

## Trustees Report 23/24

The support of the wee charity shop has been vital to help with the running costs of the Newcastle Community Fridge, this has contributed to the cost of insurances, water NI, power, gas and has help us reach families to help with the cost of living by providing a bag full of fruit and vegetables with ambient goods. We have documented over 35 individuals on average have benefited from this service which helps not only reduce waste but help save local families money on essential foods.

The impact from foodcloud shows we have reduced waste with 746 collections to date, total weight of food collected is 12935kg, total meals equivalent 30798, total co2 savings 36960kg.

We have continued with the annual community engagement events helping to signpost individuals to support services through the following Big Lunch events:

Picnic in the Park aimed at local families every June

Heat & Eat held in October every year with local support services

Beat the Blues held in January every year with local support services.

These are successful events with 10- 15 information stands and over 200 in attendance. This is also the opportunity for new residents to get to know their neighbours in and informal setting and find out what support there is in the area.

Thanks to the continued support from Radius, Ark, Arbour and Clanmil Housing associations for their support.

The partnership with the Mourne Eye and annual go karts and crazy golf gives us the largest amount of income. This also gives local teenagers the opportunity to learn new skills, as part of this income we donate an amount back to charities chosen by Elmer Bell and Kathy Black

*Elmer Bell*

*Kathy Black*

*P. Horner*