

Tonagh Neighbourhood Initiatives



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This year has been a very trying year for everyone because of COVID-19. Like everyone we had to close the doors which left the most vulnerable people within the community even more isolated. Fortunately, we were still able to signpost people to the likes of food banks or all agencies that they might require that we could link them in with.

Some of our committee members agreed to use their homes as a drop off for food and, essentials that were the end delivered to the Lisburn Food bank in Graham Gardens. It was great to see people within the community pulling Gour within a global crisis.

When restrictions had been relaxed by September, we were able to hold him social distancing McMillian cancer fundraising day. Even with the restrictions, there was a good turnout, and everybody enjoyed being able to have some interaction with other people that they missed during the first lockdown.

Following to October when restrictions had relaxed further the ladies' group had to have a wellness retreat to Coleraine which helped the ladies rebuild their mental health and well-being that had been affected during the lockdown. This was great to see that everybody felt the importance of being able to talk to each other, even if it was only about the smallest of things.

For December and the Christmas period we were able to provide selection boxes for the children within the local community this was also followed then the social distancing requirements. We were to distribute the selection boxes from a car being driven by Santa which was also held by some elected members of the council.

In February, we were able to secure funding to provide a high tea for the elderly within the community to ensure the day felt that they were a part of a community that valued them. As these people were deemed to be the most vulnerable within the area and the restrictions, hit them the hardest.

Going forward, we hope that the restrictions can be reduced enough for people to be able to come in through our doors again and have a face-to-face community group within the local area again.

Many thanks

