

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CHARITY NUMBER 520900

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status

The organisation is a charitable organisation.

Management Committee

D Ellwood
C Smiles
M Parkin
S Shaftoe
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
Treasurer
Secretary

Cncllr J Warne

Elected Member

Registered office and operation address

Fell Road Springwell Village Gateshead Tyne & Wear NE9 7RP

Reporting Accountants

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Bankers

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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 2022.

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 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. ParkesTreasurer
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 & 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

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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

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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

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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>

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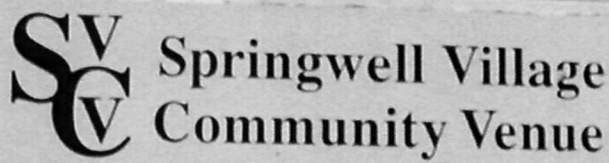
CASH ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£	£		£
Sections Income			Sections Expense	
Karate	170		Karate	280
		170		
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
			Equipment	4,763
		153,294	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
		<u>232,381</u>		<u>232,381</u>



We are
Springwell Village Community Venue



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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	<i>Amount</i>
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.

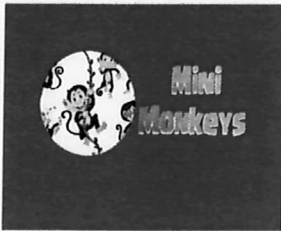
During the Summer, weekly activities for children were planned. All events were booked prior to the day and included four hours of themed entertainment plus a snack. The feedback from these sessions was fabulous and, with some tweaking and hopefully funding, we are excited to do some again next year! 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



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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!



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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.

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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>



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