

North East Windhill Community Association

Annual Report 2010—2011



Windhill Community Centre
Church Street
Windhill Shipley BD18 2NR
Telephone 01274 588831
Limited Company No.4325287
Registered Charity No.1093982
www.windhillcommunity.co.uk



Chairs Report

An amazing year!

NEWCA has continued to provide a wide range of activities to meet the needs and requests of local people. One of our great strengths is the ability to work co-operatively with various partners and this has enabled NEWCA to maintain and develop services despite a reduction in Council funding.

We have continued to work with other agencies such as Children's Centres, HALE, PCT and local Schools and local GP's, Shipley College and Street Reps.

NEWCA benefitted from Future Jobs Fund placement workers. All were a great asset and we gave them an opportunity to develop their skills, confidence and experience.

The 'Work Where You Live' initiative was developed in partnership with Incommunities and Be Involved. It provides a part time worker to support local residents into work.

The Windhill Futures Project (a partnership between NEWCA and Christchurch LEP) following the disappointments last year, the Church rooms have now been upgraded providing a warm and comfortable space for the congregation, the Food Co-op and community to use.

Congratulations to the Furniture Store! They celebrated the 10th birthday of the shop's opening.

The Advice Service has continued to be busy giving invaluable assistance and support.

Working in partnership with Groundwork and Bradford Council Parks and Recreation Department, we secured Community Spaces funding and have been able to create 'Windhill Wild Park'. The paths, seating, trees and bulbs makes the area much more pleasant to use.

We have been re-commissioned for 2 years from April 2011 by Bradford & Airedale NHS to promote health and wellbeing in the area. We have also secured funding to support two volunteers to do Breastfeeding Peer Support to local women.

What a busy year!

Sadly, Roy Pepper, one of NEWCA's staunch supporters, died during the past year. We do miss his enthusiasm.

Looking back, I'm proud of the new initiatives that have been developed alongside the well established activities. It takes a lot of energy and commitment ~ this is another of NEWCA's great strengths.

So **thank you** to volunteers, workers, partners and Board members for all that you give to NEWCA and the community of Windhill.

Sarah Jemison (Chair)

VOLUNTEERS

The Community Centre and projects could not function without the support of the many wonderful volunteers involved in the work of the organisation.

Office

The Office would not run as smoothly and Workers would find it harder to manage their workloads. Thanks go to Susan, Chris, Joyce, Philip, Nicola, Lesley, Sarah, Traci and Ruby. Also Ruth, Val, Jean B, Jo and other Board members for additional support when needed.

Garden

We receive many compliments about the garden all year round and our thanks go to volunteers who help out especially Elizabeth who often stays after her Yoga session

Café

Thanks to Kevin and Karen the Café is open for snacks Monday to Thursday 9am—2pm and lunches are available on Tuesday and Wednesday. Interested in helping out? Then call in at the centre and talk to one of the workers. Thanks to everyone who has helped out over the year.

Food Co-op

Thanks to Alan, Traci, Kevin and Karen—who make sure the local community have access to cheap good quality fruit and vegetables on Tuesdays between 9.30am and 2pm. Thanks also to Ted who retired earlier this year.

Cleaning

Sam our Cleaner/Caretaker does a marvellous job trying to keep up to the very busy well used building. The task is never ending (like painting the Forth Railway Bridge): needing to work round centre users and activities poses an additional challenge. The Board recognised what a huge job it is and have formed a 'hit squad' to give rooms a thorough going over during quieter times. A big thanks goes to Val (who organises) and the rest of the team Jean B, Paul, Susan, Kevin, Maggie and Ruth

WINDHILL FURNITURE PROJECT

We celebrated 10 years of the shop being open at 5 -7 Crag Road. The event was very successful and well attended.

Despite having experienced an increasingly difficult year, with falling income and rising running costs, we continue to collect and sell furniture as we have for over 18 years. We could not do this without the help of all our volunteers, Phillip, Lorna, Harry and Nicholas.

Opening times are Monday to Wednesday 9.15am till 2.30pm and Thursday 9.15am till 12.00noon.

