



SCAN

Stocksfield Community
Association News

February 2025



Stocksfield Community Association
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield, NE43 7HL
Patron: Rt. Hon. Viscount Allendale
Charity No. 1139996

Contact Details

Community Centre Manager

Tel: 07900 120368 (mobile)

*Please note that we no longer have a landline

Email: admin@stocksfieldca.org.uk

**Website: www.stocksfieldca.org.uk
www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/stocksfield-community-centre**

Office Opening Hours

The office opening hours are flexible. If you would like to visit the office in person, please make contact via phone call or email (see above) to arrange a convenient time.

The office will be open every Tuesday from 9.30am –12noon.

Officials

Chair

Mrs B Braysher

Vice-Chair

Mrs J Harrison

Minutes Secretary

Mrs K Kirkland

Treasurer

Mr P Westbury (Acting)

Honorary Vice President

Mrs B Bouch

Jean Robinson

Sadly, very sadly, I have to report that Jean Robinson our long-serving Membership Secretary died peacefully in the Marie Curie Hospice on 12th January.

Jean was our longest-serving trustee having joined the Management Committee of SICA - long before it dropped 'Institute' from its name and we all became trustees.

None of the present trustees can remember a time when Jean wasn't responsible for membership - which included claiming Gift Aid from HMRC for most of our members.

Jean knew so much about the history of Stocksfield Community Association and was quite prepared to go into old minute books to check.

Jean didn't just bring in funds through Gift Aid, as for many years she organised regular Jumble Sales which latterly had evolved into Pre-loved Sales. Going further back Jean and husband Bill organised New Year Dances – initially at the Community Centre and then at the former Glenside in Mickley. Then there were the Winter Quizzes which have become an institution in Stocksfield; I think Jean started work on the quizzes during the summer, arranged for printing and distribution and then had to mark completed entries in early February.

For a number of years Jean was also a member of Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council – and was a member of its Rights of Way Advisory Group so our Parish Council too benefitted from Jean's time as a parish councillor. Jean once told me she was the last person to be elected to the Parish Council!

Jean will be greatly missed by all who knew her and by those who benefitted from her commitment to our community, but she leaves us with many good memories.

Norman Hooks

on behalf of the Trustees of Stocksfield Community Association

Scottish Country Dancing
Tuesday evenings 7.30pm-9.30pm
at Stocksfield Baptist Church Hall.

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Easy parking.
Suitable for wheelchairs
Dogs welcome

More details to follow

Stocksfield Plants & Gardens Society

2025 Programme

All meetings are held at STOCKSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7:30pm

Tuesday 18th February

Deborah Crombie **“Belsay Hall and Gardens”**

Debbie is head gardener at Belsay Hall and her talk will share the delights of the gardens with us all.

Visitors are welcome to our events (£3)

Further details from www.stocksfieldplantsandgardens.com

or contact the secretary at stocksfieldpg@gmail.com

or follow us on fb.



South of Tyne Flower Club

The South of Tyne Flower Club which has held its monthly meetings in Stocksfield Community Centre for almost 50 years has closed down. The club has been struggling to find committee members able to organise its programme and reluctantly the few remaining officers decided to close; its final meeting was held in December.

The Flower Club was one of the longest regular users of the Community Centre and has handed its archives to Stocksfield Community Association for safe keeping.

Hexham Textile and Stitch

We are a friendly group of stitchers who meet at the Torch Centre in Hexham on the second Saturday of each month, from 1.00pm-4.00pm.

We have speakers and workshops, and there is always someone willing to help you with any problems you might have.

You will be surprised at what we use in embroidery these days to get the desired effects, such as heat guns and soldering irons, but we still do the traditional stitching as well.

No experience needed, just a desire to learn.

Contact Jessie Reisner on 01661 843136 or Rosemary Newton on 01661 843163, or just come along.

Stocksfield Parish Council Notes

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend Parish Council meetings and are always given an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to speak about things that matter to them.

