

Annual Report

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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 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.

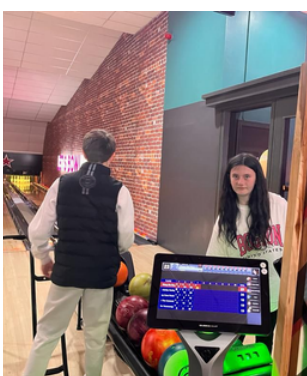
During October half-term, we hosted a "Create and Cook" session, where children made their own pizzas, and organized trips to the cinema and an ice cream parlour. Over 35 children participated, strengthening existing friendships and creating new bonds. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with outside 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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The first Eat till 8 of 2024.

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4th April, 2nd May
6th June, 4th July
1st August, 5th September
3rd October, 7th November
5th December 2024



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.

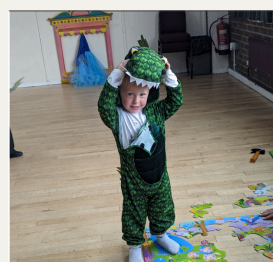
Our sessions play a vital role in fostering the early development of children in our community, offering a safe and nurturing space where children under five can interact, learn, and thrive. These sessions are carefully designed to create a stimulating and educational environment for children while also 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.

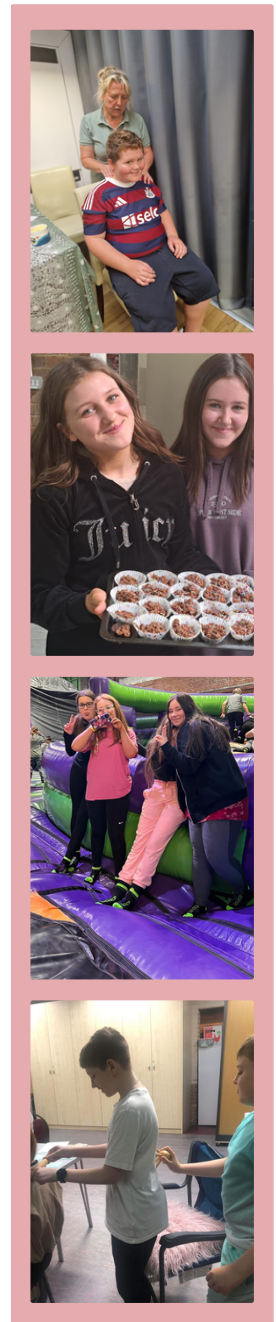
In partnership with the Oxclose & District Young People's Project, we have delivered enriching sessions during school holidays, offering a range of centre-based activities and trips. For many of the participants, these were entirely new experiences, enabling them to develop new skills, gain independence,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

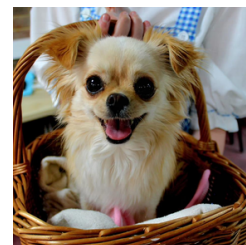
I couldn't be prouder of every single dancer—what a year of achievements! FAB-U-LOUS!!!

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

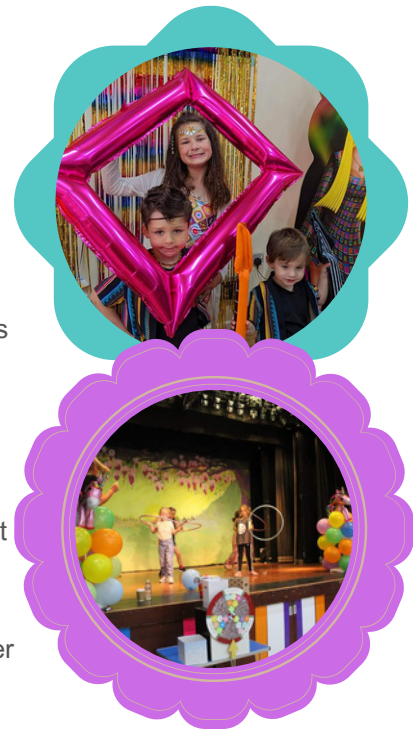
Community Events

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.

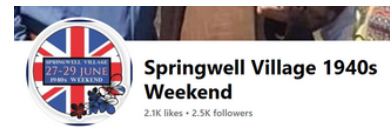
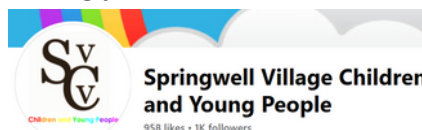
Visual Marketing Enhancements

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

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Billy 'Owl 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...👍👍👍

33w Like Reply Hide

Margaret Haywood

Thank you for all the goodwill and kindness you have given to allx

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for your
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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

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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
4 The Pastures
Coulby Newham
TS8 0UJ

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		<u>30,896</u>		<u>75,370</u>	
			<u>30,896</u>		<u>75,370</u>
			<u><u>65,311</u></u>		<u><u>79,000</u></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>

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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).

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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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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).

