

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
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- Financial year 30th December 2022 - 29th December 2023

- our year started of buy attending the local panto in the burnavon , we then held a health and well being event in which local people such as beauty therapists, podiatrists, dietitians and many other came to show demonstrations. We celebrated the king's coronation with a party in the park while showing the coronation itself on the big screen. In May we organised a bus trip to the ulster American folk park. The boys and girls aged 14-17 enjoyed a football camp in partnership with pnsi onside programme. July saw us attend the Belfast giants' game at the odyssey in Belfast. For Halloween we went to toads leap for their annual Halloween event. We provided a Christmas dinner to all the senior citizens and the children got their annual part where they got to meet the big man himself.

- 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	
Panto	mudc	£0	£1992 for 40 children and 20 adults
Wellbeing event	Big lotto £6949	£0	Event cost £200
Kings coronation	£500 MUDC	£230 in donations	Party to celebrate the kings coronation
Ulster American folk park	NIHE £1268		20 children and 15 adults attend the event

Football camp	Costs covered by PSNI	£0	Onside football camp for children aged 14-17
Toads leap	£1070 big lotto	£0	20 children and 15 adults attended the Halloween event
Christmas dinner	£800	£0	60 residents
Childrens party	£455	£0	40 children
Insurance	£177 MUDC	£0	