PARISH COUNCIL PHONE: 01661 844667

Website: www.stocksfield-pc.gov.uk

Email: clerk@stocksfield-pc.gov.uk



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My Yoga Schedule

Tues: Mindful Movement Yoga on line via Zoom 6-7pm
£6 or £20 for monthly block.

Wed: Hatha Yoga Flow at Stocksfield Community Centre (upstairs) 6-7.15pm £8 or £28 for monthly block.

Thurs: Morning Yoga Flow on line via Zoom 9-10am £6 or £20 for monthly block.

Fri: Hatha Yoga Flow at Stocksfield Community Centre (in the main hall) 11.15-12.30pm £8 or £28 for monthly block.

NB. The monthly block prices can change slightly for a 5 week month.



Contact Pam Snowball for more details on:
07794459268 or email snowballpam@hotmail.com

Stocksfield Junior players have been working on their production of 'A Little Princess'

Performances will take place on

Friday 14th February and Saturday 15th February at 7:00pm.

There will be a cash bar and soft drinks available to purchase.

Tickets and more information available from Joy on mobile 07972 638333

A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a white lace-trimmed blouse and a dark vest, looks out of a window. The window view shows a map of India with cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore marked. The background is a lush green landscape with a path.

**Stocksfield Junior
Players**

A Little Princess

**14th and 15th Feb
7pm**

**£10 adult
£5 child**

**Stocksfield Community Centre
07900 120366**

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for Tickets



WINTER QUIZ 2024– 25

Thankyou to everyone who has taken part.
And special thanks to all the retailers who kindly sold the quizzes on behalf of Stocksfield Community Association.
Answers and winners will be posted in SCAN March edition

MP's advice surgery - 28th February

Hexham MP Joe Morris
Advice Surgery for Constituents
Friday 28th February 9.30 - 11.30
Stocksfield Community Centre

STOCKSFIELD QUAKER MEETING

Now meeting in person but observing COVID guidelines Further information from Caroline Westgate, telephone: 01434604747

Friendly Fridays

Friendly Fridays are now meeting at Café 7nn in Stocksfield Cricket Club from 10.30am until noon every Friday.

All you need to do is turn up and be sure of a warm welcome, delicious tea or coffee and other tempting goodies!

Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new- hope to see you there.

Tel. Melna 844040 or Edna 843081
if you want to know more.



December Board Meeting

The main topic of discussion was the resignation of our manager, who has done a wonderful job since April 2022, and recruiting her replacement. At the time of the meeting we had had two expressions of interest, neither of which has yet led to an application. Decisions were made regarding an updated job description, preferred office opening hours and tasks to be taken on by the trustees.

Following reactions to increased room hire charges for 2025, changes have been made. It was agreed that room hire charges have to contribute towards the greatly increased fuel costs over the last three years, but that charging separately for heating the hall and the first floor rooms would be unaffordable for some of our groups. We are grateful for their feedback and for their acceptance of the smaller increases. We will continue to look at other ways to reduce expenditure and to increase income. Membership fees remain at 2024 levels as previously decided.

The planned upgrading of our electricity supply by Northern Powergrid (NPG) took place from 4th to 6th December. This was carried out efficiently and to schedule by NPG, with minimum disruption to users of the building and to the general public. Our electrician had previously installed a third consumer unit and the 3-phase meter box on the external wall; also efficiently and to schedule. Unfortunately the same can not be said of our electricity supplier, legally responsible for moving the meter from inside the building to the new meter box, and their sub-contractors. We had (after many frustrating attempts over the last 2 to 3 months) been assured that the contractor would arrive to do the required work on the Friday morning. He did not arrive; one of the trustees phoned the contractor who claimed to have no record of the work! Unfortunately this was not a surprise. Fortunately, but only just in time, NPG were able to instruct their installation team not to disconnect the existing power supply. The work was finally completed on Monday morning.

Two other trustees, who are involved with The Stocksfield Players reported on 'Play On', performed over two evenings in November. It was well attended and enjoyed by the audience.

January Board Meeting

It with great sadness that the trustees learnt that our colleague Jean Robinson has died. She had been an active and longstanding member of Stocksfield Community Association and will be greatly missed. There is a tribute to Jean elsewhere in SCAN.