Telephone number 01274 593196

Breaking News—we have had a donation of £1,000 from Associated Waste Management on Valley Road—thanks to John Brooksbank Managing Director and Ian Bissett for their support.

OTHER GROUPS AND AGENCIES

Cubs and Scouts
Kickstart , Groundwork
Street Reps, Taekwando
Shipley Area Committee
Neighbourhood Forum
Council Electoral Unit
Councillors Surgeries, Police PACT
NCT Antenatal Classes
Incommunities
Owlet Children's and Family Centre
Shipley Community Education Network
Shipley Environmental Action Team

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

www.bradford.gov.uk

SureStart Shipley

CommunitySpaces

HALE
Health Action Local Engagement
Healthy Living Project

GROUNDWORK
CHANGING PLACES
CHANGING LIVES

North East Windhill Community Association—Funds Summary for the year ended 31st March 2011

	Advice	Furniture Store	Building	Special Projects	Primary Care Trust	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Commissioned Income	37,576	-	-	74,681	48,021	30,600	190,878
Grants and Donations	1,000	2,711	-	2,455	-	4,480	10,646
Sales and Activities	-	14,920	-	-	-	14,294	29,214
Management Fees	-	-	-	-	-	14,709	9,709
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	-	16,612	16,612
Other Income	-	1	-	-	-	384	385
Transfer	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
	38,576	19,632	-	77,136	48,021	81,079	264,444
Expenditure							
Wages	30,608	10,652	-	21,729	30,282	68,743	162,014
Management Charges	5,000	-	-	2,824	6,732	-	14,556
Other Expenses	2,435	9,228	-	52,538	11,007	22,184	97,392
Depreciation	-	2,562	29,247	-	-	1,199	33,008
Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
	38,043	22,442	29,247	77,091	48,021	94,126	308,970
Surplus/(Deficit)	533	(2,810)	(29,247)	45	-	(13,047)	(44,526)
Opening Balance	10,428	7,413	604,324	5,453	-	56,722	684,340
Closing Balance	10,961	4,603	575,077	5,498	-	43,675	639,814
Represented by							
Tangible Fixed Assets*	-	2,443	555,751	-	-	-	558,194
Bank, Cash, etc	10,961	2,160	19,326	5,498	-	50,235	88,180
Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	(6,560)	(6,560)
	10,961	4,603	575,077	5,498	-	43,675	639,814

If you need any further information or would like to see a copy of the full accounts call in at the office and speak to Joyce.

*Fixed Assets = Building and Furniture Project Van

Advice Annual Report 2011

The Advice Service has continued to be busy. We delivered 360 advice sessions - April 2010 to March 2011. We saw 1932 clients, dealt with 3068 enquiries, brought an additional £415, 648 into the area in financial gains. We managed £51,425 of debt and stabilised 91 debt situations. We advised, or represented at, 28 tribunal hearings, 24 were successful. We also carried out 21 Home Visits.

Legislation is constantly changing and it is important for advisers to keep up to date. These are some of the training courses we have attended:

ESA Update for New Regulations, Transferring from Incapacity Benefit to Employment and Support Allowance, Rights of EU Nationals, Tax Credits – the Tricky Bits, Internal Quality Assessment, Financial Capability and Beyond, Benefit and Tax Credit Annual Update, No Recourse to Public Funds.

We attended the Shipley Area Conference and highlighted the need to continue support for advice services and community centres. This was accepted as a priority. We anticipated cuts to advice services this year but we have continued to receive the same level of funding from Bradford Council which has been a great help.

Advice provision throughout the district is currently under review so we do not know what is around the corner. We know that neighbourhood services are well regarded and hope to be able to report positively on any changes next year.



Nutrition and Health:

I would like to start by saying; I'm still here! Funded for a further two years which means more exciting new ventures! Where do I begin? Well let's see... We mingled with the stars, such as Gordon Ramsey, the Hairy Bikers and Paul Rankin, just to mention a few at the Good Food Show in Birmingham. We had a Polish cook and eat with a party to celebrate the Polish culture and meet our Polish residents.

The toddlers at Windhill Church of England Primary School have had a splashing time. The group have been swimming and have visited Thornton Hall Farm, they had healthy eating and walking sessions. The reception class tried lots of different foods for the first time, from bagels to smoothies.

