

Windyhall community association

2024 chairperson report

It has been a pleasure to once again represent our community as chair and again a huge thank you to our committee and volunteers who help get our projects of the ground and could never be done without them thank you all.

This report starts from 2023 and as usual we had a busy year; we had our annual easter hunt and kids party which was well attended by the young and parents within our community this was a good start to our year and set us up for the ongoing help we give in the community.

Our next project was our annual 12th festival which we run over a few days with different events we have the local band round to play and walk the windyhall estate as well as some of the members available to teach the young to play various instruments this was the first year, we done tuition and seemed to be well received so I think we will include it again in this year's programme we also had our annual horse shoe competition which takes a full day to play out and also provide a BBQ for the players and spectators all this leads up to the annual family fun day with bouncy castles , music and bbq and of course the lighting of the beacon which sees out the fun day on the 11th July .

Throughout the summer we had other events planned like a slip and slide day and assault course in the field, but the weather was not on our side, so we continued with our plans and went ahead with our Halloween party which we held indoors this time, we decorated the main hall in the community centre with spooky decorations ,had a fancy dress disco and party which was very well attended we even had children and parents from outside our area attend and they were very welcome and enjoyed the evening.

After Halloween we had a meeting to talk about plans for Christmas, we decided we would do some fundraising and provide something for the whole community young and old we managed to raise enough money to go ahead with our plans to provide the residents of pension age with Christmas meat which was a choice of a turkey crown or a gammon we successfully provided over 50 cuts of meat to our pensioner households .

For the rest of the residents, we had a Christmas disco, fancy dress and a party with hot and cold food and of course Christmas treats for the kids and for the adult's tea, coffee and Christmas mulled wine (alcohol free).

The main change to our Christmas event was we were able to go ahead with a long lingering idea of building our own Santa's grotto ,we had been talking on building one for the past couple of years so with the funding we raised we were able to go ahead with the project and we now have an excellent grotto we can use for many years ahead and as a result we had Santa call with us to greet the kids get a present and let the parents take a photo with Santa .

In all we had a busy and eventful year which to our delight was well supported by our community and others from outside we hope to grow on this in the coming year and look forward to being busy again and provide for our community.

Signed chairperson