Much of the meeting was taken up with discussing the recruitment of a new manager. The closing date for applications had been extended by a fortnight due to the Christmas holiday period. Several applications had been received at the time of the meeting, and we hope to have appointed a new manager by the time of publication. It is anticipated that the new manager will start work sometime during February. In the meantime trustees will continue to carry out the tasks involved in running the community centre. This has been a learning curve for some of us and there have been some hiccups! So we apologise to anyone who has been adversely affected.

The Property Report covered the final part of upgrading our electricity supply, a grant application (no decision yet), the delayed FIT/SEG payment and some minor repairs and maintenance issues.

The Winter Quiz has as usual proved popular. The closing date for entries is the end of January. The entries will be marked, winners informed and the results displayed on the notice board in the entrance hall.



STOCKSFIELD WI

Meetings are usually held in Stocksfield Community Centre at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday 5th February

“Talk about Defibrillators”

Wednesday 5th March

Easter crafts

President: Emma Kerfoot 07584906711

Secretary: Maureen Parker 01661 843887

Stocksfield Community Association Membership Form January – December 2025

I/We wish to join/renew membership of SCA as:

Individual	£10.00	Couples	£13.00
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*You are also able to pay via Debit/Credit Card in the SCA Office.

If you live outside the village and wish to receive SCAN by post,
please include an additional £7.50 to cover postage for the year.

Alternatively, if you wish to receive SCAN as an email attachment,
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STOCKSFIELD TUESDAY CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at the Community Centre from

10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

Our friendly group enjoys a wide variety of social activities including scrabble, whist and carpet bowls or just as a meeting place for a chat with friends over coffee or lunch- or both!

A hot, freshly cooked midday meal is served at a cost of £6.00, and meals can be delivered to your home at the same cost.

All are welcome and that really does mean everyone!

If you want more information or would like to book a meal then contact Melna Martin on 01661 844040 or Christine Hooks on 01661 844863. Meals must be booked in advance by the day before.

February Menu

4 Feb 2025: Chicken & mushroom casserole	Eve's pudding
11 Feb 2025: Mince & dumplings	Fruit crumble
18 Feb 2025: Pork casserole	Lemon and sultana sponge
25 Feb 2025: Hotpot	Apple and mincemeat tart

Stocksfield Tuesday Club is always looking for volunteers to join our friendly team – you would only need to be 'on' once each month.

Stocksfield Wellbeing Walks

Why not come and join us for a short walk on Monday mornings?

We are a small group of friendly people who meet in the Cricket Club car park every Monday at 10.00am and walk for about an hour (at the most an hour and a half, on mainly flat, easy ground). At the end of the walk we usually go to Stocksfield Cricket Club for tea/ coffee and a chat. The walks are free and are led by trained volunteers, supported by The Ramblers Association.

We'd love to see you so do come along with suitable footwear.

Date	Location of walk	Grade
3rd February	Bywell	1-2
10th February	Prudhoe Riverside	1-2
17th February	Corbridge Kilns	2
24th February	Fords	1-2
3rd March	Wylam Keelman's way	1-2



STOCKSFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The SLHS meets on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding December) from September to April at Stocksfield Methodist Church, Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield, from 7:30 – 9:15pm.

***Wednesday 12th February - Steve Gibbon
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email:

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Membership Reminder

Membership subscriptions were due in January, and the trustees would like to thank members who have already paid for their continuing support. As well as showing support for the community, the money raised contributes towards the running costs of the centre, with an extra 25% from HMRC when gift aided. This year we are asking members who wish to support their community centre in the long term to set up an annual standing order. Membership fees are the same as in 2024, and payments can also be made by bank transfer, cash or card.

If you decide to make a bank payment, either by standing order or as a single payment, please use your initial and surname as reference.

The membership/gift aid form is in the centre of this magazine. If you are making a bank payment and are already a member there is no need to fill in a membership form unless your contact details have changed or you need to change a gift aid declaration.