We have been cleaning the windows, changing the light bulbs, dribbling, and juggling as part of seated exercise routines at the centre and Hallcroft. Some Individuals 85+ years of age wanted me to run a table tennis session! It has been a very busy year with a steady stream of folk attending. I look forward to what next year holds.

Below are a few comments just to sum up the year:

"A fantastic day out, new friends, meeting chefs, the smells in the arena were mouth watering." (Good Food Show)

"Thoroughly enjoyed myself, I will definitely be back with the children in summer." (Thornton Hall Farm)

"Are we having doughnuts?" (A reception child asked when seeing a bagel.)



Bradford and Airedale

STREET REPS

We have regular meetings each month and would welcome new members. May we thank Windhill Community Centre for all their valued help.

We have attended neighbourhood meetings and found these to be useful. The Group supported a community clean up and members asked residents about the area. Very positive responses - no complaints, all said it had improved and was clean and tidy.

We have been at the school and planted bulbs and are going to buy bird and bug boxes for the new nature garden.

With the help of Martin Dudley from "Local Level" we have built a new web site www.shipleyareastreetreps.net and we hope that new people and groups will join us.

Sue Kenworthy Chairperson Street Reps

Health Activities

In addition to the nutritional and outreach work we have run: Salsa, Gentle exercise, Aerobic exercise, Seated exercise and Women's Self Esteem courses. Thanks to tutors Sharon, Zoe, Maggie, Jenny and Steve.

Over two hundred people have benefitted from attending sessions funded by the PCT.

Other health activities have included: Healthwise, 123 Exercise Club, Yoga, a Health Trainer, Health check sessions, Baby Club and NCT Antenatal classes.

IT

Several people have gained qualifications through attending IT sessions. Thanks to tutors Yanka and Michelle from Shipley College. We have also been running a drop in session on Monday mornings initially through UK Online – thanks go to Paul and Traci for their help with this. Marge Ellis retired a few months ago and we send her our best wishes.

Toddler Groups

Up until the summer both the Centre's and Doodles Toddler Groups ran with small numbers. Sadly Doodles decided to close due to lack of helpers. Thanks go to Gill and Jayne for all their work. Carers, parents and their under 5s are welcome at the Centre's Toddler Group on Mondays 1—3pm.

Little Ducklings Crèche

Our thanks go to Joan, Bev and Val for running such a fantastic Crèche. Ofsted visited this year and were very happy with the way it is running. Thanks also to Gill and Joanne who stand in when staff are off. The crèche supports parents and carers while they are on courses.

Work Where You Live

An exciting new project to help people to get into work. With funding from Incommunities Foundation we have an addition to the NEWCA team—Lucy Fontaine.

So if you are looking for a job and need help with a CV, application form or want to know what to do at an interview call in Tuesday to Thursday and ask for Lucy.

Thanks to Melanie Murdock and Steve Short from Incommunities for their support with this project.



NEWCA Staff

Kath Quinn	Community Development Worker
Alison Swiszczowski	Community Development Worker
Sandra Grice	Advice Worker
Janet Horton	Advice Worker
Jana Elles	Advice Worker
Alan Abbott	Advice Worker
Joyce Mason	Finance Worker
Nazia Naureen	Nutritional Development Worker
Sam l'Anson	Caretaker and Cleaner
Joan Green	Crèche Leader
Bev Duffy	Crèche Worker
Val O'Shaughnessy	Crèche Worker
Lesley Nuttall	Furniture Store Manager
Lucy Fontaine	Work Where You Live Co-ordinator

Temporary Workers

Funded by the Future Jobs Fund
Michael Granger Van Driver Jan – July 2011
Gemma Henderson Café Worker Sept 2010 - March 2011
Sarah McCoy Centre Office June – July 2011

NEWCA Trustees 2010/2011

Sarah Jemison	Chair
Ruth Anderson	Vice Chair
Alan Keeling	Treasurer
Angie McKniff	Secretary
Joyce Mason	
Joanne Watt	
Susan Rhodes	
Gill Shackleton	
Jane O'Hagan	
Val Orrell	
Jean Brooksbank	