



SV Springwell Village
CV Community Venue



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About Us

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

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

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

Vision

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

Mission

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chair's Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carole Smiles - Chair

Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

Kathy Reader - Treasurer

GRANTS & DONATIONS - *Received in this financial year*

National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities Programme

Core costs. Capital costs - kitchen/cafe refurbishment project

Awards for All England National Lottery Grant - Project Costs

Sir James Knott Trust - Youth group support

The Ballinger Trust - Unrestricted funding support

Garfield Weston Foundation - Core costs

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

Sir John Priestman Charitable Trust - Children's Activities Co-ordinator support costs

The Albert Hunt Trust - Core costs

The Barbour Foundation - Project costs

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

Arnold Clark Community Fund - Project costs

Sports England Movement Fund Programme -
School Holidays Sports Activities - commence July 2025



THANK YOU!

Community Development Manager Report

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

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

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

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

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

A Special Milestone ✨

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

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

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

Suzanne Shaftoe
Community Development Manager



Projects

Creative Wellness

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

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

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

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



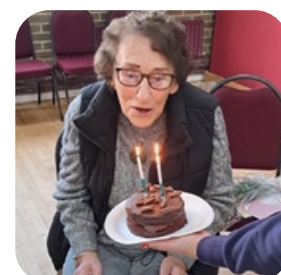
Together Time Community Foundation

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

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

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

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



Community Café & Bar

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

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

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

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

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



The Tuesday Cupboard

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

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

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

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

Our Disco

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

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

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

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

Children & Young People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mellissa Oliver - Children's Activities Coordinator

Early Years - Under 5s

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

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

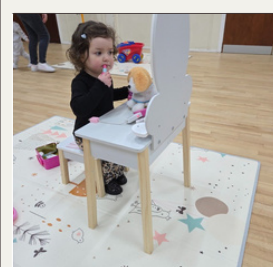
A special highlight is our Friday group, Twinfinity and Beyond, supported by Tiny Lives, which offers a safe and friendly environment for neonatal babies and their families.



Best of friends and so are parent's



Mmmm cake celebrating our friends Birthday



Dress up imaginary play



Enjoying sensory time

Children & Young People

After School Clubs

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

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

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

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



Do you like my picture



Bouncy Castle FUN!!!



Scavenger Hunt in our local park



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

Dynamite Junior Youth Club - Year 4 - Year 6

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

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

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

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



After School Clubs

YOUTH IMPACT

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

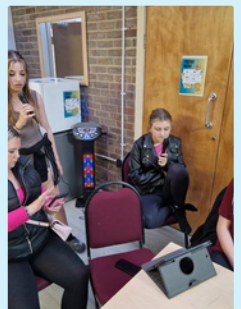
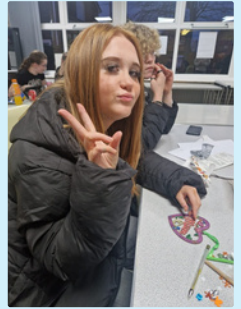
Our weekly youth drop-in sessions, held every Friday evening, continue to attract many young people each week. Sessions are youth-driven, with young people actively shaping the activities they enjoy, such as music, sports, arts, crafts, and more. The Youth Impact senior club has also seen steady attendance,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

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

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

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

Emma Naisby – Youth Worker



Social & Leisure

TEA DANCE

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

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

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

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

LADYBIRDS

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

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

Audrey Miller

FELL MEN

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

CHATTERBOX

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

Susan Masters - Volunteer

Dance & Drama

Senior Drama Group

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

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

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

PAULINE CLARK - PRODUCER

Curtain Call Youth Drama Group

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

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

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

Amy Gill – Producer



The Rocky Horror Show

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

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

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

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

Dance & Drama

Romero School of Dance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lindsay Romero



Sport & Fitness

Yoshino Karate

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

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

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

Peter Lind & JP Cooper

Mini Divas

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

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

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

Caroline Barker

Fierce Dance & Fitness

After 9 years of delivering classes at Springwell Village Community Venue, it remains one of my favourite places to teach. The welcoming community, supportive team, and fantastic facilities make it a truly special space. The venue team have consistently supported me, enabling me to keep delivering classes that get people in and around the village dancing, stretching, and moving. The spacious hall allows everyone to enjoy the sessions comfortably, and we always feel part of what's happening, especially when working together around the venue's annual events. More than just dancing, these classes give people a chance to switch off from daily pressures, move their bodies, and boost their wellbeing. I'm so grateful to be part of this vibrant community and to have the continued opportunity to help keep our local area active and connected.

