Grant - SCC	25,000		Restricted Grants		
			(see note 6)	35,311	
			Restricted Grants utilised	(30,266)	
			Salary - General fund	23,569	
			Insurance	417	
			Photocopier	1,076	
			Marketing & Publicity	2,017	
			HMRC employer contributions	5,485	
			Pension contribution - employees	2,063	
			Equipment	1,658	
			Affiliation & Licence fees	337	
			Maintenance & Refurbishment	6,083	
			Cleaning and sundries	3,252	
			HMRC Furlough	10,477	
		74,239			72,416
			FINANCE		
			Accountancy fees	650	
			Finance fees	480	
					1,130
Balance brought forward:			Balance carried forward:		
Bank current account	53,458		Bank current account	54,789	
Cash in hand	400	53,858	Cash in hand	400	55,189
		129,235			129,235