

- Cookstown North community group
- NIC103494
- The main purpose of our community group is to enable the residents of our area to help promote self-esteem and to help them engage with other communities and thus providing a better understanding of other cultures. Our area has quite a range of diverse families which include children from broken homes, elderly people vulnerable adults and children, households who are on low income or benefits and families with no access to transport. With all the above our group attempts to target projects that help with preventing cultural diversity, isolation, loneliness and safety and security.

Rodney Morrow	Chairperson
Agnes McCracken	Vice Chairperson
Claire Rollins	Secretary
Paul Wilson	Asst- Secretary
Amy Boyle	Treasurer
Hazel McKenzie	Asst-Treasurer

- Financial year 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- We started the year by meeting up with mid ulster district council to give our views and express our opinions on proposed plans to up grade the local play parks. This was open to our group as well as the residents living in the area. We then commissioned a commemorative bench to mark the Queens jubilee On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June we held a celebration for the Queens jubilee which consisted of a party in the park where we had bouncy castles, food, and live music. At the end of June, we had a grandparent's day to an open farm, this was open to both grandparents and parents, we were also able to provide a light lunch on this occasion of sausage and chips or goujons and chips. October saw us going to the Jungle pumpkin patch for Halloween and then on the get a light lunch. December kicked off with the children's Christmas party where we had food, live music, and a special visit from the big man himself. in November we arranged for the senior citizens dinner proved by the royal hotel, as some of the older folks were still wary of covid 19 these meals were delivered to their house so they could enjoy the meal in the comfort in of their own home. We also renewed our insurance policy.
- Our group has been able to bring the community together by getting the older generation out and interacting with each other. Meeting new people as for some of our residents of this age group don't get out of the house as they have no one to help. We have been able to help them get to know the younger generation and in doing so they feel safer. The younger residents can see them as people and not someone who they might target as just an elderly person. Instead, they are more likely to keep an eye out for them and help them if they see them in a vulnerable state, we have also been able to help families on benefits get out and have fun days together. By doing this the parents get to see their children have fun and smile and likewise with the children and their parents. We have given them something to look forward to. We like to call it the ripple effect when the parents see their children smile, they smile too even for a couple of hours and that smile is then passed on other people they met, and it creates a ripple effect.

event	Grant	income	
Queens jubilee celebrations	0	£200	Party in the park which we received donations at
Commemorative benches	£720	0	We designed a bench to represent the celebration of the jubilee
Grandparents day	Part of postponed trip via the big lotto grant received in 2021	0	Lunch and fun day out to a fun farm Lunch and entry£394 Bus £428
Pumpkin patch	Part of postponed trips via money received from big lotto grand received 2021	0	Entry £597 Bus £428 Food£456
Older folk dinner And childrens Christmas party	£1992	0	Dinners for older folk delivered and food and party for the children
insurance			£144

- All money received has been spent on projects with no overspend on any project.

DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

SIGNED:

(secretary *Clare Rollins*)