

Trustees Report year end 22/23

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Taste the world festival was a great success with Taste the world stage from Womad festival and Beyond Skin. It was a huge opportunity to bring food and music from around the world to Newcastle

Level 3 Award in emergency First Aid at work for go karts and crazy golf staff along with volunteers working with people in the community fridge.

The Big monthly community lunch April, May, June, July August, September October providing a creative craft at each event to help build good community relationships. This was funded by the housing associations.

The Big Lunch at Christmas 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 gifts donated by svdp, hailes and St.Mary's primary school.

Toasty Tuesday's provided the community with a lunch of soup, sandwiches and tea and coffee every Tuesday until end of Feb 2023 funded by Clanmil Housing , Ark Housing and Arbour Housing Associations. Souper Saturdays also funded by the housing associations ran for the month of March 2023.

Newcastle Big Clean up in May, June, July, August, September 2023 linking in with Live Here Love here.

Newcastle Community Fridge funded by hubbub , in partnership with Lidl NI and Foodcloud has continued to be a great success providing hundreds of families over the years an opportunity to avail of surplus foods to help with the cost of living crisis, all while reducing waste in the community.

Our partnership with the Mourne Eye has continued to be a great success the Go Karts and crazy golf have continued to provide a good source of income and provide a space for youth in the community to learn new skills and build confidence.

Unit T Stars was created by chairperson Pauline Horner and other parents who had identified a need. This funding was from clanmil housing association paid directly to suppliers and has continued to thrive with a new partnership with the ADHD funding.

We have continued to operate on a small group of volunteers. The focus for the future is to continue building community connections by providing events that bring together support services direct to the community. Our successful events held yearly are:

**January:** Beat the Blues with MDT & County Down Rural Community Network other support services.

**June :**The Big Lunch to promote good community relationships

**October :**Heat & Eat with MDT

**Throughout the year:**

Newcastle Clean Up Events to promote awareness of the impact of rubbish in the environment.

Newcastle Community Fridge: Surplus foods from Lidl via Foodcloud to reduce waste in the environment

Pauline Horner



Maggie Gilmore



Kathy Black

