



## **Bovalley Community Association**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025**

### **TRUSTEES:**

Current Trustees are:	Chairperson	Hazel Brooks
	Treasurer	Amanda McGillion
	Secretary	Laura McGillion
	Trustee Support	Karen Brown

The Trustees and Members would like to thank all volunteers, users, residents, statutory agencies including Causeway Coast and Glens Council, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, and Supporting Communities for their continued support over the past year.

### **PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS:**

Bovalley Community Association is completely led by volunteers and only has one part-time Youth Co-Ordinator who started in July 2023. This makes Bovalley Community Association very unique.

### **KAST (Kids are Stronger Together) Youth Clubs**

This year we have seen an increase of young people engaging with the KAST Youth Club. We have established and trained volunteers, who have been a consistent face of the KAST Youth Club. This year we have learnt more about diversity and building strong relationships and looked into different cultures. Our Youth Co-Ordinator has stated "one of our main topics with the support of SSE funding will be to focus on more sustainability and environmental issues. The KAST delivers a range of educational programmes with additional fun elements to make it more engaging for the young people".





### **CHAT (Community, Harmony and Togetherness)**

CHAT is a programme run on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings for ladies aged 18+ and involves them getting together over a cuppa with breakfast, usually eggs and toast. The ladies enjoy the safe space we have created for them, to open up about the issues they face on a daily basis. We also include a variety of awareness sessions. The ladies love to play bingo and in their words "put the world to rights". They have enjoyed doing a couple of treasure hunts and also quizzes throughout the year.





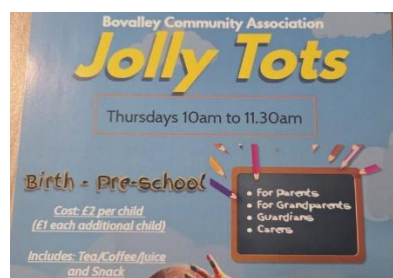
## Busy Fingers

Busy Fingers run on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning for ladies aged 18+ and involves a variety of crafts. We have exceptional volunteers with amazing crafting abilities which they are happy to share with the group. We have achieved many different crafts including, knitting, crocheting, painting, sewing by hand, sewing by machine, horticulture, cooking programmes, and decoupage. The group continues to grow which is very encouraging.



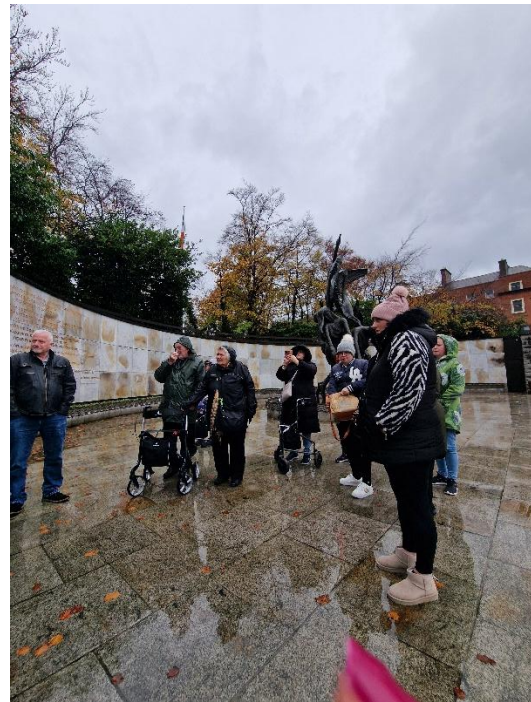
## Jolly Tots

Jolly Tots is a parent/caregiver with toddlers group. They meet every Thursday morning and enjoy engaging with other parents with toddlers. The morning involves playing with toys, singing, eating snacks and learning a variety of fun activities. They have successfully run the odd fun day with the little ones and utilising our outside space. Water play and messy play also factor into a very enjoyable morning.



## Healthy Walks

We have completed 4 healthy walks during the past year, and the ladies have enjoyed visiting local areas of natural beauty, like Roe Valley Country Park. We have taken into account all users abilities and have catered for some of our users who have disability issues.



## FINANCE:

Bovalley Community Association has managed to secure funding from:

CC&G Council	£ 3,064.29
Lottery Awards for All	£20,000.00
COAST	£ 600.00
Children In Need	£15,000.00
Triangle	£ 1,000.00
SSE	£ 4,200.00
NIHE	£ 1,9150.00
Community Foundation	£ 3,314.00
Donation	£ 119.17

This funding has enabled Bovalley Community Association to provide a variety of programmes and projects which included some funding for running costs.

## MEETINGS AND LINKS:

Bovalley Community Association still engages with:

Limavady Community Network, Inter-Agency Meetings, NIHE Community Network, Intergenerational Meetings and Money Matters



## **KINGS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE:**

Bovalley Community Association was awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service in November 2024. We are so proud of all 46 volunteers that help Bovalley Community Association to run on a daily, weekly, monthly and annual basis. We held a celebration event for our volunteers and valued supporters and funders in June 2025. Below is some photos showing our celebration event.

