

Bowtown Community Development Group

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Bowtown Community Development Group is a community development organisation based in the Bowtown Estate of Newtownards. Our main aim is to enhance the lives of local residents. We also aim to improve the local area and increase investment in this part of Newtownards.

Our work throughout the year:

Throughout this year, we have continued to support local residents by providing a range of activities and programmes.

We continue to assist the local community with housing and benefit queries, assistance with Statements of Educational Needs, engagement with the PSNI and lobbying for investment in the area.

We continued to assistance families and individuals facing economic hardship with support from Ards and North Down Borough Council.

We obtained a grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs -Reconciliation Fund. This will be used to deliver programmes aimed at educating individuals on local government.

We continued to assist families in need during the festive period. This was made possible by Cash for Kids mission Christmas appeal. We are extremely grateful to the team at Cash for Kids. The work they do allows us to help as many children in need as possible, ensuring no child is left behind.

We started a new community garden in the estate. This area is used by dog-walkers, children having picnics and a hangout space for teenagers. Special thank you to Radius housing for granting us permission to use their land for our garden and the donation towards to seeds etc.

In partnership with Castle gardens Primary, Abbey Primary, Movilla Presbyterian, Movilla Spar and the PSNI, we successfully delivered a reimaging project. The theme for the project was road safety. The image was placed on a site that was continuously vandalised. The project was a great success and has led to further projects together. Special thanks to Supporting Communities for facilitating and assisting us with the project and special thanks to the NIHE cohesion team for funding the project.

We purchased a defibrillator for the community office. Special thanks to Eileen Thompson (NIHE) for arranging PK Murphy to install the cabinet for us free of charge. Thanks to PK Murphy for assisting with this.

We continue to work with our interagency partners to address local issues and improve the wider area.