If you have not yet joined, you will need to do so before the end of February in order to continue to receive SCAN in March.

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Aerobics & Pilates Classes at Stocksfield Community Centre
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Low Impact Aerobics/Body Toning– Legs, Bums & Tums
Monday Evenings at 6.30– 7.45pm

Step Aerobics (All Levels)
Tuesday Evenings at 6– 7pm

Pilates using Stability Balls (Balls provided)
Thursday evenings at 6.30– 7.45pm

Low Impact Aerobics (bums & tums)
Friday mornings at 9.30– 10.00am
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Friday mornings at 10– 10.45am

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Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meetings on Thursdays in the hall of Stocksfield Baptist Church (rear hall)

Refreshments from 9:30, talks at 10:30am

6 February, Bill Clegg

End to End: an epic cycle ride

20 February, Ian Conacher

Bewick's Aye-Aye: from ugly duckling to auscultating lemur

Open to all (semi) retired men and their guests

Attendance fee £3 (not for a first time visitor)

Contact: stocksfieldretiredmen@gmail.com

Parish churches of St Peter's Bywell, St George's Mickley and St John's, Stocksfield

For info & enquiries, please Email: stocksfieldchurchofengland@gmail.com or ring our church wardens: Bywell -Mrs Jessie Reisner (01661 843136), Mickley -Mrs Joy Marshall (01661 842418).

What does the Community Association do?

- ◆ It provides local residents with the opportunity and facilities to enjoy a wide range of leisure, recreational and educational facilities.
- ◆ It produces this monthly magazine to keep members informed about activities at the Community Centre and elsewhere in the parish.
- ◆ It hires out rooms.
- ◆ It maintains close links with the Parish and County Councils.
- ◆ It is affiliated to Community Action Northumberland and a member of the West Northumberland Community Building Consortium.

Please contact the Community Centre Office if you are interested in becoming involved in any way with your community association.

(07900 120368)

Stocksfield Community Association

Stocksfield Community Centre is owned and managed by Stocksfield Community Association which is a charitable incorporated organisation. The day to day running of the Community Centre is carried out by the Community Centre Manager whilst the trustees of the Community Association oversee building maintenance, finance, communication, new projects and staffing matters. The trustees are elected by members of the Association at Annual General Meetings at which all members of the Association are both eligible to vote and stand for election.

Types of Membership and Subscriptions 2025

Individual	£ 10.00	Couple	£13.00
Over 60 & under 25	£ 7.00	Over 60 & under 25	£12.00
Family	£13.00		

(Family membership includes all children under 18)

Room Hire

Various rooms, the main hall and the kitchen are available for hire to members and to the general public for community-based activities, including weddings, private parties, children's parties, etc.

Whenever you consider staging an event at the Centre, please contact the Community Centre Manager as soon as possible in order to place your booking and discuss arrangements. The Community Centre Manager will advise you on any licensing or other legal requirements. As these can take some time to arrange, please make bookings well in advance.

**For anyone holding a private event at home
Tables and chairs are available for hire from the Centre.**

**Remember the Community Centre is there for you -
please make use of it.**

What's on at Stocksfield Community Centre

Monday

2.00pm-3.30pm	Badminton
6.30pm-7.45pm	Low impact Aerobics/Body toning

Tuesday

9.30am -11.30am	Computer Club
10.30am -2.00pm	Tuesday Club
5.30pm - 8.00pm	Puppy School
6.00pm -7.00pm	Step Class - all levels

Wednesday

5.30pm-6.30pm	Puppy School
6.00pm-7.15pm	Yoga

Thursday

6.30pm -7.45pm	Pilates using Stability Balls
7.00pm-9.00pm	Bridge
8.00pm - 9.30pm	Badminton

Friday

9.30am -10.45am	Low impact aerobics (legs, bums & tums!)
11.15am-12.30pm	Yoga

Stocksfield Community Association

Affiliated Members

Stocksfield Tuesday Club
Stocksfield Players
Stocksfield WI

Additional information about Affiliations (contacts and activities) can be obtained from the Centre notice board, website or the Community Centre Manager.