

June 2018

Following our A.G.M in May 2018 our group continued with various activities including our walking group and exercise classes.

July 2018

We hosted our "Park and Play" on various days over the course of the school summer holidays.

October 2018

We organised a bus trip to the Ulster American Folk Park for children/ adults as part of our Halloween celebrations. The group covered all costs for this wonderful event.

November 2018

We continued with our walking group and exercise classes. These classes were alternated between two personal trainers.

December 2018

We hosted our Annual Christmas light switch on and party, which included a visit to santa's grotto and each child received a selection box. The residents of the village enjoyed a tea party and live DJ which they all enjoyed. We provided Kidz Farm and Frosty the snowman and The Grinch mascots as entertainment. Our annual prize draw took place on the night. We took our Senior citizens to our local hotel for a Christmas dinner dance and provided entertainment. We were also a part of the launch of the Peace IV project in Newtownstewart library.

January 2019

We held a meeting in our hall to discuss Peace IV funding which is currently ongoing in our area and other local areas. We linked up with the other areas and called ourselves the "Five Bridges Project". This is to be a heritage/history project involving five local villages. We had our Jo Jingles events for toddlers and their parents from our village and surrounding areas.

February 2019

Committee members attended Safe Guarding training. Met with Supporting Communities NI and completed a survey and had excellent feedback on our good governance etc.

March 2019

We began our first 'Stay and Play' session, which continues every week. Some of our committee members sit on various other groups/panels, one of which is Rural Housing Tenant Panel for Omagh and district. We were able to take tenant's maintenance issues to panel and successfully lobbied for kitchen replacements in the village, which will take place between September and October. We had Jo Jingles back in our hall, which again, was very well received.

April 2019

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We held our first "Messy Play" session for toddlers which catered for a group of 25 children. This was very enjoyable and successful. We had our Annual Easter Event. We welcomed 70 children and adults. We had an Easter Bonnet competition, which is always very competitive with both adults and children. We had a visit from the Easter Bunny who gave each child an Easter egg. Kidz Farm also attended, they are always a big hit with both adults and children alike.

June 2019

We held another few "Messy Play" sessions for toddlers. We had further meetings linking up with other groups regarding Peace IV project.

July and August 2019

We facilitated Park and Play sessions throughout the School summer holidays. We also welcomed parents and children from Knockavoe Special needs School and had a visit from Mary's Ark Micro Zoo. We facilitated a very well attended coffee morning in memory of a local resident who passed away with proceeds going to two very well deserving charities. Over 200 people came through our doors for this event.

September 2019

We met with Rural Housing Association to discuss possible funding to provide activities for both their tenants and non tenants in our village. We have been contacted by Barnardo's Life Start about bringing the SOOC (Shaping Ourselves and Our Children) Programme. This will cater for children, parents, grandparents and carers. Our "Stay and Play" has commenced again after the summer break, this takes place every Tuesday. Up and coming events include, Halloween party, Christmas Light switch on, senior citizens dinner dance. Talks are on going to provide arts and crafts and mindfulness sessions.

Our hall continues to be hired for birthday parties etc. Our members also engage with other interagencies to bring to the table various concerns from residents. We have also lobbied council and are delighted to say we will have large Christmas lights on ten poles throughout the village. Work also continues in our green area, which is planted out to accommodate each season.

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