Many thanks, Fi

Little Kickers

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

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

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

Sport & Fitness

The Life Programme

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

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

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

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

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

Yoga

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

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

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

Sara Jobling

Sports King Coaching

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

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

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

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

Art & Creativity

GAP Group

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

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

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

Audrey Miller

Art Group

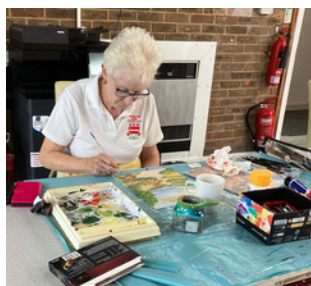
This year has been a time of both change and continued strength for our Art Group. Numbers have remained consistently strong, and we've received heartening feedback from members who describe the group as a warm, welcoming, and supportive space. Many value the small, intimate setting, where friendships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

Keith

Sandra Taylor Art Classes

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

Sandra Taylor



Community Events

Family Fest

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

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

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

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



Pop Up Shopping Evening

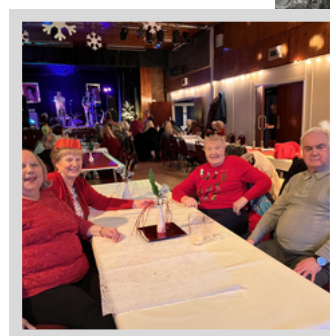
In December, we hosted a well-attended Christmas Shopping Night, designed to support local businesses and provide the community with a seasonal shopping experience. The event featured over 20 stalls, showcasing a diverse range of products including handmade gifts, ceramics, jewellery, handbags, scarves,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

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

Christmas Meal

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

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



Community Events

1940s Weekend



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



Community Events

Seasonal Events

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

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

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

Christmas Fair

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

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

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

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

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



Weekend Hire

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

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

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



NEW ADDITIONS

Bra Bank

Supporting Sustainability: Bra Recycling Initiative

This year, we partnered with the organisation that manages the clothing bank in our car park to introduce a dedicated bra recycling bank inside the venue. The initiative was launched in response to a request for a more specialised recycling option and aligns with our ongoing commitment to sustainability and community engagement.

The bank has been well used by visitors and community members. Bras in good condition are redistributed for reuse, supporting women in need, while items that can't be reused are carefully recycled. This includes the separation and recycling of underwires and fabrics, helping reduce textile waste and promote environmentally responsible practices.

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

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

Period Dignity

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

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

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



Marketing & Publicity

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

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

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

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



Your Words

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



Rebecca Hamilton

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



Top fan

Karen Taylor

Brilliant show well done everyone 🙌🙌
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GOOGLE REVIEW

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



Judith Thornley

Well done everyone we all had a great night.

Charity registration number 520900

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

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Independent examiner	Clover Accounting 4 The Pastures Coulby Newham TS8 0UJ

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SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Kathryn Hatfield FCCA
Clover Accounting
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Dated:

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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

Current financial year

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

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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

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

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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

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

C Smiles
Chair



SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

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

1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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

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

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Stocks

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

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

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2	Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		funds general	funds		funds general	funds	
		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Donations and gifts	21,890	-	21,890	13,606	-	13,606
	Subscriptions	126	-	126	256	-	256
	Grants	-	177,658	177,658	32,376	128,550	32,376
		<u>22,016</u>	<u>177,658</u>	<u>199,674</u>	<u>46,239</u>	<u>128,550</u>	<u>174,789</u>
3	Charitable activities				Other	Other	
					trading	trading	
					activities	activities	
					2025	2024	
					£	£	
	Sections - karate				130	62	
	Group – children & young peoples activities				19,078	15,504	
	Rents				9,523	7,666	
	Community café & bar				89,104	74,359	
	Stage productions				6,828	7,829	
	Social & leisure				2,205	2,165	
					<u>126,868</u>	<u>107,584</u>	
	Analysis by fund						
	Unrestricted funds – general				126,868	107,584	
	Restricted funds				-	-	
					<u>126,868</u>	<u>107,584</u>	

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4 Charitable activities

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

5 Support costs

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

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

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

9 Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bar stock	7,528	7,528

10 Debtors

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

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

12 Restricted funds

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

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

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

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

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14 Related party transactions

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: