



SCAN

Stocksfield Community
Association News

September 2025



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

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www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/stocksfield-
community-centre

Facebook: Stocksfield Community Association
(also known as SICA)

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:
Thursday from 9.00am –12noon
Friday from 9:00am - 11:00am

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

July Board Meeting

The July board meeting was held immediately after the AGM, the first duty of the trustees being to elect the officers of the Association. All of the officers were re-elected to their previous posts; these are named on the inside front cover of SCAN.

The Property Report mainly dealt with issues discussed at the June meeting. There are a few minor repairs outstanding which require dry weather to finish, and it is hoped that these will be done by the end of August. There are two big jobs which we hope to complete in August whilst the community centre is quiet. One is the work to convert our battery storage to operate on a 3 phase supply and the other is the installation of infra-red heaters to the main hall.

I am pleased to report that the first has largely been completed and the second is under way as I write this in the middle of August. There will be more about this in the October edition of SCAN.

One of the trustees, Karen Kirkland, completed and passed the online Safeguarding Training Course in July and is now Stocksfield Community Association's Vulnerable User's Representative.

Three other trustees have safeguarding qualifications relating to their professions or to Tuesday Club. Safeguarding concerns relating to Stocksfield Community Centre should be reported to Karen or to the manager Lisa, who also has a safeguarding qualification, and who will then liaise with Karen.

The Annual General Meeting of Stocksfield Community Association took place on Tuesday 8th July 2025

Members of the board of trustees for the coming year were elected at this meeting. All current members were re-elected. No nomination forms for new trustees were received.

The trustees' annual report was published in the July/August edition of SCAN and was approved by members of the Association at the meeting.

The treasurer presented the annual accounts with his end of year 2024/25 report. The report is printed in this copy of SCAN. The accounts were approved by members of the Association at the meeting.

Rider wanted:

For occasional hacking out weekday mornings
on well behaved ponies.

Experience essential.

Please ring or text 07771 910548 after 5pm if interested.

Treasurer's End of Year Report for FY'24/'25; as of 31st March 2025

General Summary:

As reminder the main 'working' Savings & Current accounts are still being held with Unity Trust Bank, offering better interest on savings and access, as now both main Unity Trust accounts are online and much more rapidly / easily accessible when required.

A separate Saffron Blg. Soc. Account was also in place allowing our long term savings to accrue a higher interest in a high interest yearly Bond account.

Annual Income was down @ just under ~£46k; (~-11% from last yr):

Hire of premises achieved £27.5k; a rise from previous year of ~ +6.5%

A number of ticketed events generated ~£1.8k.

However Subscriptions dropped to £1.4k; ~-30% (mainly due to a restructuring of the membership requirements for hirers, not requiring individual membership).

Grants received; ~£11k; great work by all those involved in achieving:

Northumberland County Council; £ 5,000

(some earmarked for the Main Hall - IR heater installation).

Northern Powergrid Foundation; £ 5,000

CAN for "Tuesday Club"; £ 900

Also reclaimed HMRC Gift Aid; ~£ 486

(An unsupported income of £12.10 had to be added to "Misc. Income" to achieve a balanced account).

Annual Expenditure also down @ ~£48k (~-25%):

There were less project/installation activities this year.

Salaries, wages, materials, etc., increased to reflect the current economic cost / mainly in-line with inflation & minimum wage increases.

Infrastructure Projects:

Installation of the 3 phase electrical supply – Northern Powergrid; ~£ 6k

Ref. above, necessary internal additional consumer unit/wiring for 3 phase; ~£ 1.5k

After Salaries, Utilities continue to be the largest spends:

Salaries were down -£1k to ~£19k; (mainly due to the manager's position being vacant for the few months).

Electric /Gas / Water; -1k to~£ 10.3k (decr. ~-10%; **BUT still +34% from '22/'23 costs**)

Insurances also up to ~£2.9k; (increasing ~ +12%)

Having changed last year; our website and email handling company; return to normal ; ~£270

In Misc.; Printer servicing/Repair; ~£300

The Bank & cash balances @ £ 31,248.62 a reduction from last year's £33,588.18; (i.e. - £2,339.56 less than FY'23/'24).

This is not surprising as we had a 5% deficit; but this year compares favourably with last year's -24%.

But despite this drop in reserves, we are still in a reasonably healthy financial position.

The accounts have been independently examined and certified as being correct and were approved by trustees at the board meeting in June.



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Tea and Cake!

A huge thank you to everybody who helped out to make our tea and cake stall at the Stocksfield Festival such a success. And thank you too to those who came and sampled the goodies that were on sale.

It's surprising just how much time and effort it takes to organise and run something like this that lasted just five hours. Sourcing and buying in cups and lids and cake bags, wrestling with a gazebo that, as it turned out, we didn't need, setting up the stall and keeping it running through the mad rushes and sudden lulls in business, dismantling at the end of the day - we were kept busy.

And then there are the amazing cake makers - it certainly wouldn't have happened without them. Chocolate in its many different forms, lime, lemon, fruit, big cakes, little cakes (are they buns or fairy cakes or something else?) tray bakes and biscuits – they all looked brilliant and tasted just as good, judging by how little was left at the end.

So to everybody who helped, loaned equipment and/or participated - thank you.



STOCKSFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2025 PROGRAMME

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|--------------|--|
| 10 September | Barry Mead
Bedlington Ironworks |
| 8 October | David Hastings
2024 - A year to remember for the RNLI |
| 12 November | AGM followed by
DVD of 'Bywell Flower Show 1989' |

Dec – no meeting

Stocksfield Methodist Church

Mount View Terrace, New Ridley, Stocksfield NE43 7HL

Stocksfield Methodist Church holds monthly Charity Coffee mornings, usually trying to raise funds for local projects and voluntary groups.

They are held on the first Saturday of each month, and a warm welcome is given to all.

Do pop in if you would like to have good company, a chat and a hot drink on a Saturday morning, whilst supporting local good causes.



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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

The image shows a person using a carpet cleaning machine on a carpet. The machine is blue and white, and the person is wearing dark trousers. The background is a light blue color. The logo for IR Cleaning Services is prominently displayed in the center, with 'IR' in a large, stylized font and 'Cleaning Services' in a smaller font to its right. Below the logo, the text 'IR Cleaning services making a clean home easy' is written in a blue, italicized font.

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For up to date information go to: www.stmattswellness.co.uk or our Facebook and Instagram pages: St Matthew's Wellness Centre

For physio call 07947444179 or email kelly@wellnesstherapeutics.co.uk



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
Sept 1	Wylam Keelman's way	1-2
Sept 8	Bywell	1-2
Sept 15	Broomley Fell/ Healey Church	2
Sept 22	Spetchells (Steps optional)	2-3
Sept 29	Riding Mill	2
Oct 6	Merryshields to Riverside	2



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.



Stocksfield Plants & Gardens Society

Summer 2025 Programme

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

Coach Trips

There are still a few places left on both of our summer coach trips.

Harlow Carr Gardens, Harrogate, Thursday 25th September
Leaving Stocksfield station 8:30am and returning at about 6:30pm
includes stops.

Cost £20 members only. Includes a tour around the gardens for those who want to.

Non members welcome but will need to pay for entry into Harlow Carr.

If you are interested in booking a seat please message our secretary on

stocksfieldpg@gmail.com who will pass your message on to the organisers.



STOCKSFIELD PLANTS AND GARDENS SOCIETY

Autumn/Winter Programme – engaging and entertaining talks from a variety of locally and nationally renowned speakers.

Tuesday October 21st 7:30 pm **Bob Paton CBE**: The Growing Journey of Hexhamshire Organics

Tuesday November 18th 7:30pm – **Dave Tinsley**: Winter Pruning – what to prune in the coming months. *Note*:- the AGM will take place prior to speaker. Paperwork will be emailed to all members prior to the evening.

Tuesday December 9th 7:30pm **Growers' Question Time** – a relaxed and informal evening with a chance to fire questions at a panel of local experts. Festive nibbles and tipples also feature!

Stocksfield Baptist Church

Contact Details

Minister: Rev. Aileen Innes

Email:

enquiries@stocksfieldbaptistchurch.net

Services at 10 am on Sundays; all are welcome

6th July: 10:30 am at Stocksfield Scout Hut and 7:30 pm at the church with refreshments from 7:00 pm

Stay & Play for toddlers and carers, Tuesdays 10 - 11:30am

Dates for your diaries:

Stocksfield Community Association Annual Quiz 7.30pm

Friday 10th October

Please come along if you can; there are more details in this edition of SCAN

STOCKSFIELD QUAKER MEETING

Now meeting in person but observing COVID guidelines

Further information from Caroline Westgate, telephone:

01434604747

Stocksfield Tuesday Club

Stocksfield Tuesday Club meets every Tuesday (obviously!) in the Richardson Room in Stocksfield Community Centre from 10am onwards and a two course meal, freshly cooked on the premises by our wonderful volunteers, is served at midday; the cost is £6.

Tuesday Club is one of Community Action Northumberland's Warm Hubs and has been 'open' for almost 14 years.

Warm Hubs offer hot food in a warm place to anyone who wants to come along. There are now lots of these warm hubs operating in village halls and community centres with at least one meeting in a parish church. Not all open every week and not all offer a freshly cooked meal or deliver meals to those unable to attend. We think we may be the only one to do all three – but then Stocksfield has a long tradition of providing this sort of support.

Older residents will remember an 'Over 60s Club' and a 'Meals on Wheels' service which operated for over 40 years; Stocksfield Tuesday Club is a sort of combination of both and the key to its success is the commitment of so many volunteers -teams of cooks, servers, deliverers of meals and not least the two volunteers who come in just to wash up -though we do have a dishwasher now!

A variety of activities are available including scrabble and cards plus carpet bowls in the hall for the more active.

There's no pressure to do anything more than chat over tea/coffee and over lunch; eating a meal with friends being so much more enjoyable than eating alone.

Tuesday Club only closes at Christmas, Easter and during August -though a visit to Wheelbirks Parlour on the first Tuesday in August has become an annual event.

The photo on the next page shows this year's gathering for tea/coffee, cake and of course Wheelbirks ice cream!

The other trip out is the Annual Christmas Dinner at a local venue – heavily subsidised using small surpluses and the proceeds of at least one Coffee Morning

If you would like to be part of Tuesday Club, either enjoying a meal in good company or volunteering in one of the ways mentioned above, then please contact Christine Hooks on 07979 471466 or Jill Newton on 07788 808557

Wheelbirks—just waiting for the Ice Creams to arrive



Christmas Dinner at The Anchor



STOCKSFIELD TUESDAY CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at the Community Centre from

10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

Our friendly group enjoys a variety of social activities, including carpet bowls in the main hall, or just come along for a chat with friends over coffee / tea and / or lunch.

A hot, freshly cooked midday meal is served at a cost of just £6 and meals can be delivered to your home at no extra cost.

All are welcome and that really does mean everyone!

If you want more information or would like to book a meal then contact Christine Hooks on 01661 844863

Meals must be booked in advance by the day before.

September Menu

2 Sept 2025	Chicken casserole	Fruit salad & cream
9 Sept 2025	Sausage & onion gravy	Eton mess
16 Sept 2025	Cottage pie	Fruit tart & cream
23 Sept 2025	Pork steaks	Chocolate sponge & custard
30 Sept 2025	Hotpot	Fruit crumble & custard

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

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Place: Prudhoe Parish Hall/other local venues

Organiser: Felicity
email:

chairmanprudhoeu3a@yahoo.com

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Main Road
Stocksfield

When?

Every Tuesday night
From February to December
7.30 until 9.30 ish

Why?

Good fun

Friendly people
Great exercise mental and physical
No partner required
Beginners always welcome

Who to contact?
or

Marion Brown
Tel: 07552 636656
newtons39@gmail.com

All ages welcome

New Beginners' Class commencing Tuesday 16th September 6.30 – 7.30

Aerobics & Pilates Classes at Stocksfield Community Centre
Contact Mary Huggins on 07775 916013

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
Pilates using Stability Balls
Friday mornings at 10– 10.45am

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Cost: 10 week pass £150.00

5 week pass £75

Drop-in £20

For further information and to book a place contact:
Niki Black: nikihblack@gmail.com
or scan QR code

Your teacher: Niki Black is an experienced freelance artist and art tutor. Based in Stocksfield, Northumberland, Niki works in inks, watercolour and acrylic, drawing inspiration from both local environment and work and travel overseas.





New date

Stocksfield Annual Quiz at:

**Stocksfield Community Centre.
NE43 7HL**

Friday October 10th

7:00pm for 7:30pm Start.

Teams of up to 6 people.

Or just come along on the night and we will find a team for you.

Entry fee £5 per person please pay on the night.

Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

For further information contact

Tel: 07900 120368





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
Open to all (semi) retired men and their guests
(male and female) Attendance fee £3

4 September David Archer:

**A venture into the Interior—in the footsteps of
Livingstone and Laurens Van der Post**

18 September David Featonby: What happens next?

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
5.30pm - 7.45pm	Puppy School
6.30pm-7.45pm	Low impact Aerobics/Body toning

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

5.30pm-6.30pm	Puppy School
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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!)
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Stocksfield Community Association

Affiliated Members

Stocksfield Tuesday Club
Stocksfield Players
Plants and Gardens

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

**To advertise in SCAN
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Single advert: 1/6 page £10, 1/3 page £20, 1/2 page £25
Note that publicity for Stocksfield groups and events is free of charge.**

As well as the printing of your advert in 10 issues, you will also receive a free electronic version of the magazine.

You will also receive single membership of the community centre.

The person named on the email will be the person who is named on the membership.

Should you wish to name a different person, please do let us know.

Membership will give you the benefit of a 25% discount on any private booking (such as a children's party or other event).

Should you wish to opt out of membership, you can email us to let us know.

Should you wish to also receive a physical paper copy of SCAN, there will be a further small charge which is the same as the membership fee published in the magazine and will cover all 10 issues.